

# “Our lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.” -Martin Luther King-

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Sunday, Christians all over the world will be carrying palm branches. Palm Sunday is a day that Christians observe on the Sunday before Easter, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday also signifies the beginning of the last week of Lent, a period or season of 40 days of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter, and the beginning of Holy Week, which is a week that Christians reflect on the events preceding Jesus' death: his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday); his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb. Holy Week this year starts March 25 with Palm Sunday.

The reason they call it Palm Sunday stems from the fact that when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, yes a donkey to signal peace unlike the war horse, a large crowd of people in the city spread out palm branches on the ground before him as a sign of his kingship.

John 12:13

13 They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Throughout Jesus' three-year ministry, he downplayed his role as Messiah and sometimes even told people whom he healed not to say anything about the miracle to others. Palm Sunday is the one exception in which his followers loudly proclaimed his glory to all.

Today, Christians often celebrate Palm Sunday in a joyous, triumphant manner during worship services, emphasizing the glory of Jesus Christ. Some churches spread palm branches at the front of the sanctuary as a way to commemorate the event. A lot of churches go over the Bible Scripture Mathew 21:1-11, of the Jesus coming into Jerusalem as King. Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away. 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the proph-

et from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Thursday before Easter, or the Maundy Thursday, is the day Christians observe at the Last Supper of Jesus, the night before Jesus was crucified, he had a Passover supper with his disciples. After supper, Jesus knew that this would be the last opportunity to instruct his disciples before the crucifixion, so he talked about his purposes, what his followers should do in response, and the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. He then washed his disciples' feet in an incredible demonstration of humility and servanthood. Finally, he gave bread and wine to his disciples and asked them to partake of it in remembrance of him. The act of partaking bread and wine is called Communion (or the Last Supper) today, which most Churches still practice

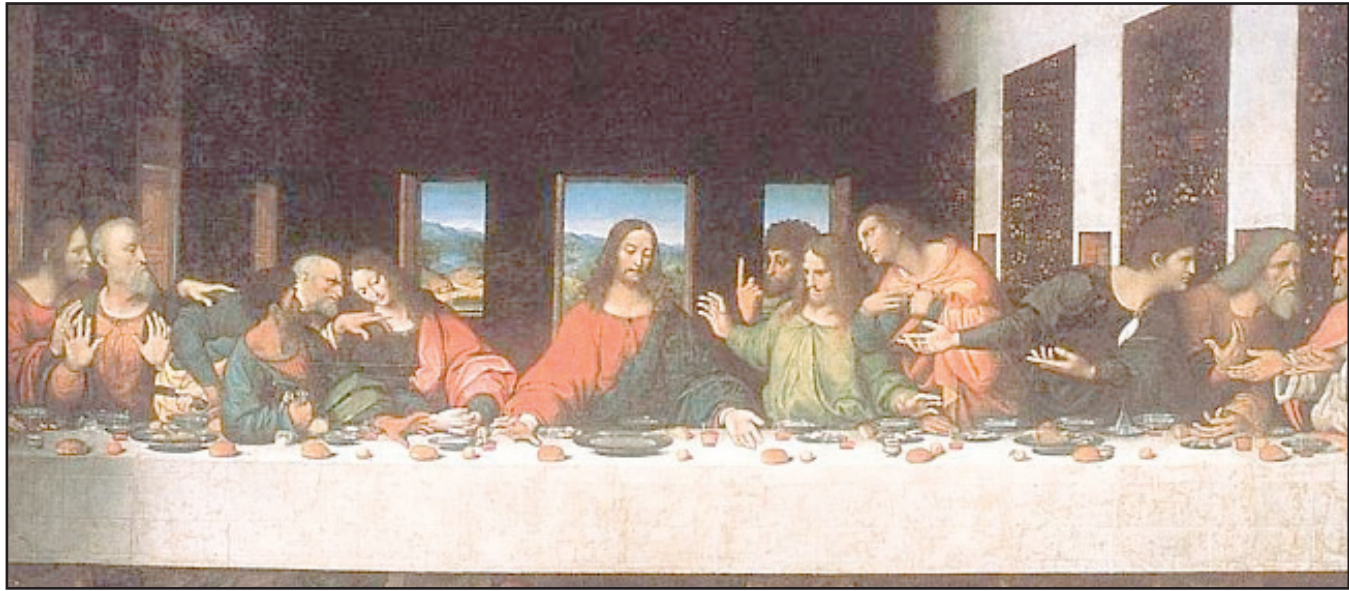
longer weekend to enjoy Sunday.

Finally ending Holy Week is Easter Sunday. Easter is the most important Christian holiday, surpassing even Christmas. As a celebration of the day Jesus rose from the dead, Easter symbolizes forgiveness, rebirth, and God's saving power. Christians view the day as a victory over sin, death, and all destructive forces in people's lives. The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the com-



Courtesy Photo

Leonardo Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, created between 1495-1498.

Communion often today.

Matthew 26: 26-30

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

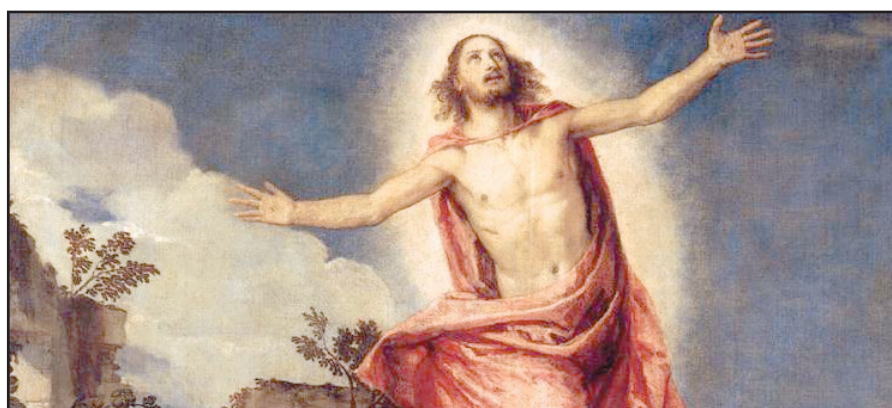
The word Maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means "command." The command refers to is the one that Jesus gave to his disciples during the Last Supper: John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The next significant day during Holy Week is Good Friday. Good Friday isn't necessary a happy day but it marks the day on which Jesus was crucified and died on the cross for the sins of the world, and to serve as a reminder that humans are only good because of his sacrifice. On Good Friday, some Christians abstain from meat or refrain from food altogether. They may also attend special church services that might include readings from the gospel stories of Jesus' Passion, Jesus' last words, and other Bible passages, and as many people know there are a lot of business and offices who close on Good Fridays to give people a

plete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all. Billy Graham once said,

"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'"




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Paolo Veronese's painting of the resurrection of Christ created in 1570.



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Pietro Lorenzetti painting of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Created in 1320

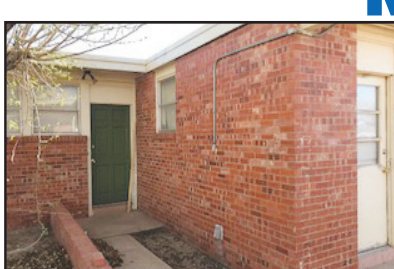


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## Obituaries

### Janet Avant



Janet Avant, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 19, 2018, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Janet was born on Nov. 4, 1953, in Ellsworth, Kansas to Betty Peterman Urbanek and Victor Urbanek. She had been a resident of Big Spring in 1981, moving from Andrews. She grew up in Andrews and graduated from Andrews High School. She attended Permian General Vocational Nursing School. She worked as a C.N.A at Home Health Care field. She had also worked at Big Spring State

Hospital. Her greatest pleasure was her grandchildren. She was of the Christian Faith.

Janet is survived by one daughter, Kim Avant of Big Spring; one son, John Avant and fiancée Rebecca Gurrola of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Michael Avant and James Avant of Big Spring; one sister, Kathy Rogers and husband Billy of Canyon; three brothers, Gerald Urbanek and wife Doris of Irving, David Urbanek and wife Lou of Maryville TN and Todd Urbanek and wife Betty of Azle.

The family suggests memorials to ACS - Hope Lodge Lubbock, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79415.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Rosi Yselda Herrera



Rosi Yselda Herrera, 40, of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rosi was born May 26, 1977 in Tahoka, Texas, to Beatriz Torres Herrera and Eustorgio Herrera.

She is survived by two daughters, Hana Rodriguez and Maria

Orozco; two sons, Santos Orozco and Angel Rodriguez; seven sisters, Lielani Clack, Dianira Herrera, Maribel Herrera, Beatriz Herrera, Catalina Razo, Claudia Molina and Sirina Trevino; seven brothers, David Herrera, Jesus Herrera, Alberto Herrera, Abelardo Herrera, Santiago Herrera, Eustorgio Herrera and Nemesio Herrera and one granddaughter, Victoria Faith Orozco.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one child Angelito Orozco.

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

## Take Note

• Legal Aid of North West Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done/ 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.

• 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.

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking

food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• 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 Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

### Jessie Glenn Surles

Jessie Glenn Surles, 71, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Glenn was born Sept. 21, 1946, to J.D. And Allie Mae Surles in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and attended Arlington State College (now UTA) and Oklahoma Christian College. He married Patricia Ann Cross on Aug. 23, 1968. He owned and operated Surles Ornamental Iron in Arlington, Texas, from 1972-2011.

He was a faithful Christian who served as a deacon for the Mayfield Road church of Christ in Arlington, Texas, an elder for the Handley church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas, and was one of the elders of the Birdwell Lane church of Christ in Big Spring, Texas, at his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Surles, of Big Spring, Texas; son, Greg Surles, and wife Denise of Big Spring, Texas; son, Garrett Surles, and wife Melissa of Southaven, Mississippi; grandson, Greg Surles, and wife Jamie of Colorado Springs, Colorado; granddaughter, Jessica Betz, and husband Scout of Buda, Texas; granddaughters, Hannah Surles and Payton Surles, of Big Spring, Texas, and great-granddaughters, Nora Surles and Stella Betz.

A Memorial service for Jessie will be held at 11 a.m., on March 28, 2018, at Birdwell Lane church of Christ in Big Spring, Texas.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CURTIS LEE TOTTEN II**, 31, of 3401 S Country Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 36, of 3913 Hamilton St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Hoover in Coahoma.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4200 block of Muir St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on Milermarker 178 on I-20, and on Park Conven.

## Support Groups

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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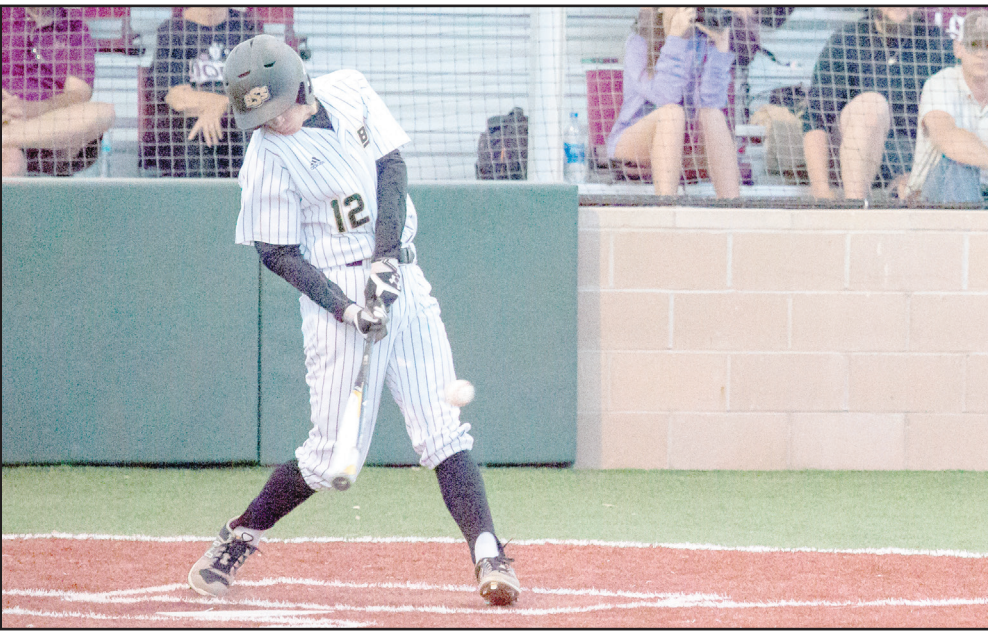
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# Steers lose heartbreaker in extra innings



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**Big Spring's Brayden Sizenbach makes contact with the ball during the Steer's loss to Brownwood at home on Friday, March 23, 2018.**

By **JORDAN PARR**

Sports Editor

Big Spring lost to Brownwood, Friday night at Steer Park, in the eighth inning 11-5. It was a great back-and-forth contest till the final inning. The final score doesn't really tell the story of this game at all. There were four lead changes in the game and neither team gave up many runs in the first seven innings. Big Spring again lost despite having the advantage in hits, twelve to seven. The six errors committed by the Steers weren't the only signs of what cost them the game. Big Spring stranded six runners in scoring position and made multiple base running errors that cost them potential runs too. Yet, the Steers still gave their absolute bests and gave the fans something to cheer about. Big Spring was fantastic at the plate. The Steers are one of the best hitting teams at this level of baseball. Brownwood showed outstanding poise all night and with really solid pitching and power at the plate. This game had a playoff atmosphere throughout and was a great game to watch till the very end.

Chris Ibanez pitched great for four and a third innings, he gave up five runs on three hits and fanned three in the game. Elijah Munoz pitched two and two-thirds innings gave up five runs on three hits and struck out three as well. Deryk Renteria pitched one close out inning and gave up one run off one hit with one K. Hayden Donahoo was on the mound for the Lions. He allowed five runs off eleven hits and struck out three over seven innings.

Noah Gonzales, Kobe Guitierrez, and Brett Berringer all had multiple hits in the game for the Steers. Gonzales led the team in hits with three in four appearances at the plate. While Munoz contributed a key long ball to round out the offensive leaders for Big Spring. Gavon Clemons and Donahoo both recorded multiple hits for Brownwood with Rylan Reagan contributing with a solo shot in the second.

In the first inning both Brownwood and Big Spring played solid defense giving up no hits or runs to start the game.

In the top of the second Brownwood got on the board with a solo home-run giving them the lead 1-0. In the bottom of the inning the Steers were again held scoreless and got just one hit in the inning.

Big Spring responded in the third getting a quick three outs in the top of the inning before tying it at one-a-piece in the bottom half of the third. The Steers tied the game with a lead-off double by Gui-

## Bulldogs surge pushes past the Badgers 13-7



Courtesy photo

**The Coahoma Bulldogs celebrate their come from behind win against Merkel Friday by posing for a photo on the pitcher's mound at the Coahoma ISD baseball field. The Bulldogs won 13-7.**

### Special to the Herald

The Bulldogs wrestled away the game from the Merkel Badgers in a come from behind surge in front an excited Coahoma crowd Friday night. Coahoma won 13-7.

The Badgers jumped into a big lead early in the game ending the top of the fourth ahead 7 to 1 but Bulldog offense erupted at the plate to comeback by 12 runs in the next three innings.

Zach Holmes led the charge for the 'Dogs in the fourth singling on a line drive to center field and bringing Trey Brumley home for a score. With two out, the Bulldogs took full advantage of several errors by the Badgers to pounded in another 4 runs thanks to Braden Pearson, Gage Hill, and Logan Franklin.

The Bulldogs took the lead by 1 point for the first time in the game by the end of the fifth inning at 8-7 with RBIs from Seth Brooks and Pearson then the Bulldogs salt the game way in the sixth with 5 more runs. Landon Grant tripled on a line drive to right field in the inning for a score. Both Brooks and Pearson had 2 RBIs for the game.

Coming in as relief for Pearson, Holmes clamp down at the mound allowing no runs from 1 hit and striking out 2. He threw 18 strikes from 29 pitches.

Pearson got the credit for the win. He allowed 7 runs from 3 hits, walked 5 and struck out 8 over 5 innings. He threw 104 pitches and got 57 strikes.

Holmes and Zack Schneider went 3 for 2 at the plate. Holmes brought in 2 runs and 1 RBI and Schneider had 3 runs and 1 RBI. Bracy Bacon went 2 for 4 at the plate with 2 runs and 1 RBI.

Next, the Bulldogs will travel west to Stanton to take on the Buffaloes Tuesday. The JV team plays at 4:30 p.m. with the varsity team is expected to follow at 7 p.m.

terrez followed by an RBI single to the gap from Gonzales.

Brownwood added one more in the top of the fourth to take back the lead 2-1 for a short time. Big Springs bats responded again in the bottom of the fourth. Cade Wash got the inning started with a lead-off single. Berringer then drove him home on an RBI double before being driven in himself, on a RBI sacrifice fly by Brayden Sizenbach that gave the Steers a 3-2 lead headed into the fifth.

In the top of the fifth the Lions came out swinging and scored three runs off three errors and only one hit to give Brownwood a 5-3 advantage headed into the bottom of the inning. In the bottom of the fifth despite getting two more hits the Steers couldn't manage any runs.

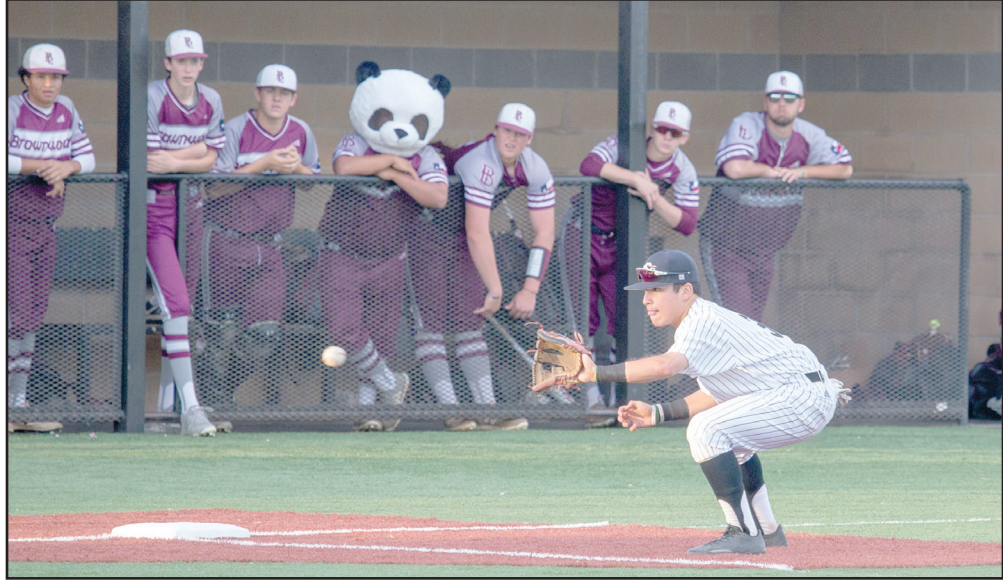
In the top of the sixth the Steers played brilliant baseball and got the Lions to go three-up three-down in the inning to keep the deficit to two. In the bottom of the inning the Steers were able to cut into that two run lead with an RBI single by Guitierrez.

Trailing by one with one inning remaining the Steers buckled down again on defense and held the Lions to just one hit and no runs in the top of the seventh. On their last chance to tie it up in the bottom of the seventh with no one on, two outs and two strikes; Elijah Munoz hit a clutch game tying long-ball deep over left-center field to send the game to extra innings tied 5-5.

In the eighth the Steers couldn't hold it together and gave up six runs in the top of the inning off five hits. It seemed like they couldn't get an out no matter how hard they tried. The big extra inning left to much work to be done for the Big Spring hitters and they fell 11-5 despite the heroic effort they put forth to even get into that extra inning.

Elijah Munoz was outstanding on the day. He made three outstanding plays in the field at SS, pitched well, and hit the game tying homer. Jason Miramontes was another bright spot on the Steers defense making one unbelievable diving catch on a line drive and throw out for a double play. While also making at least three more impressive plays at second. In all Big Spring had a lot to be proud about in a game that the final score didn't tell the story.

The Steers will try to get everything to come together Tuesday against Graham at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene.



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**Big Spring third baseman Noah Gonzales fields a hard hit at third base during the Steer's loss to Brownwood at home on Friday, March 23, 2018.**



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US Postal Service unveils Mister Rogers postage stamp



**This image released by the U.S. Postal Service shows the Mister Rogers forever stamp which will go on sale on Friday, March 23. Fred Rogers, the gentle TV host who entertained and educated generations of preschoolers on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," died in 2003 at age 74.**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — It was a beautiful day to honor Mister Rogers with a postage stamp. The U.S. Postal Service on Friday released a stamp featuring Fred Rogers, the gentle TV host who entertained and educated generations of preschoolers on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." The stamp pictures Rogers in his trademark cardigan along with King Friday, a puppet character from the show's Neighborhood of Make-Believe sketch. A dedication ceremony was held at the Pittsburgh studio where Rogers filmed his beloved PBS show, which aired between 1968 and 2001. Rogers died in 2003 at age 74. Among those attend-

ing were Rogers' widow, Joanne, and David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely, the deliveryman on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Joanne Rogers said that when she first saw the stamp, it was "love at first sight." "I thought it was so beautiful. I think it is so festive," she said. Postmaster General Megan Brennan said at the unveiling that Mister Rogers "made the ups and downs of life easier to understand for the youngest members of our society." "He shaped generations with his kindness and compassion," she said. Noting the stamp has the words "Forever USA," Brennan said "these words of the

Postal Service are our way of saying Mr. Rogers represents the best of America and will do so always." Paul Siefken, president and CEO of the Fred Rogers Company, said he couldn't think of "a better tribute to Fred and his legacy." He noted that Rogers loved sending letters, especially to young children who wrote to him about his show. "Fred Rogers left an indelible mark on generations of young audiences through his groundbreaking series, and his timeless wisdom and important messages of inclusion and neighborliness remain just as relevant today as they were 50 years ago," Siefken said.

Howard County Lunches

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Oven roasted drumstick with roll, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple, slices, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, pineapples, sliced carrots, fresh zucchini squash, milk.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch, cereal, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or tam and turkey salad with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, bakes beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.  
Friday: Good Friday

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, string cheese, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog, or diced chicken caesar, salad with breadsticks, raisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, or broccoli and cheese potato with roll, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or tam and turkey salad with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, bakes beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.  
Friday: Good Friday

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken caesar, salad with breadstick, chili mac, strawberry craisin, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or ham and turkey chef salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or hot dog, or chicken nuggets with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.  
Friday: Good Friday

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick, or diced buffalo chicken, salad with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken, or spaghetti, fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or broccoli and cheese

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potato, ham and turkey chef salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, oranges glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken sandwich, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or tuna salad platter with roll, or sausage/red beans/rice, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.  
Friday: Good Friday

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast sticks, egg cheese muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese muffin, or sausage cheese muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, cinnamon toast crunch, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Has brown toast, egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, lucky charms cereal, fresh pears, string cheese, applesauce.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Cheese quesadilla, sausage cheese muffin melt, or waffles, honey nut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.  
Friday: Good Friday  
Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Early bid sandwich, or breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or enchiladas, crispito with white queso, Charro beans, corn, salsa, fruit crisp, banana.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken n biscuits. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or meatball sub with tots, or chili cheese combo, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit cup.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast platter, or biscuits and gravy with scrambles eggs and bacon. Lunch: Ham chef salad, Asian stir fry, with flat bread, or chicken nuggets, with mac and cheese and green beans, garden salad, apple slices.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap and yogurt. Lunch: Chicken and salad and croissant, or nacho grande, or pizza with seasoned corn, fresh veggie cup, fruity jello cup.  
Friday: Good Friday

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry strudel with Colby jack cheese, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait,

mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, or sweet and sour chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, Cheesy potato Au Gratin, Ranch style beans, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits, or cereal and toasts, or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers, or popcorn chicken, savory green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fresh fruit, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty with cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, or mini corn dogs, spicy fries, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or chicken parmesan, tater tots, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, milk.  
Friday: Good Friday

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-parts, cheese sticks, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, and pickle, fries, baby carrots, orange smilies, fruit juice, milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast muffin and yogurt, or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, fresh veggie cup, Charro beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato, apple-pineapple d'lite, fruit juice, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, garden salad, green peas, roll, pears, fruit juice, milk.  
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, chips, coleslaw, pinto beans, chilled pineapple, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Friday: Good Friday

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Tuesday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, Chocolate chip cookies, rolls, milk.  
Wednesday: Herb Chicken, corn, broccoli, cucumber salas, banana pudding, bread, milk.  
Thursday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, baked beans, onion and pickle, angel cake with whipped topping, milk.  
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**UIL**

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"With UIL I didn't come in until later, until my junior year, but the Adams are wonderful coaches and they were able to get me up to the point

where I was able to compete at this level and I was able to win district championships and I was able to get to state," he said. "The Adams could probably take any kid and get them to state."

Britney Tan also credits Big Spring's coaches.

"I first started doing this my freshman year and I was off to kind of a rocky start," she said. "I wasn't doing too well as a beginner, but I had some great coaches along the way who really helped me flourish and I'm really happy with everyone who's ever helped me because they got me

to where I am today and I'm really thankful for that."

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**Trump order would ban most transgender troops from serving**



AP photo

President Donald Trump gestures to people cheering him across the tarmac as he, arrives on Air Force One with first lady Melania Trump and their son Barron Trump at Palm Beach International Airport, in West Palm Beach, Fla., Friday, March 23, 2018.

By KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump released an order Friday night banning most transgender troops from serving in the military except under "limited circumstances," following up on his calls last year to ban transgender individuals from serving.

The White House said retaining troops with a history or diagnosis of "gender dysphoria" — those who may require substantial medical treatment — "presents considerable risk to military effectiveness and lethality."

Trump surprised the Pentagon's leadership in a 2017 tweet when he declared he would reverse an Obama-era plan to allow transgender individuals to serve openly. His push for the ban has been blocked by several legal challenges, and four federal courts have ruled against the ban. The Pentagon responded by allowing those serving to stay in the military, and began allowing transgender individuals to enlist beginning Jan. 1.

"This new policy will enable the military to apply well-established mental and physical health standards — including those regarding the use of medical drugs — equally to all individuals who want to join and fight for the best military force the world has ever seen," White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Friday.

The new policy was promptly assailed by congressional Democrats and civil rights groups. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi tweeted, "No one with the strength & bravery to serve in the U.S. military should be turned away because of who they are. This hateful ban is purpose-built to humiliate our brave transgender members of the military who serve with honor & dignity."

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization, accused the Trump administration of pushing "anti-transgender prejudices onto the military."

"There is simply no way to spin it, the Trump-Pence Administration is going all in on its discriminatory, unconstitutional and despicable ban on transgender troops," said HRC President Chad Griffin.

Joshua Block, a senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union LGBT & HIV Project, said the policy "effectively coerces transgender people who wish to serve into choosing between their humanity and their country, and makes it clear that transgender service members are not welcome."

Trump received recommendations from Defense Secretary Jim Mattis in February for dealing with transgender individuals serving in the military. The White House said Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen agreed with the policy.

Earlier Friday, Maj. David Eastburn, a Pentagon spokesman, said the announcement of a new policy would have no immediate practical effect on the military because the Pentagon is obliged to continue to recruit and retain transgender people in accordance with current law.

The Justice Department said in a statement late Friday that it would defend the Pentagon's authority to "implement personnel policies they have determined are necessary to best defend our nation" and would ask the courts to lift all related preliminary injunctions.

The issue has become mired in a complicated string of political statements, court decisions and policy reviews since Trump first stunned his administration with his tweets last July. It's unclear how much impact the court decisions will have on Trump's decision. Activist groups had worried the administration could enact such strict enlistment and health care restrictions that it would become all but impossible for transgender troops to join or continue serving.

Under guidelines presented in December, the Pentagon could disqualify potential recruits with gender dysphoria, those with a history of medical treatments associated with gender transition and those who underwent reconstruction. Such recruits could be allowed in if a medical provider certified they've been clinically stable in the preferred sex for 18 months and are free of significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas.

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Rosi Yselda Herrera, 40, of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Janet Avant, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 19, 2018, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

**MARCH**

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leadership of this initiative is what will set it apart from previous attempts to enact stronger gun-control legislation.

Polls indicate that public opinion nationwide may indeed be shifting on an issue that has simmered for generations, and through dozens of mass shootings.

A new poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

found that 69 percent of Americans think gun laws in the United States should be tightened. That's up from 61 percent who said the same in October of 2016 and 55 percent when the AP first asked the question in October of 2013. Overall, 90 percent of Democrats, 50 percent of Republicans and 54 percent of gun owners now favor stricter gun control laws.

But even with claims of historic social momentum on the issue of gun control, the AP poll also found that nearly

half of Americans do not expect elected officials to take action. Among the questions facing march organizers and participants will be how to translate this one-day event, regardless of turnout, into meaningful legislative change.

One way is by channeling the current energy into the midterm congressional elections this fall. Students in Florida have focused on youth voter registration and there will be a registration booth at the Saturday rally.

**FISH**

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do," he said. "Anybody through the church can be a part of it. Once school lets out, we are going to get that up and going again. We try to go twice a month usually at Comanche Trail or Lake Thomas. Some of our members have homes on Lake Thomas that we can stay in and camp out. People bring their kids and we fish, cook and eat fish, have a great time and enjoy the fellowship."

Goodner frequents Comanche Trail Lake. He says it is his favorite place to fish, not only because of its convenient location right here in Big Spring, but also because of how feasible it is.

"Comanche Trail is such a viable lake. The lake is full of bait fish, and that is what makes it so prolific for fishing, especially for large fish," he said. "I usually cast a net right there and catch some shad or perch, and

that is what I use."

According to Goodner, Comanche Trail holds these fish in its waters: large mouth bass, crappie, perch, and three species of catfish which include blue catfish, yellow catfish and channel catfish. The lake also stocks rainbow trout twice a year in the winter.

If you head out to the lake, there is a good chance you will run into Goodner as he makes sure to get some fishing in during his free time. He encourages everyone to come out, bring the kids and enjoy the special lake that is right here in the heart of Big Spring.

"I constantly look for opportunities to meet people, especially through fishing, and to share my knowledge. To me, I get a lot of enjoyment out of that," said Goodner. "I have gotten many responses from people about fishing through the internet. If somebody sees me out there, or wants to know what I am doing, all they have

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# Beard, Texas Tech oust Purdue 78-65 in NCAA East Region

By **JIMMY GOLEN**  
AP Sports Writer  
BOSTON — Chris Beard did it to Purdue again.

The Texas Tech coach knocked the Boilermakers out of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years, this time leading the third-seeded Red Raiders to a 78-65 victory to advance past the Sweet 16 for the first time in the basketball program's 93-year history. "We just made the — what's it called? The Great Eight?" Beard asked his players at the postgame news conference.

"Elite," guard Keenan Evans corrected him. "The Elite Eight our

second year together," said Beard, who was with Arkansas-Little Rock when it beat Purdue in the first round of the 2016 NCAA tournament. "Why shouldn't we? We've got a great university. We play in the best league in college basketball. We've got really great players. We're blessed to be here, but I think we've earned the right to be here."

Evans had 12 of his 16 points in the second half, when Texas Tech scored 11 in a row to pull away. The Red Raiders (27-9) will play on Sunday for a spot in the Final Four against No. 1 seed Villanova, which advanced earlier Friday night with a 90-78 vic-

tory over West Virginia. "They've been the No. 1 team the whole season and are great all-around," Evans said. "They have a great point guard and great bigs that can shoot the ball, so we will just have to get back in the film room and study up on them and get some rest."

Beard is in his second year in Lubbock after leaving Little Rock, which he left shortly after leading the Trojans to a double overtime upset over fifth-seeded Purdue two years ago. This one wasn't close, thanks to a 52 percent second-half shooting percentage and a 34-30 rebounding edge.

"Completely different



AP photo  
**Texas Tech celebrates after defeating Purdue 78-65 in an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional semifinal, early Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Boston.**



AP photo  
**Texas Tech's Niem Stevenson, left, and Brandone Francis celebrate during the second half of the team's NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional semifinal against Purdue, Friday, March 23, 2018, in Boston.**

game, different teams," Beard said, noting that four Red Raiders scored in double figures and another had nine points. "It's our formula. It's not a secret."

Second-seeded Purdue (30-7) was hoping to join Villanova in the Elite Eight, getting 30 points from Carsen Edwards and 12 points and 13 rebounds from Vincent Edwards.

But Beard was in their way again.

"We really played in spurts today, just really never got that consistency," Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said. "They're a very talented team, very athletic team, very well-coached, good defensive team, and they obviously got the best of us today."

Texas Tech trailed for most of the first before scoring the last 10 points of the half to turn a five-point deficit into a 30-25 lead. The Red Raiders led 58-55 with 5:44 left when Evans hit two free throws and then a three pointer to start an 11-0 run that put the game away.

"I guess we can use it (as motivation), this feeling here," Carsen Edwards said. "To have this feeling here, you learn from it to not have it again."

Purdue center Isaac Haas, the team's No. 2 scorer and rebounder, could only be a cheerleader — and a one-armed cheerleader, at that. After breaking his right elbow in the first-round game against Cal State-Fullerton, he tried

to convince Painter he could play; the Purdue engineering department even pitched in, designing a special brace for his right arm.

But Haas remained on the bench, replaced by Matt Haarms, a redshirt freshman who at 7-foot-3 measures an inch taller but at 40 pounds lighter is hardly the force under the basket of that his senior teammate has been.

Haarms finished with four points and three rebounds.

"I hate to see great players not be able to play late in the season," Beard said. "So we feel for Purdue not being full-strength."

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# Roger's Reviews: Tomb Raider



with a little monetary persuasion, she convinces him to sail her to the island.

I'll stop the narration there. The other character of note is Mathias Vogel (Walton Goggins), a not-very-nice guy; but also look for fun performances from Nick Frost and Jaime Winstone as Max and Pamela, owners of the pawn shop where Lara hocks her amulet...and, later on, picks up a pair of iconic pieces of hardware fans of the series will be familiar with.

I enjoyed this iteration of "Tomb Raider." Vikander's Lara Croft is athletic and determined. The "fox hunt" is a fun hijink, and the fact that they portray her as a girl trying to hold down a normal life and job instead of an entitled rich heiress at the movie's beginning is engaging.

There are some flaws, however. This version of Lara has an amazing ability to solve puzzles. At the meeting with the lawyer mentioned above, for example, she takes a complicated-looking puzzle box and has it open within about 30 seconds. The problem is, we don't get to understand along with her how the puzzles work. I love puzzles and games – to have these neat-looking puzzles in front of me on the screen and not be able to fathom what's going on with them is frustrating, to say the least. And the lawyer's office isn't the only time this happens.

The other issue is, when we get to the actual tomb, it's actually pretty basic. There are a about two interesting little traps, but that's really about it.

Like I said, I enjoyed "Tomb Raider," mostly for Vikander's fresh new approach to the character of Lara Croft, and for the nostalgia of the franchise. Six and a half stars out of 10.

## Tomb Raider

Director: Roar Uthaug

Writers: Screenplay by Geneva Robertson-Dworet and Alastair Siddons; story by Evam Daugherty and Geneva Robertson-Dworet; based on the "Tomb Raider" video game by Crystal Dynamics (a subsidiary of Square Enix)

Production companies: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; Warner Bros. Pictures; GK Films; Square Enix  
 PG-13; 1 hr. 58 min.; Action/Adventure; March 16, 2018

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. Visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720 for more information.

Well, the tomb has been raided. Yep, this week's review is on the first installment in the most recent version of movies based on the hit video game "Tomb Raider."

The new film stars Alicia Vikander as a young Lara Croft, working the streets of London as a bike courier.

We're treated to a scene where she displays her bike skills in a "fox hunt" through urban London, a leaking can of neon paint leaving a trail for the "hunters" to try to catch her and claim the fox tail on her rear bumper. The prize? Six hundred pounds.

We also get to see Lara in a mixed martial arts training match at a seedy gym. She doesn't do so well.

"Wait a second!" you may be protesting..."Lara Croft is a wealthy heiress!" Well, yes, but not quite yet. Lara's dad, the wealthy and adventurous Lord Richard Croft (Dominic West), vanished seven

years ago, and Lara is being pressured by kindly Ana Miller (Kristin Scott Thomas), an associate of Lord Richard's company, Croft Holdings, to sign off and accept her inheritance, but Lara can't accept that her father is dead. Nonetheless, she goes to a meeting with a lawyer (Derek Jacobi – kind of a waste of talent for such a small role) for the reading of her father's will, and discovers a note and key inside a puzzle box her father left with the lawyer.

Deciphering the clue in the note, she leaves (without signing the papers) and discovers her father's secret, artifact-crammed office and some research notes about the tomb (hint hint) of an ancient Japanese queen named Himiko, who was said to spread death and destruction with her very touch.

Ignoring his instructions to burn the research, she pawns the valuable amulet Lord Richard left her as a keepsake, and jets off to the Orient.

After a few tangles with locals, she meets up with Lu Ren (Daniel Wu) the son of the owner of the boat Lord Richard hired to transport him to Himiko's island tomb. Lu's father has vanished as well, and



ROGER CLINE

# 'Melrose Place' actress faces 2nd re-sentencing for crash

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A former "Melrose Place" actress whose three-year prison term for a fatal 2010 auto crash sparked outrage from the victim's family and prompted legal appeals must return to court for a second re-sentencing.

A New Jersey appeals court ordered the new sentencing Friday for Amy Locane, writing that the trial judge's re-imposing of the same sentence last year didn't adhere to an earlier appellate ruling and didn't take into account the severity of the crime.

"The trial judge's legal analysis was not significantly different the second time he sentenced defendant than it was on the first," the three-judge panel wrote. They ordered the re-sentencing to take place before a different judge.

James Wronko, an attorney for Locane, said Friday he was preparing an appeal to file with the state Supreme Court. Wronko said Locane "clearly acknowledges her role in this case and is extremely remorseful for what occurred."

Locane, who acted in 13 episodes of the popular Fox series and also appeared in several movies, served about two-and-a-half years of a three-year sentence for the 2010 accident in Montgomery Township that killed 60-year-old Helene Seeman and seriously injured Seeman's husband, Fred. She was released in 2015.

Locane was convicted of vehicular manslaughter, assault by auto and other offenses and faced a sentencing range of five to 10 years on the most serious count.

Prosecutors had sought a seven-year sentence.

Locane's defense contended the crash was an accident and that a third motorist, whose car the actress had bumped into at a traffic light in the minutes before the accident, distracted her by honking at her and chasing her after being rear-ended.

Though the indictment charging Locane didn't mention intoxication, a state expert testified her blood-alcohol level was

likely about three times the legal limit and that she was driving roughly 53 mph in a 35 mph zone at the time of the crash.

After the initial 2013 sentencing, the appeals court in 2016 ordered a re-sentencing and instructed state Superior Court Judge Robert Reed to offer additional justification for his decision to downgrade one of the charges and impose concurrent rather than consecutive sentences.

In Friday's opinion, the appeals court noted that while the jury convicted Locane of the lesser offense of second-degree vehicular manslaughter — prosecutors had sought aggravated manslaughter, a first-degree crime — Reed then downgraded that to a third-degree offense and imposed the lightest sentence available in that range.

"We fail to see on this record where the interest of justice demands a downgrade," the appeals court wrote. "Accordingly, we vacate the downgrade."

Wronko defended Reed's actions and said the judge was intimately familiar with the case and his imposed



sentence accordingly.

"He's not known as a liberal defense judge," Wronko said. "He thought in his own evaluation that the appropriate sentence was three years in state prison."

Wronko said Locane could have to return to prison if a new judge upgrades the third-degree conviction to a second-degree conviction. A second-degree conviction carries a five-to-10-year prison sentence.

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This Feb. 14, 2013 file photo shows Amy Locane Bovenizer entering the courtroom to be sentenced in Somerville, N.J. for the 2010 drunk driving accident in Montgomery Township that killed 60-year-old Helene Seeman The actress, who served about two-and-a-half years of a three-year sentence, must return to court for a second re-sentencing

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## DAILY PRAYER

**You, Lord, have our best interest at heart. Thank You. Amen.**

## Gliders provided a one-way trip to the battlefield

Seven thousand volunteer glider pilots were a vital part of the US Armed Forces during World War Two. Most of them were trained at South Plains Army Air Field in Lubbock.

"The gliders were a delivery method for groups of men or heavy artillery or equipment that couldn't be dropped in by parachute. The advantage was that you could deliver them to one location. Paratroopers are really effective if you want to spread them out over a mile or so, but with gliders you could get them in a specific landing point."

Sharon McCullar is curator of the Silent Wings Museum located near the Lubbock airport. The museum used to be in the metroplex but was relocated to Lubbock.

"There's a C-47 in front of the museum. It was the main aircraft used to tow the gliders into combat. They were towed to 600 to 800 feet then released from the tow plane. They would be in the air for about 30 seconds before

landing. Most of them sat in the landing zone and that's where they were left."

Twelve thousand gliders were manufactured, some on the Ford assembly line in Detroit. They were used in Europe and the Pacific. In March of 1945 many of them crossed the Rhine River at Wesel, Germany.

"It was the largest airborne glider operation of the war. A little over a thousand gliders crossed in a single day loaded with men and material."

Gliders were extremely light, made mostly of canvas that covered a steel frame. But they could carry 15 men, jeeps, huge cannons, even a bulldozer.

"They were built to be as light as possible with a structure as sound as possible. The seats are honeycombed plywood, like laminated plywood, and the floor is also kind of a laminate. So it's as strong as it can be but as light as



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## Out On a Limb

Angry "harrumphs" in our crazed, crossways world drown out "hurrahs," hands down.

Flag-waving optimists now droop where they formerly dared.

If Johnny came marching home today, a substantial element might try to send him back. (In New York City, someone posted a sign directed at newcomers: "If you can make it there, go back.")

Unquestionably, topics formerly sacrosanct are now "under further review," with no resolution in sight. We who are longest of tooth yearn to hear again the voices of Kate Smith belting out "God Bless America," and Dr. Billy Graham proclaiming God's good news to hungry hearts.

That said, I pressed the "seek" button on the car radio the other day, randomly settling on a talk show that "went rowdy" before I could draw a good breath.

A guy was screaming at lungs' limits to the point of risking a blow-out of ballooning neck veins.

In mere minutes, I was disturbed by his rants, none of which I felt held water. The jerk was "carping"—no, I think more nearly "whaling"—against defenseless trees. What's worse, his hate centered on a variety formerly near to my heart. A harbinger of spring, a sure sign of renewal, a certain symbol of God's handiwork—all of these are mindful with the annual overnight blooming of Bradford pear trees.

He had "no truck" for such trees. To him, they are fickle, promising pears, but producing only blossoms. Honeybees buzz the Bradfords only when nothing better is available, and some cities are banning them.

He claimed the trees to be short-lived, and an "environmental calamity." I fumed, changing stations upon his claiming that credible nurseries won't sell them

If that were true, where did the

dozens encircling our church come from?

Then, I committed a bigger blunder than when I chose that radio station.

I "Googled" Bradford pears. Please, please don't do it! Facts can greatly confuse. Remember, there's something to be said for living on in ignorance.

The "ranter" touched only the hem of the garment. Respected horticulturalists are

"singing his song," one suggesting that Bradfords should all be cut down. Another said that they smell like dead fish.

I don't "stand corrected." More nearly, I remain flopped in my recliner, unsure how I now feel about Bradford pears. Thoughts flood about "tree" songs and poems. I think of my teary-eyed youth, fervently reciting Trees, a Joyce Kilmer poem written a century ago. He urged the woodman to spare the tree. If I sobbed at the right time, I figured I might get a ribbon for poetry reading at the "County Meet." (I didn't, but I got "honorable mention.")

There are many childhood remembrances of swaying on swings tied on the lowest limbs. And my momma yelling, "Get down out of that tree right now or I'll give you a good 'switching'." Oh, and let's include robins building nests in trees' "hair,"

it can be because they're really expendable. We have a restored glider on display."

Some of those glider pilots are still around.

"The World War Two Glider Pilots Association will have its annual reunion at the museum in October of this year."

The museum has videos showing interviews with World War Two glider pilots and crews. It also shows gliders landing, some of them crashing down. In wartime German troops erected tall poles to prevent the gliders from landing.

The Silent Wings Museum has events all during the year including Veterans Day, D-Day (June 6) and Spirit of '45 Day (second weekend in August). Admission is free on those days with ceremonies to honor veterans. The museum now has an exhibition commemorating the 15th anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia, which exploded over East Texas in 2003. Two astronauts from West Texas were on that mission: Willie McCool and Rick Husband.



DR. DON NEWBURY

and the village smithy spared from heat exhaustion "under a spreading Chestnut tree."

In Waco recently, we visited the Mammoth exhibit. The guide's opening words heralded a spreading, 250-year-old oak tree at the entrance. Even if visitors' interest in seeing where mammoths wallowed is minimal, this is a mighty fine tree.

My position on Bradfords now is shaky at best. I don't feel strongly in either direction. However, I'll never be as hard-nosed as one nursery visitor who said he hates pears, and will promptly return all the Bradford trees if even ONE pear appears.

I've saved allergy problems for last. If you have such issues and are driving near our church on a beautiful March day, hold your breath and keep your windows closed. Think of the purity symbolized by the magnificent blankets of white blossoms on the Bradfords.

Don't be surprised if they name a committee to study whether God really wants such trees on His Holy ground.

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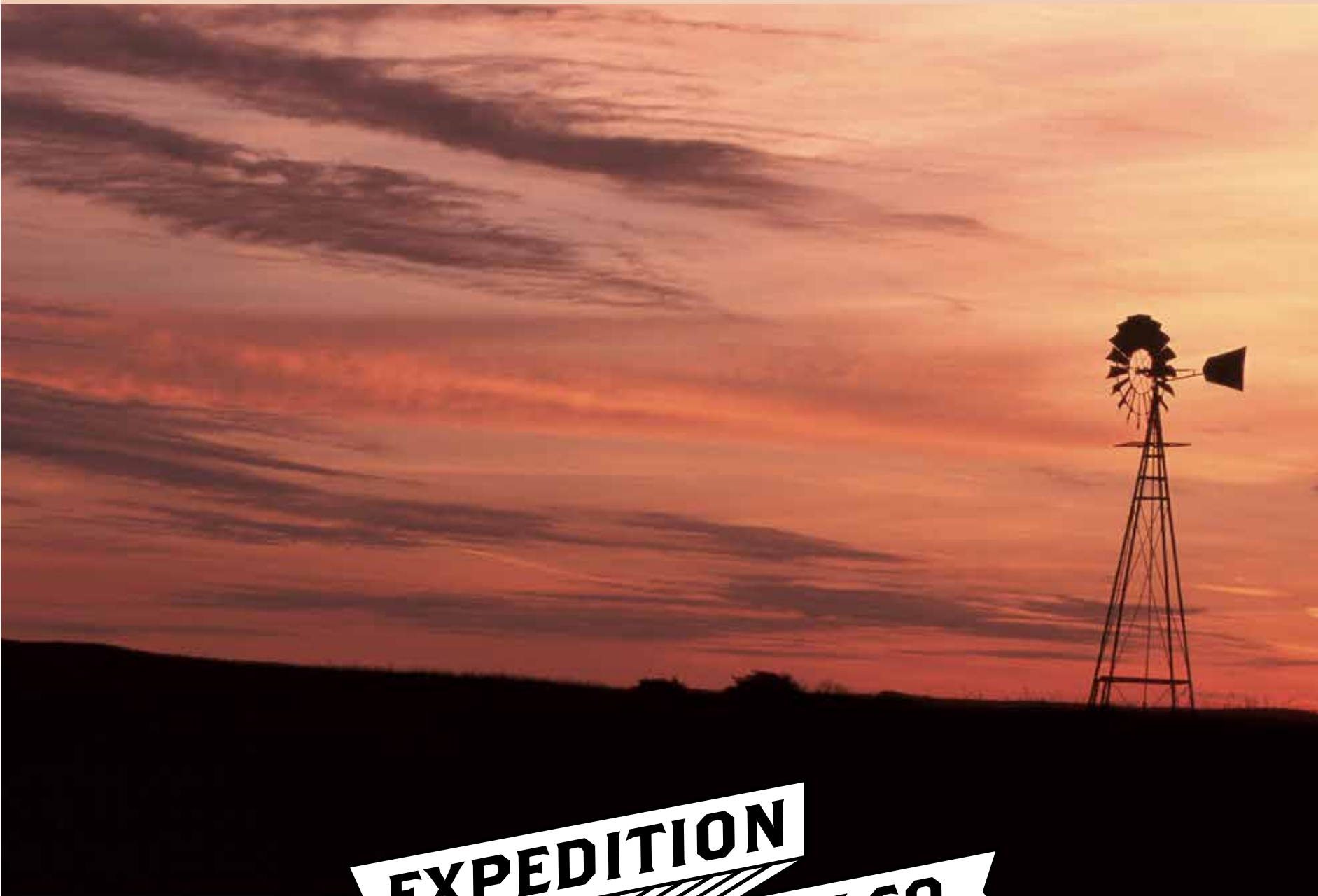




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# Thank you, Howard College Building Permits



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**Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives recognized Howard College with a big "Thank You" banner this week for their contributions and investment in the local community.**

## A swan-song for Toys R Us, the going-out-of-business sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Toys R Us opened its doors Friday with a going-out-of-business sale, offering clearance discounts at all 735 U.S. stores, including Babies R Us.

The company did not say how big the discounts will be or when it expects stores to shut down. Last week, the company said it would close or sell all its stores after operating from months under bankruptcy protection.

Here's what you need to know:  
**CAN I USE MY GIFT CARDS?**

Yes, but only until April 21.

**WILL THERE BE LIQUIDATION SALES ON ITS WEBSITES, TOO?**

No, only in stores.

**CAN I RETURN ITEMS I BUY DURING THE CLOSING SALES?**

No.

**WHAT ABOUT MY BABIES R US REGISTRY?**

The Babies R Us website will be open for a "limited time," the company said, but did not provide specifics. It urged customers to write down the products on their registry before it disappears. It is no longer accepting new baby registries.

**CAN I USE A COUPON?**

No, it will no longer accept any type of coupons in stores or online, including ones that were recently mailed.



AP photo

**Shoppers leave a Toys R Us store during a liquidation sale Friday, March 23, 2018, in Elizabeth, N.J. Toys R Us is opening its doors with a going-out-of-business sale, offering clearance discounts at all 735 stores, including Babies R Us.**

**CAN I PAY WITH MY TOYS R US CREDIT CARD?**

Yes, both Toys R Us credit cards can be used during the closing sales, but it won't offer the discounts that come with the cards, and no loyalty points will be earned on purchases. Synchrony Financial, which operates the credit cards for Toys R Us

and other retailers, said in the past it has offered to transfer cardholders of out-of-business retailers to different cards, but it hasn't made a final decision yet for Toys R Us credit cards. Cardholders with a balance will still have to pay it, even if the cards can't be used anymore.

**WHAT IF I HAVE ITEMS ON LAY-**

**AWAY?**

The company said it is sending notices to customers who have items on layaway. They will have 21 days after the notice to pay the remaining amount or ask for a refund on their deposit. Those that don't take any action will lose their deposit and the item may be sold to someone else.

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# SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter

## A New Home

The family had been living in their new house in Colorado City for less than a year. During dinner one November evening Daddy made a big announcement: "Your mother and I have decided that we will all be moving to a new home."

"A new school too?" asked the alarmed first grader.

"Yes." He said with his best 'ever thangs gonna be alright' voice. "It's a wonderful school brand new. AND you're you're gonna get to ride to school on a big yellow school bus."

She wasn't so sure that sounded like a good thing. She liked her teacher very much. She liked a classmate named Bill McGuire, whom she was quick to explain: "He's not related to the McGuire Sisters." They played together at recess.

And Daddy was a volunteer fireman. That meant free tickets to the drive in theater every week. And she liked the pretty wall paper in her bedroom. It had horses on it.



A month later they were all packed up and ready to go. The drive to their new home was long. She sat in the back seat watching the country side pass by. Suddenly, out of nowhere, appeared a bunch of big tall silver chimneys with smoke coming out of the tops. Daddy explained that was the 'plant' where he would be working.

They drove around 'the plant' to where three houses were ready for occupancy. Taking note of his daughter's 'this can't be right' expression. He quickly pointed out that lots more houses were going to be built and that there would soon be lots of kids to play with.

They pulled up in the driveway of a house with green shingles. She liked green. As soon as Daddy opened the front door, she ran into the house. A quick look at the bedroom she would share with 'Little Brother,' noting that there was no wallpaper on the walls, and out the door she ran eager to survey her new surroundings.

Her conclusion: "This is a whole lot of nothing!"

## The Camp

Eventually fourteen families were housed on the horseshoe shaped area next to the plant. All of the houses faced a set of swings in the center. (A kid could do only so much swinging.) A high level of imagination and creativity among the troop of kids would be required. Not to worry, they were up for the challenge.

She much preferred playing 'Cowboys and Indians' with the boys than playing dress up or paper dolls, (GAG!) with the girls. She liked action.

Each day the kids met at 'the swings' to plan their day. After some deliberation, it was unanimously decided that working on 'the fort' was a great idea. The fort was a work in progress. There were ditches to be dug and dead Mesquite branches to be gathered. The fort was ideal for either 'Cowboys and Indians' or Army. All this activity took place outside the fence that surrounded the compound. There was no regard for the real possibility of meeting up with a rattlesnake or getting stung with a scorpion. When hunger pangs struck a quick run to the house for a piece of bread and a slice of bologna would suffice. Thirst was quenched by the nearest water hose. The only house rule was to be in by dark.

## "Sundown"

It didn't take long for her to figure out that when Daddy was home it was a good idea for her to 'stake out' a spot under the tree in the front in full view of the front door and his pickup.

She looks up when she hears the front door open.

"Hi Daddy. Where ya goin'?"

"I'm running to the store."

"Can I go with ya?"

"Sure Sis. Hop in."

He smiles at her as he starts the engine.

The old country store at Vincent is the destination. Odds are pretty good that an ice cold bottle of coke and a Peanut Patty candy bar are waitin' for her.

On the way home he says: "Look Sis, the sunset's real pretty."

The horizon is aglow with shades of yellow, pink and orange across the blue December sky. She's old enough to appreciate the magnificence of this brilliant display.

"It's sure pretty, Daddy. Where'd all tha colors come from?"

"Mostly, it's 'cause of tha dust in tha air. It works like colored glass reflectin' tha light."

"Sure is pretty, Daddy."

Smiling, he says: "Sure is Sis. Sure is."

*"Little Things Mean a Lot"*  
Written by Edith Lindeman

**"Give me your hand when I've lost the way.  
Give me your shoulder to cry on.  
Whether the day is cloudy or gray  
Give me your heart to rely on.  
Sent me the warmth of a secret smile,  
To show me you haven't forgot.  
For always and ever, now and forever.**

## Texas unemployment in February holds steady at 4 percent

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas unemployment rate held steady in February at 4 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

The latest statewide jobless rate was the same as January. Nationwide unemployment last month was 4.1 percent, officials with the Austin-based state agency said.

Midland had the state's lowest jobless rate last month at 2.5 percent, followed by Amarillo at 2.9 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the highest unemployment in Texas during February at 7.1 percent, according to the TWC.

"We are encouraged to see the Texas economy continue to expand at a solid pace with Texas employers adding 40,500 jobs over the month for a total of 285,200 jobs gained over the year," said Andres Alcantar, chairman of the TWC.

The addition of those nonfarm jobs during February marked 20 consecutive months of employment growth, according to the commission.

Industries adding jobs in February included professional and business services, with 13,200 more positions. Trade, transportation and utilities added 11,800 jobs, while mining and logging employers added 6,500 positions.

March unemployment figures for Texas are scheduled to be released on April 20.



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- April 7th
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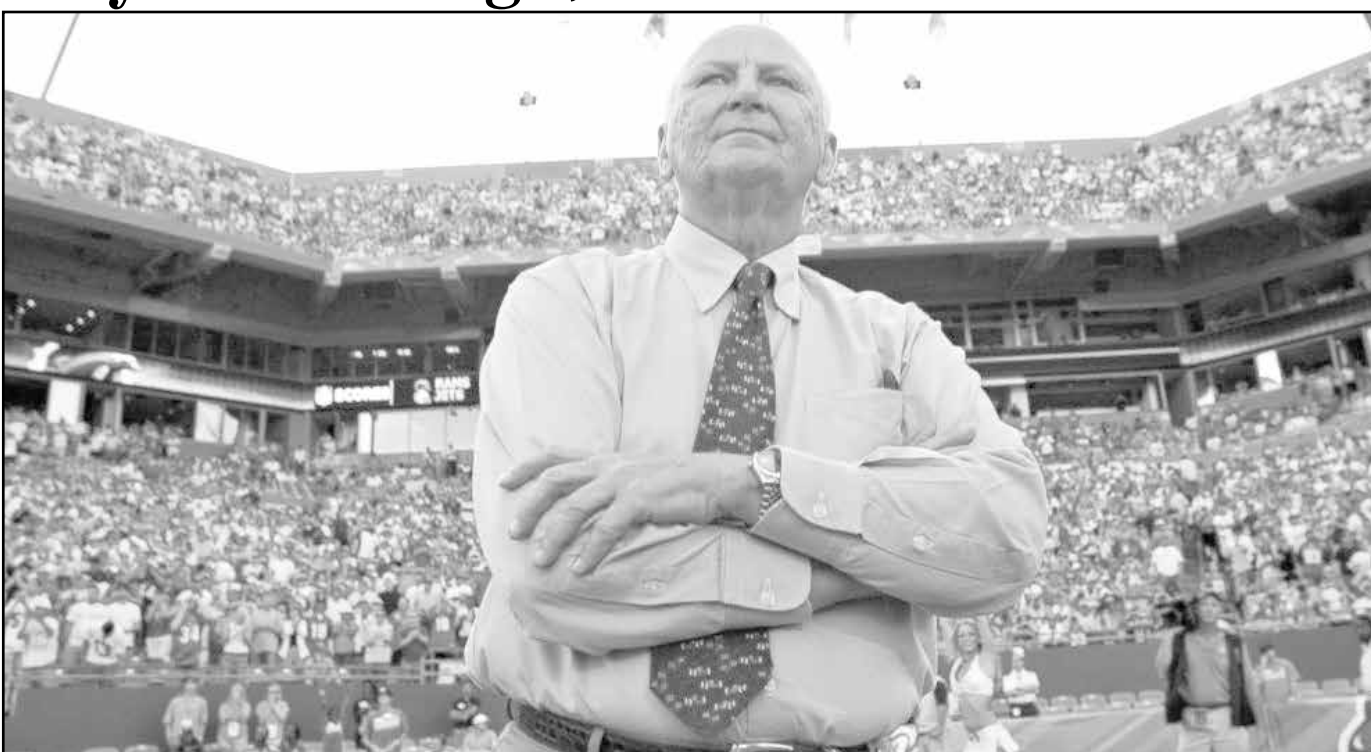
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# Wayne Huizenga, who went from trash to billions, dies at 80



Series, and I just said, 'You know what, I'm not going to do that,' Huizenga recalled. "If I had it to do over again, I'd say, 'OK, we'll go one more year.'"

He sold the Marlins in 1999 to John Henry, and sold the Panthers in 2001, unhappy with rising NHL player salaries and the stock price for the team's public company.

Huizenga's first sports love was the Dolphins — he had been a season-ticket holder since their inaugural season in 1966. But he fared better in the NFL as a businessman than as a sports fan.

He turned a nifty profit by selling the Dolphins and their stadium for \$1.1 billion, nearly seven times what he paid to become sole owner. But he knew the bottom line in the NFL is championships, and his Dolphins perennially came up short.

Huizenga earned a reputation as a hands-off owner and won raves from many loyal employees, even though he made six coaching changes. He eased Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula into retirement in early 1996, and Jimmy Johnson, Dave Wannstedt, interim coach Jim Bates, Nick Saban, Cam Cameron and Tony Sparano followed as coach.

In 2008, Huizenga's final season as owner, the Dolphins had a turnaround year and won the AFC East on the final day of the regular season.

"It was a magical feeling," Huizenga said. "I had tears in my eyes. I kept looking away so I wouldn't have to wipe my eyes in front of everybody."

Miami lost in the first round of the playoffs and didn't return to the postseason until 2016. But Huizenga won praise from such disparate personalities as Shula, Johnson and Marlins manager Jim Leyland even when they no longer worked for him.

Harry Wayne Huizenga was born in the Chicago suburbs on Dec. 29, 1937, to a family of garbage haulers. He attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but dropped out and began his own garbage hauling business in Pompano Beach, Florida, in 1962. He would drive a garbage truck from 2 a.m. to noon each day, then shower and go out and solicit new customers in the afternoon.

One customer successfully sued Huizenga, saying that in an argument over a delinquent account, Huizenga injured him by grabbing his testicles — an allegation Huizenga always denied.

"I never did that. The guy was a deputy cop. It was his word against mine, a young kid," he told Fortune magazine in 1996.

He eventually bought out several competitors, expanding throughout South Florida. In 1968, he merged with the Chicago sanitation company his uncles owned, creating Waste Management Inc., which eventually became the world's largest trash

**This Nov. 9, 2008, file photo shows H. Wayne Huizenga at Dolphin Stadium in Miami. Huizenga, a college dropout who built a business empire that included Blockbuster Entertainment, AutoNation and three professional sports franchises, has died. Valerie Hinkell, a longtime assistant to Huizenga, said Friday that he died Thursday night, March 22, 2018, at his South Florida home. He was 80.**

AP photo

**By STEVEN WINE and TERRY SPENCER**  
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — College dropout Wayne Huizenga started with a trash hauling company, struck gold during America's brief love affair with VHS tapes and eventually owned three professional sports teams.

Huizenga owned Blockbuster Entertainment, AutoNation and the world's largest trash hauler, and was founding owner of baseball's Florida Marlins and the NHL Florida Panthers. He bought the NFL Miami Dolphins for \$138 million in 1994.

The one thing he never got was a Super Bowl win. Huizenga died late Thursday, according to Valerie Hinkell, his longtime assistant. He was 80.

The Marlins won the 1997 World Series, and the Panthers reached the Stanley Cup Final in 1996, but Huizenga's beloved Dolphins never reached a Super Bowl while he owned the team.

"If I have one disappointment, the disappointment would be that we did not bring a championship home," Huizenga said shortly after he sold the Dolphins to New York real estate billionaire Stephen Ross, who still owns the team. "It's something we failed to do."

Huizenga earned an almost cult-like following among business investors who watched him build Blockbuster Entertainment into the leading vid-

eo rental chain by snapping up competitors. He cracked Forbes' list of the 100 richest Americans, becoming chairman of Republic Services, one of the nation's top waste management companies, and AutoNation, the nation's largest automotive retailer.

"You just have to be in the right place at the right time," he said. "It can only happen in America."

For a time, Huizenga was also a favorite with South Florida sports fans, drawing cheers and autograph seekers in public. The crowd roared when he danced the hokey pokey on the field during an early Marlins game. He went on a spending spree to build a veteran team that won the World Series in only the franchise's fifth year.

But his popularity plummeted when he ordered the roster dismantled after that season. He was frustrated by poor attendance and his failure to swing a deal for a new ballpark built with taxpayer money.

Many South Florida fans never forgave him for breaking up the championship team. Huizenga drew boos when introduced at Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino's retirement celebration in 2000, and kept a lower public profile after that.

In 2009, Huizenga said he regretted ordering the Marlins' payroll purge.

"We lost \$34 million the year we won the World

See **HUIZENGA**, Page 6C

## RECORDS

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Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth  
O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder  
Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring  
Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring  
Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring  
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Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover number 236, Big Spring  
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Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa  
Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring  
Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St.,  
Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring  
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring  
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring  
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big

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Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring  
Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby Big Spring  
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring  
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry Big Spring  
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd. Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses

Michael Lee Morris 30, and Nicole Paiz, 29, both of Big Spring.  
Robert Dale Howland, 47, and Kerri Eukel Humble, 49, both of Big Spring.  
Eugene Edwin Shellgrove, 54, and Stacey Michelle Gogan 45, both of Big Spring.  
Jeremy Eugene Beason, 40, and Sherri Lynn, 45, both of Big Spring.  
Domingo Luis Rodriguez, 29, and Sabrina Lee Valdez, 23, both of Big Spring

Tommy Rodriguez, 31, and Melissa Sayer, 31, both of Big Spring  
Golden Bradshaw Bolen, 32, and Meagan Lashae Kothmann, 31, both of Big Spring

### District Court Filings

Plaintiff: State National Insurance  
Respondent: Jordan Conklin  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-Motor Vehicles  
Date: March 15, 2018

Plaintiff: Francisco Salas  
Respondent: Isabel Salas  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: March 16, 2018

Plaintiff: Zechariah Akin  
Respondent: Ashton Akin  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: March 16, 2018

Plaintiff: State of Texas  
Respondent: Jesus Manuel-Colon Corujo  
Type of Case: Seizure  
Date: March 16, 2018

Plaintiff: Annie Burchell  
Respondent: Landon Burchell

Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: March 15, 2018

Plaintiff: Capital One Bank (U.S.A) N.A.  
Respondent: Ramona Strickland  
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/Commercial/Dect  
Date: March 19, 2018

Plaintiff: Billy Ward  
Respondent: Sheilia Ward  
Sentence: Divorce  
Date: March 20, 2018

Plaintiff: Juan Lopez  
Respondent: Yvette Lopez  
Sentence: Divorce  
Date: March 20, 2018

Plaintiff: Callon Petroleum Operating Company  
Respondent: Carolyn Price  
Sentence: Other  
Date: March, 20, 2018

Plaintiff: David Fowler  
Respondent: Jewel Fowler  
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## NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week



AP photo

Recovery operations continue Saturday morning, March 17, 2018, at the site of the Florida International University-Sweetwater University bridge in the Miami area that collapsed during construction earlier in the week.

By The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue headlines of the week. None of these stories is legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out; here are the real facts:

**NOT REAL:** Female-led construction company was responsible for deadly bridge collapse

**THE FACTS:** Munilla Construction Management, the company that built the fallen bridge, deactivated its social media pages Sunday after it received threats against employees following a false report about a female-led crew. MCM said its management team of 92 people includes 11 women. Conservative sites such as Squawker and Dangerous reported women led the team that constructed the bridge that collapsed March 15 at Florida International University, suggesting the collapse occurred because women built the structure.

**NOT REAL:** Court Orders Obama to pay \$400 million in restitution

**THE FACTS:** A satire site falsely claimed a federal appeals court ordered the former president to pay \$400 million in "restitution" to the United States for money supposedly lost in a transaction with "hard-liners" in Iran. The Daily World Update article cites a nonexistent West Texas Federal Appeals Court for the 33rd District; there is no federal appeals court in Texas. It names three people as federal judges who are not on the U.S. bench: Gary Jones, Amanda Perry and Kris Weinschenker. The story includes made-up quotes from the fictional judges' opinion that disparage Obama.

**NOT REAL:** Florida passes bill legalizing recreational use of marijuana

**THE FACTS:** A Florida official said the state Legislature has not legalized the recreational use of marijuana. The website yourdailyideas.com, in a story circulating online out of Orlando, Florida, reported lawmakers "past bills to legalize the use of marijuana" to "jump-start the economy." The Legislature is based in the capital, Tallahassee. A majority of Florida voters approved an amendment in 2016 for the legalization of marijuana use for medical purposes, but lawmakers could not agree on a bill in the next session.

**NOT REAL:** NASA admits to spraying Americans with lithium and other chemicals

**THE FACTS:** The space agency has made no such statement, despite the false claim of several websites that NASA has "confessed" to "dosing Americans" with lithium and other chemicals. NASA explains on its website that it uses the materials for wind experiments launched on sounding rockets to the upper atmosphere. The agency says the metals used — barium, lithium and aluminum compounds — are also used in fireworks. It compares its tests to releasing a harmless dye into a river or stream.

This is part of The Associated Press' ongoing effort to fact-check misinformation that is shared widely online, including work with Facebook to identify and reduce the circulation of false stories on the platform.

## Weekly Oil Report

New Locations:

Howard County

Surge Operating, LLC  
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West  
Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77064-0000  
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst  
(832) 333-2332

#2AH Muse-Newton Unit "31-42", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39535  
6.50 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.500490, Longitude -101.558033. Datum: NAD 27  
329' FNL, 1262' FWL of 962.41-acre lease  
2305' FSL, 1262' FWL of the survey

Surge Operating, LLC  
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West  
Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77064-0000  
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst  
(832) 333-2332

#6SH Wright Unit "B 44-41", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39486  
16.59 miles north of Big Spring  
A-1224, Section 44, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.451454, Longitude -101.625723. Datum: NAD 27  
405' FSL, 1068' FWL of 504.6-acre lease  
405' FSL, 1777' FEL of the survey

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Houston, TX 77064-0000  
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst  
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#4AH Old Tom Unit "A 21-28", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39536  
12.54 miles north of Big Spring  
A-273, Section 21, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.432466, Longitude -101.496565. Datum: NAD 27  
916' FNL, 2380' FEL of 611.83-acre lease  
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Sabalo Operating, LLC  
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Shelly Carrigan, Reg.  
Coordinator  
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#4AH Dodger "33-28", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39465  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
2.69 miles southeast of Vealmoor

A-291, Section 33, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.510954, Longitude -101.525294. Datum: NAD 27  
570' FSEL, 1178' FNEL of 480.09-acre lease  
1455' FSWL, 2103' FNWL of the survey  
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SM Energy Company  
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#0829LS Top Gun, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39527  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1339, Section 8, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,400 feet  
X=704938, Y=242425. Datum: NAD 27  
375' FNL, 910' FWL of 642.05-acre lease  
375' FNL, 1747' FEL of the survey

SM Energy Company  
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#0836LS Top Gun, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39530  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1339, Section 8, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,400 feet  
X=705026, Y=242445. Datum: NAD 27  
375' FNWL, 1000' FSWL of 642.05-acre lease  
375' FNL, 1657' FEL of the survey

SM Energy Company  
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Midland, TX 79707-0000  
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#0849WA Top Gun, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39531  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1339, Section 8, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,500 feet  
X=704997, Y=242438. Datum: NAD 27  
375' FNWL, 970' FSWL of 642.05-acre lease  
375' FNWL, 16878' FNEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1339, Section 8, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
X=704967, Y=242431. Datum: NAD 27  
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## HUIZENGA

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company. That became his method of operation — becoming the first national player in industries that had been dominated by small and local operations. He resigned from the company in 1984, taking \$100 million in stock.

But retirement bored him and he soon began buying dozens of small businesses like hotels and pest control companies. In 1987, a business partner persuaded him to check out Blockbuster, a small chain of video stores. At the time, video stores were mostly locally owned mom-and-pop operations. Huizenga didn't even own

a VCR.

"I had an image of them being dark and dingy and dirty types of adult bookstores," he told The Miami Herald. "But when I finally saw a Blockbuster store, it opened my mind."

The stores were clean and carried 10,000 titles, 10 times more than the typical corner video store. He loved the concept and thought it could become the McDonalds of video. He and two partners bought 43 percent of the business for \$19 million and he became chairman and president. By 1991, the chain had grown to over 1,800 stores, with one opening every 17 hours, on average.

"The whole deal was to move quickly before our competition saw what we were doing and moved in on us,"

he told the business magazine FSB in 2003.

In 1994, Viacom bought Blockbuster, then a publicly traded company, for about \$8 billion.

In 1995, Huizenga got back into trash hauling by buying Republic Waste Industries Inc. for \$27 million. Mergers and acquisitions soon followed. He renamed the company Republic Industries as it branched out, buying Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental.

Republic, under Huizenga's leadership, then started AutoNation, a national chain of car dealerships — again, an industry that had been dominated by local and regional ownership. At its peak, AutoNation had

about 375 dealerships in 17 states.

Republic Services was spun off in 1998 to control the waste management portion of the portfolio, a sector that had grown to more than \$1 billion in annual sales. He remained its chairman until 2002.

Huizenga became a large benefactor of Nova Southeastern University, a private South Florida school where the Dolphins train. Its business school is named after him — even though he never completed college.

In 1960 he married Joyce VanderWagon. Together they had two children, Wayne Jr. and Scott. They divorced in 1966. Wayne married his second wife, Marti Goldsby, in 1972. She died in 2017.

## China targets \$3 billion of US goods in tariff spat



In this Jan. 30, 2011, file photo, wine imported from the U.S. is displayed at a supermarket in Beijing. China announced a list of U.S. goods including pork, apples and steel pipe on Friday, March 23, 2018, that it said may be hit with higher import duties in response to President Donald Trump's tariff hike on steel and aluminum.

By **JOE McDONALD**

AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China announced a \$3 billion list of U.S. goods for possible retaliation in a tariff dispute with President Donald Trump and girded Friday for a bigger battle over technology policy as financial markets sank on fears of global disruption.

The Commerce Ministry said higher duties on pork, apples, steel pipe and other goods would offset Chinese losses due to Trump's tariff hike on steel and aluminum imports. It urged Washington to negotiate a settlement but set no deadline.

Trump said Friday that he was not concerned that the tariffs would be a drag on the stock market. He added: "China is going to end up treating us fairly."

In a separate and potentially bigger dispute, the ministry criticized Trump's decision Thursday to approve a possible tariff hike on Chinese imports worth up to \$60 billion over Beijing's technology policy. It gave no indication of a possible re-

sponse but a foreign ministry spokeswoman said Beijing was "fully prepared to defend" its interests.

"We don't want a trade war, but we are not afraid of it," said the spokeswoman, Hua Chunying.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed Friday, but Asian financial markets sank on concern the escalating tensions might disrupt the biggest global trading relationship or lead other nations to raise import barriers.

Tokyo's benchmark tumbled by an unusually large 5.1 percent while the Shanghai Composite Index closed down 3.4 percent.

The dollar dipped to 104.90 yen as investors shifted into the Japanese currency, which is viewed as a "safe haven" from risk.

China's response Friday appeared to be aimed at increasing domestic U.S. pressure on Trump by making clear which exporters, including farm areas that voted for him in 2016, might be hurt.

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## RECORDS

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Plaintiff: Blaine Smith  
Respondent: Ellary Huckaba  
Sentence: Divorce  
Date: March, 21, 2018

Plaintiff: John Metcalf  
Respondent: Anna Metcalf  
Sentence: Divorce  
Date: March, 21, 2018

## County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Daniel A. Alvarez  
Offense: Burglary of vehicle  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost  
Date: Feb. 21, 2018

Defendant: Margarita Munoz  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: probation for 12 months  
Date: Feb. 22, 2018

Defendant: John Wilkinson  
Offense: Criminal Trespass  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost  
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Defendant: Martin A. Ramirez  
Offense: Evading Arrest Detention  
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$332 in

court cost  
Date: Feb. 9, 2018

Defendant: Steven Vasquez  
Offense: Theft of Property in between \$100 to \$750  
Sentence: Six months probation  
Date: Feb. 21, 2018

Defendant: Dewayne Creg Culpepper  
Offense: Driving while license suspended  
Sentence: probation 12 months  
Date: Feb. 21, 2018

## Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Premier Flow Control, LLC a Texas limited liability company  
Grantee: Red Finch Investments, LLC a Texas limited liability company

Property: Surface estate only of a tract land containing 2.078 acres out of the SW/4 of Section 48, 32, T-1-N T and P, R  
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Grantor: HET, LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Grantee: Gloria Hanson, as a her sole and separate property  
Property: Being a 4.593 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section, 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T and P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Grantor: Dolly Woodard  
Grantee: Austin Headrick  
Property: Lot no. 23, and 24 in block number seven, Wrights Airport Addition.  
Date: Feb. 9, 2018

Grantor: Wilma Lee Heckler  
Grantee: Linda Brito Smith and Michael Anthony Smith  
Property: Begin all of lots one, two, and three, and the E/2 of lot 4, Government Height to Bauer Addition  
Date: Feb. 9, 2018

Grantor: Ross Sterling Hyden  
Grantee: Ron J. Hyden  
Property: W/2 and SE/4 of section 4, block 32, T2N T and P Ry. Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 12, 2018

Grantor: Mark Gomez  
Grantee: Karla Gomez  
Property: lots 1-5, block 105, Original Townsite of Big Spring  
Date: Feb. 12, 2018

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, Inc.  
Grantee: John A. Douglas  
Property: Lot 7, block A, section 1, Stone Creek Subdivision, an addition to the City of Co-

ahoma  
Date: Feb. 12, 2018

Grantor: Harrison Chevalier  
Grantee: Platinum C. Custom Homes, LLC  
Property: Lot 2, block 33, College Park Estate number 6, an addition to the City of Big Spring out of section 45, block 32, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey.  
Date: Feb. 13, 2018

Grantor: Susie O'Neal, Granvil Tip Miller Jr., and Debra Jo Craig heirs of Jolene Miller A/K/A Helen Jolene Miller Weaver  
Grantee: Ronnie Miller  
Property: Lot number 2 in block number 3, in May Thixton Addition, to the City of Big Spring  
Date: Feb. 13, 2018

Grantor: Gary Wilkerson and Becky Wilkerson  
Grantee: Ronald Russell Bandy and Jamie Michelle Brandy  
Property: Being all of lot 12, in block 7, Highland south Addition number 6, as addition to City Big Spring.  
Date: Feb. 14, 2018

Grantor: Craig Olson  
Grantee: J Gale Kilgore

Property: All of lot 3 block 10, Edward Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring  
Date: March 01, 2018

Grantor: Francisco P. Rodriguez  
Grantee: Red Finch Investments, LLC  
Property: Begin all of lot 9, block 21, College Park Estates, as subdivision of Big Spring  
Date: March 01, 2018

## Warranty Deed with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Connor Reed Brinson and Chillisa Brinson  
Grantee: Jason M Jorgenson and Apryle N Jorgenson  
Property: Beign all of lot number 21m in block 2, Kentwood unit, number 1, an addition to the City of Big Spring  
Date: Feb. 22, 2018

Grantor: Ted Wyman and Dorothy Vernell Early, Life Estate and Keith Allan Early  
Grantee: Michael Maxwell and Faith Maxwell  
Property: Lot 8 and E 20' of lot 7, block 1, Belvue Addition to the City of Big Spring  
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# Trump draws ire of farmers targeted in Chinese trade dispute

By DAVID PITT and STEVE

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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — From hog producers in Iowa to apple growers in Washington state and winemakers in California, farmers expressed deep disappointment Friday over being put in the middle of a potential trade war with China by the president many of them helped elect.

After President Donald Trump announced plans to impose tariffs on products including Chinese steel, Beijing responded Friday with a threat to slap an equal 25 percent charge on U.S. products such as pork, and a 15 percent tariff on such things as wine, apples, ethanol and stainless-steel pipe.

American farmers "should be not necessarily infuriated but close to it," said Wayne Humphreys, who farms corn and soybeans and raises hogs and cattle near Columbus Junction, Iowa. "We've invested a lot of time, talent and treasure in developing markets around the world, and with the stroke of a pen, that investment has been jeopardized."

Overall, the nation's farmers shipped nearly \$20 billion of goods to China in 2017. The American pork industry sent \$1.1 billion in products, making China the No. 3 market for U.S. pork.

"No one wins in these tit-for-tat trade disputes, least of all the farmers and the consumers," said National Pork Producers Council President Jim Heimerl, a pig farmer from Johnstown, Ohio.

The U.S. has complained for years about China's sharp-elbowed trading practices, accusing it of pirating trade secrets, manipulating its currency, forcing foreign companies to hand over technology, and flooding world markets with cheap steel and aluminum that drive down prices and put U.S. manufacturers out of business.

On Thursday, the Trump administration declared the talk approach a failure, noting that the U.S. trade deficit in goods with China last year hit a record \$375 billion. In a move to punish Beijing for stealing American technology, the White House set in motion tariffs on up to \$60 billion in Chinese imports and restrictions on new Chinese investment in the U.S.

"We're doing something that will be the start of making trade with China more fair," Trump said. "Our past presidents should never have allowed this to happen."

The stakes are high: China is America's largest trading partner. Last year, the two countries exchanged \$636 billion worth of goods, and American companies such as Boeing and Caterpillar depend heavily on the Chinese market.

Farmers voted overwhelmingly for Trump in 2016. But now many worry about economic blowback from his combative approach.

"When you start hurting this big segment of the economy from the people that gave him a lot of support in the election, I think it's going to hurt him. I really do," said Dave Struthers, who raises pigs, corn, soybeans and hay on a 1,100-acre family farm 30 miles northeast of Des Moines.

He said hog farmers are already struggling to make a profit, with prices below the break-even point, "and any more pressure against that is just going to hurt us that much more."

"We're very concerned about what might happen as far as a tariff," he said.

Some are holding out hope a trade war can be averted and the disputes can be resolved through negotiation.

"I think it's important to realize that China has said this, but it hasn't been implemented," said David Preisler, CEO of the Minnesota Pork Producers Association. "Hopefully there's still time to sit down and have respective governments work through things."

U.S. apple growers just got their foot in the door in China in 2015, and the country is now their 10th-largest market, with demand growing. They expressed frustration that their efforts could be damaged with tariffs.

"We are competing, and winning, with our exports to China growing nicely from zero to about 2.5 million boxes per year," said Jim Bair, CEO of the U.S. Apple Association, a trade group. He warned that U.S. apple growers are going to "get hurt in a fight we didn't start and in which we have no interest."

At a time when U.S. wine exports have been slipping overall, there's been growth in exports to China, where a rapidly growing middle class is adopting many Western tastes.

Exports to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan grew 10 percent to \$197 million in 2017, the San Francisco-

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based Wine Institute said. The value of U.S. wine exports to China alone increased 450 percent in the past decade, the industry group said.

"Chinese retaliation against U.S. wine would put our producers at a significant disadvantage in one of the most important markets in the world at a critical time," said Bobby Koch, CEO of the Wine Institute. He said the industry could end up losing market share for years to come.

About 97 percent of U.S. wine exports come from California.



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**CONTEST RULES:** The Contest is open to all Students, Grades 3-5.

- Create your Poster based on the **LIVE HEALTHY, LIVE HAPPY** theme, and what that theme means to you.
- Submit your Poster to the **Big Spring Herald** before **Noon** on **Monday, April 2.**
- *Only one entry* per student allowed.
- Contestants may use crayons, markers, pencils, pens or colored pencils in designing their poster.
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# Sympathy for white Austin bomber stirs debate about race



By DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press

When a law enforcement official described a cellphone recording left by the Austin serial bomber as "the outcry of a very challenged young man," the remark caused an outcry of its own.

Because the bomber was white, some people almost immediately questioned whether the same level of compassion would have been afforded a person of color.

"Here you have a case of a young white male who killed and injured people of color, and we're culturally more concerned about his story, about his life, about what led him to take these lives," said David Leonard, professor in the department of critical culture, gender and race studies at Washington State University. "It's a striking reminder of a racial empathy gap that persists."

For many observers and activists, the comments about Mark Anthony Conditt were

just the latest example in which a white suspect seemed to receive an injection of humanity that is less often extended to blacks, Muslims and others.

Conditt kept the Texas capital in a state of fear for weeks, planting five bombs that killed two people and badly wounded four others. The 23-year-old community college dropout died Wednesday after setting off a bomb inside his SUV as police were about to arrest him.

Investigators said his motive was still unclear, despite the discovery of the 25-minute cellphone recording in which talked about the bombs.

Authorities have avoided calling the attacks terrorism, which can have specific definitions in law enforcement contexts. U.S. law defines a terrorist as having ties to a foreign entity, such as the Islamic State or other known terror groups. Homegrown extremist groups such as neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan are not

labeled that way, even if they employ similar tactics of violence and intimidation.

Similarly, when Stephen Craig Paddock was identified as the gunman who rained bullets down on a Las Vegas concert last fall, the white retired accountant was characterized as a "lone wolf." That label has also been attached to other mass killers who acted alone, including Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooter James Holmes, a white man who killed a dozen people in 2012.

On the recording, Conditt "does not at all mention anything about terrorism, nor does he mention anything about hate," Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said. "But instead, it is the outcry of a very challenged young man talking about challenges in his personal life that led him to this point."

The reaction on social media was swift.

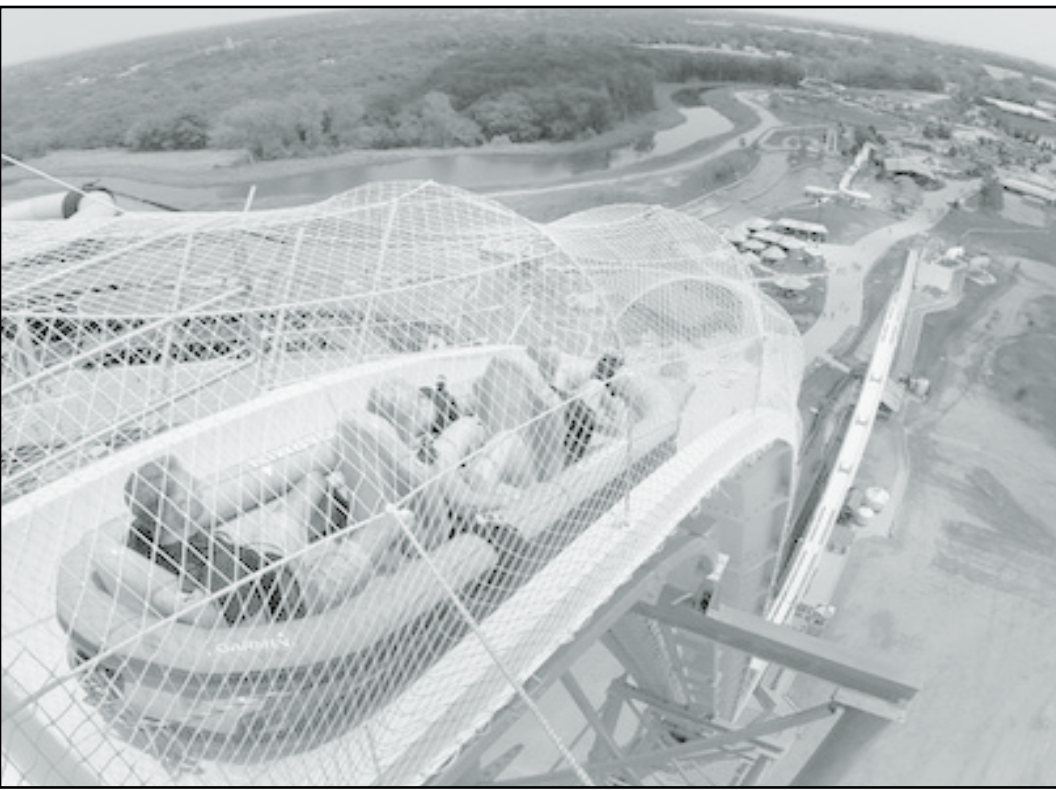
"Remember how they talked

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**This undated photo from a Facebook posting shows Mark Anthony Conditt. The suspect in the deadly bombings that terrorized Austin blew himself up early Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as authorities closed in on him, bringing a grisly end to a manhunt.**

AP photo

# Former water park executive charged in Kansas slide death



AP photo

**In this July 9, 2014, file photo, riders go down the water slide called "Verruckt" at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City, Kan. A former executive with the Kansas water park where a 10-year-old boy died on the giant waterslide has been charged with involuntary manslaughter. Tyler Austin Miles, an operations director for Schlitterbahn, was booked into the Wyandotte County jail Friday, March 23, 2018 and is being held on \$50,000 bond. Caleb Schwab died in August 2016 on the 17-story Verruckt water slide at the park in western Kansas City, Kansas.**

By MARGARET STAFFORD

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A former executive for a water park company was charged Friday with involuntary manslaughter in the death of a 10-year-old boy who was decapitated on a giant waterslide at a Kansas water park.

Tyler Austin Miles, 29, a former operations director of Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts, pleaded not guilty Friday during a brief court appearance.

He is the first person criminally charged in the Aug. 7, 2016 death of Caleb Schwab, the son of Kansas Rep. Scott Schwab, at the Schlitterbahn water park in Kansas City, Kansas. He was on a raft with two women on the 17-story "Verruckt" waterslide — billed as the world's tallest waterslide — when the raft went airborne, hitting a pole and netting designed to keep riders from being thrown from the ride.

Miles has also been charged with 12 counts of aggravated battery, five counts of aggravated endangerment of a child and two counts of interfering with law enforcement, The Kansas City Star reported. Involuntary manslaughter is defined in Kansas as the reckless killing of a human being. His attorneys asked that his bond be reduced to \$15,000 from \$50,000 but that request was denied. A trial was scheduled for Sept. 10.

Schlitterbahn, which is based in Texas, said in a statement Friday that it was "deeply disappointed to learn any individual is being personally charged for the terrible accident on Verruckt."

"Our review of the facts and circumstances of the accident has never shown any evidence of criminal conduct on the part of anyone," spokeswoman Winter Prosapio said.

Scott Schwab and his attorney, Mike Rader,

didn't immediately respond Friday to a request for comment.

Miles' attorney, Tricia Bath, said during Friday's hearing that Miles started at Schlitterbahn as a lifeguard and worked his way up to operations manager. She said Schwab's death was a "horrible tragedy."

Verruckt — German for "insane" — included multi-person rafts that made a 17-story drop at speeds of up to 70 mph, followed by a surge up a hump and a 50-foot descent to a finishing pool. It received national publicity when it opened at the park in 2014.

The waterslide has been closed since Caleb's death. Schlitterbahn said it will dismantle the ride when the investigation into the boy's death is complete.

Caleb Schwab's family reached settlements of nearly \$20 million with Schlitterbahn and various companies associated with the design and construction of the waterslide. The two women who rode with Caleb suffered serious injuries and settled claims with Schlitterbahn for an undisclosed amount.

Before the boy's death, Kansas law allowed parks to conduct their own annual inspections of rides. Lawmakers last year nearly unanimously approved stricter, annual inspection requirements for amusement park rides that set qualifications for the inspectors and required parks to report injuries and deaths to the state.

But only weeks later, lawmakers passed a follow-up bill delaying the enforcement of criminal penalties for operating a ride without a state permit until this year. And this year, the Senate and a House committee have approved legislation to lessen regulation for "limited use" rides at events like county fairs and exempt some amusements, such as hay rides, from regulation.

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# CHINA

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"Beijing is extending an olive branch and urging the U.S. to resolve trade disputes through dialogue rather than tariffs," said economist Vishnu Varathan of Mizuho Bank in a report. "Nevertheless, the first volley of shots and retaliatory response has been set off."

The list announced Friday was linked to Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs, but companies already were looking ahead to a battle over complaints Beijing steals or forces companies to hand over technology.

The tensions reflect the dueling nationalistic ambitions of Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping.

U.S. efforts to boost exports of technology-based goods, begun under Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, conflict with China's plan for state-led development of global competitors in fields from robotics to electric cars. Foreign business groups complain Chinese regulators are trying to squeeze them out of promising industries.

The Commerce Ministry announcement Friday made no mention of jetliners, soybeans or other products that are the biggest U.S. exports to China by value. That leaves Beijing room to take more drastic steps.

Chinese officials are trying to figure out how to address U.S. concerns, said Jake Parker, vice president for China operations of the U.S.-China Business Council, which represents American companies that do business with China.

"Until the Trump administration articulates those concerns and how China can address them, it's going to be very, very difficult for China to make those changes," said Parker.

Washington doesn't believe it needs to give Chinese leaders another list of requests because they already know what the United States wants, said a senior U.S. official, who briefed reporters on condition he not be identified further. He said Trump and Xi agreed last year on a 100-day agenda of trade-liberalization measures but Beijing failed to act on about half of them.

Instead, the Trump administration wants Chinese leaders to address more basic structural issues that interfere with market forces, said the official.

The official cited Beijing's "Made in China 2025" plan as "hugely problematic." It calls for creating Chinese competitors in electric cars, robots, artificial intelligence and other fields. Business groups complain it will hamper or outright block foreign access to those industries.

The latest proposed Chinese tariffs would add a 25 percent charge on pork and aluminum scrap, mirroring Trump's 25 percent duty on steel, according to the Commerce Ministry. A second list of goods including wine, apples, ethanol and stainless steel pipe would be charged 15 percent.

Chinese purchases of those goods last year totaled

## United gives \$10,000 travel voucher to 'bumped' passenger



# UNITED

By The Associated Press

A passenger who was bumped off a full flight has scored the maximum prize — a \$10,000 travel voucher.

A spokesman for United Airlines confirmed Friday that a passenger got the big voucher, but he didn't name the person.

In a series of tweets, Allison Preiss of Washington, D.C., said that she was rewarded after being asked to give up her seat.

Preiss said she was trying to fly from Dulles Airport outside Washington to Austin, Texas, for a bachelorette party. A broken seat meant the airline had one too many passengers, but nobody volunteered to leave so United picked her because she was the lowest-paying passenger.

An airline employee offered a \$2,000 voucher, but Preiss wanted cash. Then a United agent raised the offer.

"They really do not want to give me cash. They just offered me \$10,000 in travel credit. TEN THOUSAND," Preiss tweeted.

She took it. Along with two \$10 meal vouchers. United drew the line, however, at letting Preiss into one of its airport lounges, she said.

United raised the amount airport employees could pay a bumped passenger to \$10,000 last year after criticism over the violent dragging of a man off a full flight in Chicago.

Some experts doubted that United or Delta, which raised its maximum compensation for bumping passengers to \$9,950, would ever pay out the maximum. United did not immediately say if any other passengers have received a \$10,000 voucher.

\$3 billion, the ministry said.

The U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs also have irked Japan, America's closest ally in Asia.

"We have repeatedly told the U.S. side that steel and aluminum imports from its ally Japan will not adversely affect America's national security, and that Japan should be excluded," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga.

China's top economic official, Premier Li Keqiang, appealed to Washington on Tuesday to "act rationally" and said, "we don't want to see a trade war."

The United States buys little Chinese steel or aluminum, but analysts have said Beijing would feel obligated to take action to avoid looking weak.

Beijing reported a trade surplus of \$275.8 billion with the United States last year, or two-thirds of its global total. Washington reports different figures that put the gap at a record \$375.2 billion.

Trump's technology order is in response to "unfair and harmful acquisition of U.S. technology," said a statement by the U.S. Trade Representative's

office. It said USTR would pursue a World Trade Organization case against Beijing's "discriminatory technology licensing."

A USTR statement said possible measures include a 25 percent tariff on Chinese-made aerospace, computer and information technology and machinery but gave no details.

China is unlikely to respond until Washington acts but might launch an investigation of imports of U.S. corn and soybeans "as a warning shot," said Parker. He noted Beijing began a probe of U.S. sorghum in February after Trump announced the steel and aluminum tariffs.

On Tuesday, the Chinese premier promised at a news conference Beijing will "open even wider" to imports and investment as part of efforts to make its state-dominated economy more productive.

Li said Beijing would "fully open" manufacturing, with "no mandatory requirement for technology transfers." However, Chinese officials already insist companies aren't required to hand over technology, so it was unclear how policy might change.

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DEBATE

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about innocent black children like Trayvon (Martin), Tamir (Rice) or young men like Freddy Gray," Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said on Twitter, adding, "I believe passionately in acknowledging the humanity of those who commit even terrible crimes. Reading this police chief's empathy for this young white man highlights the awfulness — the plain awfulness — of the persistent refusal to extend this empathy to young black people."

Among the cases often cited is that of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old fatally shot by a white officer in August 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri.

Brown got into a scuffle with then-officer Darren Wilson after Wilson yelled at Brown and a friend to get out of the street where they were walking. Wilson said that when he shot Brown, the teen was moving menacingly toward him. Some witnesses said Brown was surrendering. The initial unrest erupted after Brown's body lay in the street for hours in the summer heat. More protests gripped the Missouri town after a grand jury in declined to charge Wilson, who later resigned. The Justice Department also cleared him, but an investigation by that agency uncovered patterns of racial bias and profiling in Ferguson's police and courts.

Some critics have also taken exception to media coverage that included Condit's friends and family describing him as nerdy and kind.

"Language is always shot through with power dynamics. What this shows us is the way that we can talk about people determines how we can treat them," said Koritha Mitchell, an associate professor in the English department at Ohio State University. "Because we are determined to treat white men as citizens no matter what, to treat them as people who belong in the fold no matter what, that is the reason we will not use words like 'terrorist.'"

The Rev. Yvette Griffin, a black Detroit pastor, said blacks and Muslims don't seem to get the same presumption of innocence as other suspects.

"The words are kinder and gentler" for whites, she said.

Maryland school shooting victim has died

By MATTHEW BARAKAT and BRIAN WITTE

Associated Press

A teenage girl who was shot when a classmate opened fire inside their Maryland high school has died, authorities said Friday.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office said Jaelynn Willey died at 11:34 p.m. Thursday. Earlier that night, her family had said she would be taken off life support at the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center. Melissa Willey told news reporters Thursday night that her daughter was brain dead and had "no life left in her."

The mother, holding a young baby, said, "On Tuesday ... our lives changed completely and totally forever. My daughter was hurt by a boy who shot her in the head and took everything from our lives."

The teen was shot Tuesday by 17-year-old Austin Rollins at Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County.

Rollins died after shooting Willey. A school resource officer got there within a minute and fired a shot at Rollins, but it's not yet clear whether Rollins was killed by the officer's bullet or took his own life.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that Rollins and the girl had been in a relationship that recently ended.

"All indications suggest the shooting was not a random act of violence," police said in a statement.

Willey had been in critical condition at the hospital. A fundraising page to help her family has raised more than \$77,000.

Jaelynn was one of nine siblings, her mother said, and a member of the swim team.

The shooting broke out just before classes were to begin Tuesday, according to the sheriff's office.

A 14-year-old boy who was shot in the thigh during the encounter was



AP photo

Parents of Great Mills high school student Jaelynn Willey, Melissa Willey, and Daniel Willey, hold one of their nine children during a press conference at Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Md., Thursday, March 22, 2018. Melissa Willey told news reporters that her daughter, Jaelynn Willey, 16, who was shot when a classmate opened fire inside their Maryland high school, has "no life left in her." She said Jaelynn would be removed from life support during the evening.

released Wednesday from a hospital.

In an email Thursday to The Associated Press, his mother, Kimberly Dennis, said her family is "eternally grateful" that her son, Desmond Barnes, is "alive, doing well and in good spirits."

She expressed sympathy for Willey and her family and added, "We are also praying for the entire Great Mills High School family and young people around this country. As a community and nation, we must continue to work and fight for a world that is safe for our children."

Great Mills High School has about 1,600 students and is near the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, about

65 miles (104 kilometers) southeast of Washington.

Sheriff Tim Cameron credited Deputy 1st Class Blaine Gaskill with preventing any more loss of life.

Cameron said Gaskill, a six-year veteran with SWAT team training, responded within a minute and fired his weapon simultaneously with a final shot fired by Rollins. The officer was unharmed.

On Wednesday, authorities said the Glock handgun used in the shooting was legally owned by Rollins' father. In Maryland it is illegal for anyone under age 21 to possess a handgun unless it is required for their employment.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Preys on successfully
  - 6 Aquarium favorite
  - 15 Kept for safekeeping
  - 16 Cross the threshold without knocking?
  - 17 They may be underfoot
  - 18 Taken a great deal
  - 19 Dogmatic position
  - 20 '80s role for Eastwood
  - 21 What to call clippers
  - 22 Emanated
  - 23 Power boosters
  - 24 Saint Petersburg's river
  - 25 Prey on successfully
  - 26 One in a class by herself
  - 28 Holds an attitude
  - 29 Barely multiple
  - 31 Chaps
  - 32 Extend outward
  - 33 Source of fog
  - 35 Antenna, in the '50s?
  - 39 Latter-day "Drat!"
  - 40 Dart or dash
  - 41 High-maintenance headliner
  - 42 Conform
  - 45 Locks that might need picking
  - 47 Coped with
  - 48 Word from the Latin for "hold back"
  - 49 In \_\_\_ (being tested)
  - 50 Close kin to the sugar beet
  - 52 Certain degreed clinicians
  - 53 What to call some diplomats
  - 54 "I didn't expect that!"
  - 55 Very, very fine
  - 57 At 2 out of 10, say
  - 58 Play with the song "Notice Me, Horton"
  - 59 Place with a large bed
  - 60 Majority Leader after Dole
  - 61 Grants conditionally
- DOWN**
- 1 Ne'er-do-wells
  - 2 Make sure of a departure
  - 3 Early Billy Joel workplace
  - 4 Termination lines
  - 5 Sonnet section
  - 6 Ones in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
  - 7 They're hardly 24 Down
  - 8 Tux model, presumably
  - 9 Second-most-traded currency
  - 10 Truth teller never believed, per Cicero
  - 11 Peatland
  - 12 Needs nailing?
  - 13 Large square envelope
  - 14 Sea creatures named for a mythical monster
  - 24 Celebrious
  - 27 "That's a negative"
  - 28 \_\_\_ quiz
  - 30 Lacking in space
  - 32 When winter starts, in Wagga Wagga
  - 34 Big \_\_\_
  - 35 Diner staple
  - 36 Voice of Buzz Lightyear
  - 37 Current problem
  - 38 Police procedures
  - 40 Woodpecker sound
  - 42 Police procedure
  - 43 Person bom in the Disco Era
  - 44 Close to indelicacy
  - 45 Intern, for instance
  - 46 Mullets, en masse
  - 49 Mint alternative
  - 51 From now
  - 53 Something seen in saunas
  - 56 "Forged by the Sea" org.

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### Tomorrow's Horoscope

#### Cosmic Call for Vigilance

The ancient warrior Sun Tzu suggested, "When we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away; when far away, we must make him believe we are near." Of course, the greatest enemy is within. It would be easy (but unwise) to get too comfortable under the Cancer moon. Stay vigilant while Mercury is retrograde.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It may be overwhelming to think about creating the life you want, but you can make it all seem much more doable by focusing on the more manageable task of eliminating what you don't want from the life you currently have.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You're so smart and funny that you sometimes have to hold back to make sure you're not taking too much of the social spotlight. Today will be such a day. Be sensitive to others who need their moment in the sun.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Your life will feel a bit like a game of charades, as you're tasked with the challenge of imagining and embodying what others need to see to understand the point of a larger commu-

#### BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



nication.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Boredom is a kind of stress -- a stress that can be alleviated in a number of ways. Novelty is one way. Challenge is a better way. Opt for that. Push yourself so you can have something to show for your day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** The hardest thing about a conversation is often starting it. Do this and you'll earn the respect and compassion of people who are so worth the effort. As for the others, you probably won't encounter them today -- so let that embolden you!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You behave in a non-prejudiced way toward people from other social groups, not because it's politically correct or because it's what educated people do but because it's personally important to you. This is how peace spreads.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** New circles entice! Having an excuse to be there isn't half as important as having an excuse to leave. The moment when you step back from the action and identify the fundamental issues and questions at hand will be invaluable.

**Nov. 21).** It's been this way since the cave people had to hear their way through the wild to eat and avoid being eaten: Listening well is among the top skills for getting along in life. And it will be your strength today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Underreacting has its place and may be key to your style today. You know on a deeper level that you're bigger than the situation being thrown at you, and you're in total control of your responses.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** When you show up and do the work -- regardless of whatever temptations and distractions are around, regardless of discomfort or drama, regardless of inconvenience or interference from loved ones -- you will be rewarded.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Though you pride yourself on being a magnetic person whom others are comfortable around, you also know that being social isn't the end goal in and of itself. A higher purpose is calling you today. Being social will help with that.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Luckily for everyone around you, you're really good at maximizing the positive and defusing the negative. Other talents include keeping the action and conversation productively focused.

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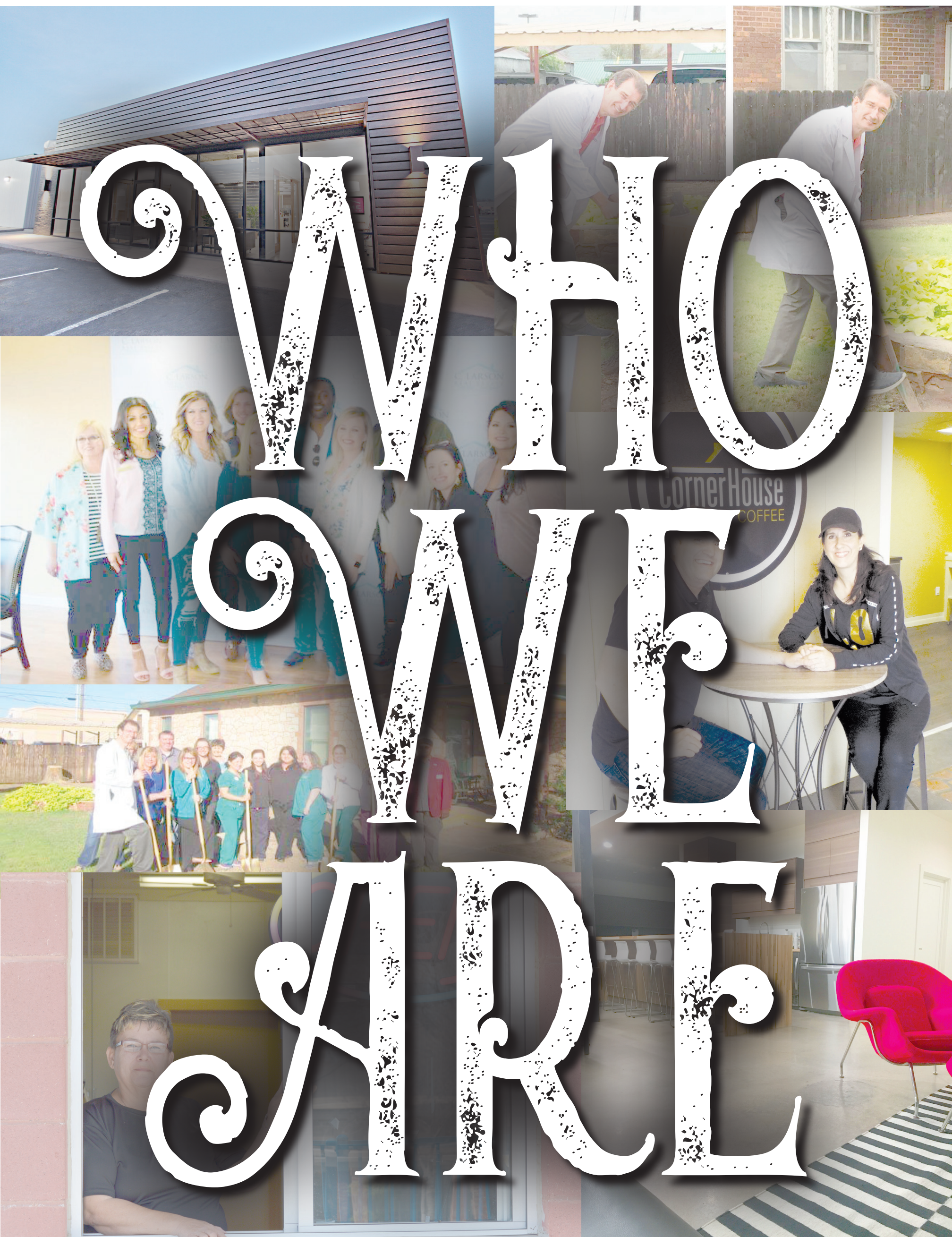
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

# 55 year old Big Spring real estate agency gets a facelift

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

Local real estate agency, Home Realtors, has been a household name in Big Spring for the last 55 years. Current owner of Home Realtors, Leslie Hobbs, moved her agency from its last location on 110 W. Marcy to its current location at 2011 S. Gregg.

The aging building that once housed Payless Shoe Source recently underwent a construction project overseen by Hobbs and former Big Spring resident Craig McMahon of Craig McMahon Architects, INC-San Antonio. Before long, the old shoe store was transformed into a flourishing real estate business with modern décor and a full staff eager to meet the needs of their clients.

“Craig McMahon, our architect, designed the building and I chose the floorplan. We told him what we needed and he helped make that happen,” said Hobbs. “The architect’s family is from Big Spring and once owned McMahon airpark. Craig currently has his own firm in San Antonio, and dreamed he’d be doing something like this, but he wanted to do something in his hometown.”

According to Hobbs, A carpenter from San Antonio who works with Craig came here to custom build everything in their office, and they used local people for the electrical and sheet-rock. Hobbs was impressed with the unbelievably artistic group they worked with for this project.

Leslie Elrod Hobbs is a Big Spring native. You may recognize her middle name from her family’s furniture store, Elrod’s Furniture.

“My parents own Elrod’s furniture, and have been in business for four generations,” she said. “After high school, I attended ACU where I double majored in pre-med. I applied and got into medical school but decided to take a year off from school to spend time with a sick family member. I helped with the family furniture business during this time, then got into real estate while living here, and never looked back. I officially started working as an agent in 2004 and worked for Kay Moore, who owned Home Realtors before me. I took over the business in January 2016.

According to Hobbs, Home Realtors had three locations before this one. The first being in the Permian Building in 1963, the second at Coronado Plaza in the late 70’s, and the third location was their last one on W. Marcy.

McMahon, like Hobbs, has deep roots in the city of Big Spring. Big Spring McMahon Wrinkle Airport, owned by McMahon’s family is a city-owned, public-use airport located two miles southwest of the central business district of Big Spring.

The facility was first used by the United States Army Air Forces as Big Spring Army Air Field, opening on 28 April 1942 as part of the Central Flying Training Command graduated on 26 September 1945. The airpark closed shortly after this only to reopen in 1951, as a result of the Korean War and the need for trained pilots.

The base was renamed Webb Air Force Base. In

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Courtesy photo

The photo above shows the newly remodeled building that was once Payless Shoe Source, but is now the new office of Home Realtors.



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The photo above shows part of the construction of the new Home Realtors office.



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The photo above shows the drive up window at the Daquiri Shack

## A unique kind of drive-thru

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
Staff Writer

They may look like McDonald’s drive-thrus, but motorists pulling up to these windows aren’t buying hamburgers or french fries. They’re buying booze! And, yes, it’s legal. Hard to believe, but in states like Louisiana, and don’t worry, Texas too, drive-thru stands specialize in selling daiquiris and other alcoholic drinks to drivers.

A drive-through, or drive-thru, is a type of service provided by a business that allows customers to purchase products without leaving their cars ever since they were first pioneered in the 1930’s. By providing customers

with quick service from the comfort of their cars, drive-thrus provide the ultimate in fast service. As a result, there has been a variety of different business that offer drive-thru services in hopes of appealing to customers by catering to the public’s love of a drive-thru. To gas stations, banks, pharmacies, and restaurants, there’s a plethora of different services offered via drive through.

The Daquiri Shack here in Big Spring offers a different type of item through their window in their drive through. Located on 1715 E 4th St,

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The photo above shows a glimpse of the new look inside of the brand new Home Realtors office.

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1977, the end of the Vietnam War meant a decrease in the need for Air Force pilots so Webb was formally deactivated, and the property it had occupied was turned over to the Big Spring Industrial Park. The airport is currently an uncontrolled airfield, limited to UNICOM advisories only. Although the former Webb AFB control tower is still standing, it has not been operational since the Air Force's departure in late 1977 and the airfield's subsequent conversion to a civilian airport.

According to McMahon, he grew up in Big Spring with his brother and parents Clyde and Carol McMahon. The well-known airport, now known as Webb AFB, was originally named after Craig's grandfather.

"I graduated from Big Spring High School in 1979 and attended Texas Tech University," he said. "I graduated in 85 with a degree in Architecture and Interior Design. "I'm now the principal of Craig McMahon Architects, a design firm located in San Antonio, practicing in Texas and especially the Texas Hill Country. We work on ranches, urban homes, commercial, and non profit businesses such as private schools. I met Leslie Hobbs through my brother Cavan and his wife Donna McMahon. Donna

reached out to me last summer and asked if I may be interested in the idea of turning around a Payless Shoe Store into a new realtor office for Leslie. I was very intrigued with the idea of a modern office that repurposed the building into a new way of developing her business model."

Future plans for the agency includes turning old photographs documenting Home Realtor's legacy into art that will eventually hang on the office walls for all to enjoy. The agency has a long, rich history that Hobbs more than appreciates; she expressed her love of both the photos and the company itself.

"I think something people don't really know is the history of the office. I think it's great its been here for so long. The first owner and man who started the real estate agency unfortunately passed away about a month ago. He was in his late 90's, but was always

interested in knowing about the company's progress," said Hobbs. "I think the thing that really sets us apart from other agencies is experience. There are five agents in here who have at least 30 years of experience. Every situation we encounter is one that's come up before, so nothing is new to us at this point. There's no one transaction that's ever the same, but our agents just have the experience to know what to do.

One of the longest running businesses in Big Spring is now more successful than ever, bringing in about \$35,000,000 in sales each year. Home Realtors covers residential property, farm and ranch, commercial, land and new construction.

According to Hobbs, their grand opening will take place the 12th of next month. Hobbs spoke about her plans to frequently showcase art (by various artists) on the walls of the company's office, turning the space into an art exhibit of sorts, with the option for clients to purchase the art if desired. For the grand opening, local insurance agent and musician, Adrian Calvio, will be performing and chamber member, Debbye Valverde, will be conducting a ribbon cutting ceremony.

For more information on Home Realtors, visit their website, www.home-realtors.net, or call their office at 432-263-1284.

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The photo above shows the store front of the Daquiri Shack.

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right by Denny's, this unique drink stop offers their drinks to go! Choose from their assortment of flavors from the signature drink menu or create your own. You can sail into the drive-thru on any given day, especially after a long day at the office, and head home with a slushy cocktail.

It's your choice of a High Octane, Berry Bomb, Angel Kiss, Hawk Punch, Swamp Water, Water Moccasin, and Javelina are just a few flavors offered from there menu, as well as Jello-shots, cherry bombs, gummy bears are all offered at Drive-Thru Daquiri Shack.

You might ask, how exactly is this legal? Since the state does have open container laws, it can be a little un-

nerving to purchase alcohol in a styrofoam cup through a drive-thru. Worry not though, according to the drive-thru waitress, the tape on the lids keeps the police away. By taping the straw hole of the to-go cup, they've made the beverages transportable. A daiquiri, or any other frozen alcoholic beverage, is considered closed as long as there is a lid not punctured by an open straw, which means daiquiris with closed lids are good to go.

The Drive-Thru Daquiri Shack is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., on Friday, from noon to 11 p.m on Saturday, and from noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Drive-thru daiquiri places offer relief from heat, and non-alcohol beverages too for the kiddos or anyone who wants to indulge in the flavors that Drive-Thru Daquiri Shack offers, sans alcohol.

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# Out with the old, and in with the new

By ERIN STEPHENS

Staff Writer

Local dentist, Dr. David Ward, had something on his mind last year aside from improving the smiles and dental health of his customers. While happy with his current location on 1500 Scurry Rd, he felt the building his dental office was housed in had become slightly less appealing as years went by. Ward made the decision to update and add on to his building, which was originally used as a residence that was built in the early 1900s.

"The house has some history. It was built in 1909, and was occupied by a man named J.M. Morgan and his family. After his death, a dentist by the name of James R. Cave purchased the home and turned it into a dental office shortly after," said Ward. "Dr. Cave preserved a lot of the antique features of the home during the time he used it as a functioning dental practice. I bought the office from Cave in 1988. Over the years, we did a lot of modification to the inside, and we have modern equipment, but the floor-plan of the office hadn't changed a lot."

According to Dr. Ward, for several years he had been looking for ways he could add to the building to preserve the look of the original house, and add more space to the floor-plan for the practice. It took them a while to figure out how to do that, but that's what they're doing now.

Once the decision was made and a plan was in place, Ward hired a crew to get the ball rolling on a construction project that would expand his office, to better accommodate his growing clientele.

"We started construction at the beginning of December. The architect we used is out



Above, Dr. David Ward breaks ground on an addition to the current historical dentist office in October 2017.

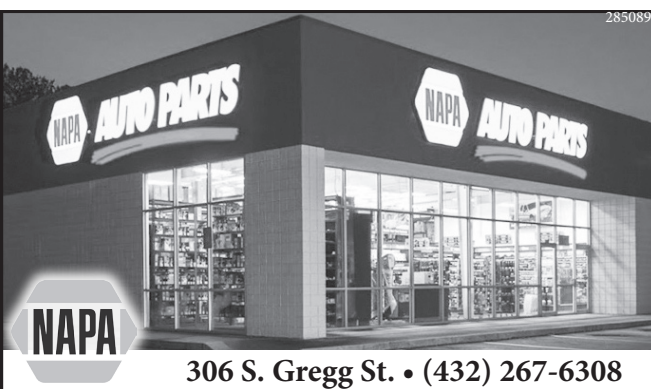
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Above, Dr. David Ward and his team, along with Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce volunteer Clarence Hartfield, break ground on an addition to the current historical dentist office in October 2017.

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The photos above show the early stages of construction of the new addition to the David L. Ward dentist office on 1500 Scurry St. The construction began in October of 2017 and is expected to conclude in mid-April of 2018.

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of Odessa, and his name is Cruz Castillo III. We put our job up for bid to commercial contractors and the best bid came from a company out of Midland called CM Butler. Some of the subcontracting has been done by local people," said Ward. "We also used an interior designer out of Midland named Anna Jones, whose father is actually a dentist as well. The architect was referred to me from one of my dental supply companies that I work with, and he's done several offices in Odessa, so we got to know him and his work and he's done a very good job for us. We're thinking construction will be complete by mid-April."

Ward's plan is to conjoin his existing building to the new one being built, and the result will be a much larger office overall.

"We currently have four treatment rooms right now and one bathroom. When the new building is complete we will have eight larger treatment rooms and more bathrooms. Along with the four new rooms and bathrooms, the new building and old building will be more handicap accessible, there will be a new counseling room for patients and there will also be a new check out area in the new building," he said. "Patients will come to the old building to check in and then check out in the new building to help with the congestion in the front waiting room of the old building. When construction is finished, I'll be bringing in another associate

to help take on the growing number of patients, and have an open house to introduce the new associate to the community and present the new and improved dentist offices and building."

Dr. Ward has taken post-graduate courses in all aspects of dentistry including extensive training in orthodontics, laser periodontics, dental implant surgery and restoration, and sedation dentistry. He has been practicing comprehensive general dentistry for 32 years and has been practicing in Big Spring for 28 years.

He is a past president of the Permian Basin District Dental Society. He also is a member of the Texas Dental Association, and the American Dental Association. He is an Associate Fellow of the Academy of Gp Orthodontics and is a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry and the American Dental Implant Association.

He also has Master-ship status with the In-

ternational Dental Implant Association. He recently finished serving four years on the Texas Dental Association Council on Dental Economics. Dr. Ward is specially licensed by the state of Texas to provide nitrous oxide sedation and oral sedation.

"I chose my profession because I was always very interested in the sciences and was looking for a career in the sciences," said Ward. "I actually became interested in it by being an orthodontic patient. I started reading about and observing a dentist and decided that'd be a good career for me. Between being a patient and observing, I decided to pursue it and it was a lot of school to get there but it was worth it. It's been a good career for me and one that I'm well suited to."

For more information on Dr. David Ward or his dental practice, visit his webpage at [www.davidwarddds.com](http://www.davidwarddds.com) or call the main office number at 432-267-1677.

# C. Larson Real Estate gets off to hot start for 2018



Courtesy photo

Photographed above is Christie Larson, owner of C. Larson Real Estate in Big Spring, Texas.

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

After a successful first quarter, the C. Larson Real Estate agency is showing no signs of slowing down. The agency, opened by Big Spring resident and real estate agent/broker Christie Larson in January 2015, continues to prosper year after year. The young business is comprised of a dedicated owner and staff, all prepared to deliver the best service to their clients.

"We specialize in residential and commercial real estate; we do farm and ranch as well as vacant lots," said Larson. "We work with buy-

ers, sellers, investors, corporations and revocation companies. I currently have 11 employees, including myself. I also have three people in school that will be joining us soon."

According to Larson, one thing she takes immense pride in, is the culture they have there in the office.

"I feel like its unique for this industry that we operate as a team instead of as individuals. We all work together for the best interest of all our clients," she said. "I have a team with integrity who are probably the most honest and loyal people that I've ever

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In the image above, members of the C. Larson Real Estate team pose for a group photo.



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In the right photo, Midland-native Cedric Benson, former NFL running back with the Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals, and Green Bay Packers, poses for a picture with the C. Larson real estate team during the C. Larson Real Estate's Home Buyers Seminar Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Benson now works as a real estate loan originator. On the left, Cedric Benson and Christie Larson pose for a photo.

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worked with. Our team is so diversified, and we have a fire and passion that is rarely seen in this industry."

Larson moved to Big Spring when she was in elementary school. She attended Howard College prior to her real estate training, which she received from Texas Tech University.

According to Larson, her first job began at the age of 17 when she became an employee at a local title company.

"I worked there for several years as an escrow officer closing real estate transactions. I then went into the sales end in January 2008. I started as a real estate agent, and then became a broker and bought out the company I worked for at the time, J. Rutledge Realty. We've been in the same location since I started when it was still owned by Jeannie Rutledge."

Owning a business is not new to Larson. Before opening her agency, she previously owned Flo-Lite Screen Printing and Design for three years.

"When I was 17 and working at the title company, I decided that I had a passion for real estate. I sold my screen printing company in March 2015 after I purchased what is now C. Larson Real Estate," she said. "I've said to many people throughout the years that this kind of work gets in your blood, and you either love it or hate it. This is definitely something I've had a passion for since I was a teenager. From a young age, I've always desired to be a business owner, and I foresee more businesses in the future, not necessarily related to real estate."

The real estate profession itself is said to be demanding, but also rewarding at the same. With multiple agencies in the area, and more than 50 agents serving Howard County, it's no wonder so many people, young and old, are drawn to this field.

"For those aspiring to become real estate agent, they should consider the cost. It looks like a very

easy job, but it's quite the opposite. It's very demanding at times, and you have to be extremely flexible and willing to drop everything in order to accommodate the needs of your clients," said Larson. "I chose this career because I'm a mother of three; it's very important for me to be able to drop off and pick up my kids from school every day and be part of their class parties, school events, and things of that nature. In this business, you can plan your job around life instead of your life around your job, but that often requires a lot from you. Sometimes we work until midnight. Our phones are always on and we never sleep, but the positives outweigh the negatives."

Larson projects that her agency will do well this year based on the impressive numbers from the business' first quarter. According to Larson, in the last few months her company has done more than triple of what they did last year.

"If our current numbers are any indication of what's to come for the rest of the year, things will get pretty crazy around here," she said.

Although there are many facets to being a real estate agent and broker, the agency's owner says her favorite part of her job is working with people.

"I feel in order to be a successful real estate agent and have a thriving company, your heart has to be for the people. I tell my agents often that when you lose sight of the people, that's when you'll fail

as an agent. In other words, it has to be about the people, not the paycheck," she said. "I'm a people person. I love everyone and that's why I love my job so much. I also love to lead my team here; my team is phenomenal. This is another part of the job I feel I'm blessed with."

C. Larson Real Estate tries to actively involve the community in their business. They'll be hosting an event at the beginning of the Summer titled Real Estate 101, to educate buyers and sellers of various processes so they can have a better knowledge of what they need to do as a buyer/seller, and what can be done for them.

For more details on upcoming events or for any additional information on Christie Larson and/or her company, visit the company's webpage at [www.clarsonrealestate.com](http://www.clarsonrealestate.com), or call the main office number at 432-714-4900.



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# An unlikely union

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer

What does an independent coffee shop and car wash chain have in common? At first glance, not much, but Cornerhouse Coffee and Mighty Wash of Big Spring recently formed a partnership that nobody saw coming. Both businesses had quietly been debating whether or not to close their doors due to various circumstances. The owner of Cornerhouse Coffee and Mighty Wash contacted one another to discuss a solution that would allow both business to continue operating, only in a slightly different way. Eventually, the coffee house and car wash decided to merge into one business.

"Cornerhouse is the first business that my wife, Michelle, and I have owned together," said Cornerhouse Coffee owner Kevin Knudson. "What we knew all along is that 85% of our business came through the drive thru and we were closing it down because the footprint was going to be too much for my wife and I to handle by ourselves. We kind of didn't think we could achieve that at the house where we were, and we wanted to do a double window drive thru. We have future plans for expansion to make two coffee windows available every morning so we can move at twice the speed, and there will be two separate baristas at each window. We'll eventually add a different driveway coming off of scurry."

Previously situated on the corner of Scurry and 17th street, Cornerhouse Coffee's new shop is now housed inside of the pre-existing building on the Mighty Wash Car Wash

property (formerly Mighty Joe's Coffee at 1000 Scurry St.), once used to serve coffee to car wash customers. Cornerhouse went through many changes while in operation at their first location. When they first opened, they decided to stick with serving coffee only, but later tried their luck at serving food as well. The building was often used by community members for events, parties, etc, but the new shop, being drive-thru only, won't accommodate events such as these anymore. "We were in business for almost 2 years total, and at one point explored turning our old business into a café, but decided that just wasn't our niche," said Knudson. "The new location will continue serving coffee, our best-selling baked goods, muffins, chocolate chunk brownies, oatmeal, etc. We'll also have our punch cards where you can buy 7 coffees and get the 8th free. Depending on what drink you buy, this turns into a 13% to 15% discount overall."

It didn't take long for Knudson to figure out that joining forces with Might Wash might just be a match made in coffee heaven. According to Knudson, the leadership of Mighty Joe's Coffee lives in Lubbock and he discovered that the two companies share similar principles and ideas on how to conduct businesses in the community.

"The car wash was about to close their doors and wanted to know if we wanted to partner up with them, so out of a negative situation for both places, came something positive; we worked something out to where

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File photo

Kevin and Michelle Knudson, owners of Cornerhouse Coffee, sit at a table in their previous location on the corner of Scurry and 17th street.



File photo

Shown in the photo above is the previous location of Cornerhouse Coffee.

# McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Business is definitely booming at Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park.

Situated on land once occupied by Webb Air Force Base, McMahon-Wrinkle makes use of a combination of former Webb hangars and runways, and facilities constructed since the base closed. Airport Director Jim Little outlined some of the companies that call the airpark home.

"There are quite a few in there," he said. "One of the biggest companies that we had, we lost not too long ago. That was the Western Container Corporation. That was huge and it had a major impact on both the airport and the industrial park. And the city itself; that was one of the biggest taxpayers we had in the city. They had over 100 people working there and 40 or more trucks going in and out every day."

Several of the companies still at the airpark worked closely with Western Container. Now that that company has left, they've had to find other customers.

"Phillips Fabrication is located out there as well. It's a company that works with oilfield-type activity, as well as companies like the one that just departed, Western Container, and any other company or activity that needs the manufacturing of metal parts," Little said. "They are still there and they are very active at this time. Ryder Trucking is a company that, they primarily serviced the Western Container Corporation when they were here, and when the Container Corporation left, we expected them to leave, but they've got a contract with a variety of companies now, and so they service their trucks and they are probably a permanent resident on the airpark."

When another company left recently, a company in the wind turbine business moved into their building.

"Desert Tanks left about a year, year and a half ago, and we inherited the building from them. Their company wasn't able to continue and we received the building back," Little said. "We did get a new tenant that's coming into the building. They have, and we're working with them on this, done a total modernization on that building itself. All of the sliding doors have been removed, walls put in with access doors you can drive in and out. It's a company called Moventas Inc. They already have



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The photograph above shows the sign for the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park.

a presence in town here, but they're expanding and bringing in activities they had in Oregon and elsewhere, and they'll be consolidating here in Big Spring."

Little said Moventas' presence at the airpark might be temporary; but Big Spring will still reap the benefits.

"When they get everything here, they're interested in moving close to the highway, so this might be a temporary facility that they're using," he said. "In the process, though, they're bringing it up to standards. We're proud of that building, and when they finish in two or three years, I think we'll have a real nice building to market after that."

Ceram-Kote and Endurance Lift Solutions are a couple of other companies that make their home at the airport.

"Ceram-Kote Coatings, that's a company that's been here for a good while. Used to be Freecom, and they've expanded," Little said. "Endurance

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Lift Solutions, that's a fairly new company. They bought out the Production Solutions activity that we used to have here. They are operating now, and they have several buildings. They're doing well. They're a contributing member of the community and the airpark at this time."

Many of the companies at the airport are oilfield-related, Little said.

"PrimeEco are on the airport in the industrial park area, and they are a company that is out of the Houston area. They manufacture products that are used in the oilfield, and also they have some new line products that can be used on the highways and in highway construction and other utilizations," he said. "They occupy several acres on the airport, and I think they will be a long-term resident. Hopefully their products will sell well. As the name would imply, all of their products are biodegradable and meets all the green standards of this day and time."

Fort Worth Pipe Services handle pipe for the oilfield.

"Fort Worth Pipe Services are part of the Savage Corporation, they came in and got established. They have lay-down yards in a couple or three different locations on the airport. They've expanded, and they're doing some work with oil trans-loading as well at this point in time," Little said. "They're a very aggressive company. They're doing well. What they do, they bring in their pipe by rail, primarily. They have a lot that are coming in by truck as well. Then they'll trans-load it from rail to the truck they need to haul it out to the oilfield with, or to the location they'll be installing the pipe."

One product oil drilling operations need is sand.

"Hi-Crush is a sand company. They are very active here. Most of the product that they've been bringing in has come from up in the Montana area, or elsewhere, in the past, but they're now developing and they've got some mines going to the west of us here that they're actually bringing it up and shipping it out, bringing it wherever they need in the oil patch here," said Little. "But they've been doing a big business here. They and one other sand-type company have been the largest companies in the city of Big Spring in recent months. They are a long-time resident. They've been here about four years at this point, and I think they are doing well. They rail brings in the sand in cars, then they trans-load it in this operation and they haul it out by truck."

Many of the companies at the airport make use of the railroad to transport their products. That activity is facilitated by Big Spring Rail Systems.

"Big Spring Rail Systems is a company that is now kind of handling the rail activity that we have. They've been a godsend. We've been working, we the city, for years, trying to get the rail attention and get their support in terms of activating the spur that comes from the primary rail into the airport," Little said. "Union Pacific was very interested in going from coast to coast, and they really didn't care very much about the idea of stops along the way, especially to service a small operation like the city of Big Spring. But this company, four or five gentlemen, they've had experience each one with the major rail companies."



The photograph above shows the main entrance to the Big Spring Air Terminal.

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The photograph above shows the Big Spring Rail System building.

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Big Spring Rail offered the suggestion of a short line railroad.

"They came in and they offered their services, and their primary suggestion was, 'You're not going to get anywhere as a city by itself, but if you establish a short-line railroad, then if you connect into the main line, then that main line would be required by law to provide services to you,'" said Little. "So we got in bed with these guys or vice versa, and we got the short line railroad established, and the result of that is, right now we have more rail activity than we can accommodate. We're building more rail to accommodate that on a daily basis. At any rate, it's been a godsend to have that group of people here, and right now, it's working out well."

While many of the airport's tenants are oilfield-related, the airport itself derives some of its operating money from oil.

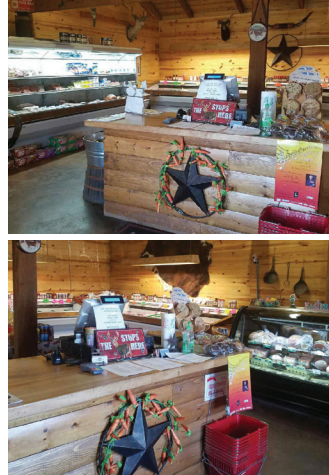
"We have a number of oil wells that are on the facility," Little said. "If you've driven around out there, you've seen these small, fairly shallow well type operations. We do have them operating. They were down for maybe a year or so, but they are now operating again, part of them are, and we are getting revenues out of them. In addition to them, we now have some outside activities. We have sold the mineral rights for the use of the property underneath the existing airport. Companies have bought that out and they do have horizontal drilling that goes underneath the airport. The revenues that are generated under the airport do go into the operation

and the maintenance of the airport. They are not open for the city's general budget. We'll be using the funds to bring us up to standards at the airport, and possibly do some things that we would not otherwise be able to do."

Of course, there are several prisons taking advantage of the broad swaths of land the airpark offers.

"We do have the Federal Correctional Institution that is here as well. A big operation. They occupy a good number of acres in the middle of what used to be Webb Air Force Base," said Little. "Some of those buildings that were here, they were hospitals. Now

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they're things like commissaries and other types of buildings for the prison system."

In addition to the federal lock-up, privately run state prisons run by the GEO Group call the airport home.

"GEO, they've been here for a good number of years. The prison activity. They have three different units that are located on the airport by itself," Little said. "They have Flightline, Airpark, and the Cedar Hill. Cedar Hill is actually off the airport, what used to be the airport property, but just adjacent to it. Those are in place, and they're in the process of expanding the number of prisoners that they accommodate."

Big Spring's SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, a college accommodating people with hearing disabilities, is located on the grounds of the former Webb Air Force Base as well.

"We do have SWCID, which is on the property area that used to be the air field, and we're very proud to have them as part of Big Spring and part of the airpark," Little said.

Some of the airport's more aviation-related activities include Lone Star Aviation, the U.S. Flight Academy, and the Big Spring Airport Terminal itself.

"Lone Star Aviation, that's a facility that we have on the airport that works on airplanes, services and fuels airplanes, and does everything that's needed," said Little. "They do have rental car activity now that is a very needed service for the airport. People come in to Big Spring, they fly in, and they have to get a car to Midland. That's hard to get. They're providing that, in addition to the aviation."

U.S. Flight Academy is a pilot school located on the airpark.

"The Flight Academy, he's been here for a good period of time now, over 10 years," Little said. "A small operation, but he has several airplanes that he does use to train students. He's had students from India that have been working and flying out of there. It's always a positive thing because everybody's wanting to fly. Everybody gets a bug at some point in their life that they would like to. Not a whole lot of people do, but, again, this is an opportunity if they would like to take advantage of it."

Built in 2001, the Airport Terminal is a modern facility that handles all management of the airport and industrial park.

"The renting, the management of the activity all the way across. The airplanes that come in, they check in at this location, and they are provided whatever services they need here," Little said. "The terminal, again, it's a modern facility. It's one we're proud to show off for Big Spring. It got built in the 2001 time frame, and it's one that when people come in even today, they say, 'How new is this? When was it built?' I've had other airport people come in and see it and want to get in touch with the designer that built it for us because they like the design a lot."

Many locals are most familiar with the aviation museum at the airport, Hangar 25.

"Hangar 25, this building itself was one that, back in the 1999 time frame, we did take advantage with the city and the airport board, of a grant offering that TXDoT had related to transportation to be able to restore that building," Little said. "It is now the museum that we have that has the type of airplanes that represent all the activities we had on the air base, the bombardier training and the pilot training for the Korean and Vietnam eras."



The photo above shows the drive-thru window at the new Cornerhouse Coffee location at Mighty Wash, formerly Mighty Joe's Coffee, located on 1000 Scurry St.

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The photo above shows the now open signs displayed in the new Cornerhouse Coffee location at Mighty Wash, formerly Mighty Joe's Coffee, located on 1000 Scurry St.

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we can work together," he said. "Cornerhouse is assuming the whole building. We have the same staff, same recipes, and the same great-tasting coffee (voted Best Coffee in Big Spring in 2017), and our same four core values: quality, consistency, convenience and community. We'll be adding something to the new shop in late April, and all I'll say about that right now is that it will be a good addition to the shop and something that people will really enjoy."

Knudson says that although business has been great, the one struggle Cornerhouse Coffee continues to deal with is the fact that people can't seem to find their new location.

"We're going to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and we're open the entire 12 hours with no

breaks," he said. "We appreciate corporate America, and we appreciate Starbucks, but we just feel like there needs to be a locally owned and operated option for people, which is why we originally opened in the first place."

According to Knudson, when they first opened there was nothing on that scale dedicated to coffee. Since then, others have come along and tried to put their hat in the ring as far as coffee is concerned, so they are proud that they were able to blaze the trail and get the coffee game started in town.

"When we started, there was nothing but now there are various folks in town doing this, including Starbucks. We plan on staying in this location and maximizing it for years to come."

Although Knudson is currently the pastor of Life Church in Big Spring, there is no affiliation between the church and Cornerhouse Coffee.

Mighty Wash offers various services at their locations throughout the West Texas area ranging from car washes, tire services, hand dry services, free vacuum setups, detailing, and lube and tune work. Mighty Wash is known as the most innovative car wash in the West Texas region. Their motto is "We have you, your car and your wallet's best interest at heart!"

According to Knudson, joining his business with the car wash has been a great experience so far, and he foresees great things ahead for Cornerhouse Coffee.

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# A West Texas Treasure

By **ROBERT BARLOW**

If you have ever ventured beyond Big Spring further east, you may have come across a little store known as Stagecoach Gifts. And if you have never been into the store, you are missing out on a local business that carries novelty gifts, DVD rentals, but most of all it carries some great memories from everyone in the community.

Something that has become quite a rarity in our digital age, Stagecoach Gifts among other things, is a DVD rental store. In addition to that Jason Campbell, the store owner who has worked at the front desk since it first opened, also carries one of the biggest if not the only selection of VHS rentals this side of Texas. While a significant portion of the population enjoy the convenience of renting movies digitally, it makes you wonder what keeps people coming into the store again and again.

Opened in August 1984, Jason Campbell had long wanted a store that meant more to people than just the products it carried. In his childhood he recalled visiting stores that had more of a personal drive behind their business than simply numbers. He knew that he wanted a store that people could visit and enjoy themselves even if they didn't purchase anything.

"I wanted this place to be a memory for people," said Campbell. "I've watched kids start out in here renting movies, grow up to have kids of their own and then come back renting movies with them."

One of Campbell's jobs during his time at Texas Tech University was at a gift shop called Coach House Gifts, from which he attributes some of his inspiration for creating his own store.

When the store first opened it was actually located on fourth street, then it made its transition to the Big Spring Mall before finally settling into its home at the corner of Moss Lake Rd and the South Service Rd. The building had originally been a restaurant before Campbell took over. The shop also only carried miscellaneous gifts and novelties when it first opened up. The final store located in Sand Springs carried what Campbell referred to as "more trendy" items for the time.

"It was a lot more trendy back then, we carried a lot of Madonna, Michael Jackson posters and T-shirts," said Campbell.

Not long after, he decided to start renting VHS tapes out of the store and that is when business really took off for him.

"I can remember in the nineties on Fridays and Saturdays this store would be packed with people renting tapes," he said.

The original store was about half the size of what it is now. It wasn't until 1992 that they built on another addition, and around the same time he started selling snow-cones. The snow-cones themselves have been a big part of what makes the store so popular with its customers especially during the summer and they haven't changed since he first started making them.

However it didn't stop there, in 1985 during a period when the store wasn't bringing in as much money, Campbell had the idea to open up a firework stand out front.

"The gift store wasn't making much money so we needed to supplement it with something," said Campbell.

I have personally been going to this shop since I was a just a little kid. Although some of the items may change with the times, the store itself has remained the same since I first walked into the door. For some customers I think they come back for the snow-cones, some customers make their yearly visit for the fireworks, but most customers keep coming back because of the people behind the desk.

It was about 13 years ago the shop picked up its only other employee, Jeanie Thompson. The shop's attitude must be contagious because she has the same friendly manner that Campbell has instilled in the store. However you may also find Campbell's dog helping at the front desk, who has been an honorary employee since she was rescued.

If you walk into the shop today, you will be immediately overwhelmed by the amount of movies, which is a good thing for the movie buffs out there. The next thing you will probably see is either Jason or Jeanie smiling from behind the front desk. The store also carries every movie snack you could



The photo above shows the storefront sign at Stagecoach Gifts located at 6914 S. Service Rd. here in Big Spring. File photo



Store owner, Jason Campbell, stands at the snow cone station inside Stagecoach Gifts. File photo



Photographed above are a few of the many DVD and movie rental options Stagecoach gifts has to offer. File photo

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# No-frills coffee shop comes to downtown Big Spring

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

Instead of heading to your nearest corporate coffee chain for your next morning or afternoon caffeine fix, try new local option at Main St. Coffee. Big Spring native, Sherri Kinsey, recently opened her business after seeing a need for a coffee shop that would satisfy the city's need for a straight-forward approach to enjoying a classic American beverage.

"My husband and I talked about opening a coffee shop for years but never could find a location for it," said Kinsey. "We started seeing some action, and a lot of people hanging around the downtown area, so we thought that might a great place to open one. There are lot of people in the Big Spring area, specifically people like me who are their 50's, that like just coffee and aren't attracted to places like Starbucks."

Starbucks is a multinational coffee chain that found a new home in Big Spring late last year. The Seattle-based chain is known for specialty drinks like Frappuccinos, lattes and espressos. Starbucks' primary target market is men and women aged 25 to 40. They account for almost half (49%) of its total business.

Starbucks' appeal to this consumer age group through hip, contemporary design that is consistent in its advertising and décor, and working to keep its products current as status symbols. Out of the desire for a coffee chain alternative, the idea for Main St. Coffee was born.

According to Kinsey, her husband drinks coffee with people in the 50 to 60 age range every day.

"A lot of people around those ages just want a place where they can go

and visit, and drink coffee and relax," she said. "We wanted a very homey feel where people could just sit back, enjoy a cup of coffee, and conversation. We've also attracted a lot of the younger generation that like specialty coffees, so we do have some of those as well."

Main St. Coffee is currently run by Kinsey and her husband. They're the only two employees at this time.

Sometime this summer, Kinsey hopes to incorporate more activities into her business.

"We want to do open mic nights, game nights, and live entertainment from time to time," she said.

As for changes to the menu, Kinsey says she'll probably just stick to coffee.

"We do have danishes, but because of our location, we don't want to be in direct competition with The Mayo Sauce Diner across the street. I think we'll just let them do their thing and we'll do ours. We would like to see a bakery open up in the area though."

Owner of one of Big Spring's newest coffee shops prides herself on the business' DIY aspect.

"We wanted to do this as a homemade business; something we do hands-on without any premixes or anything and anything we make is completely by hand."

Originally opened in 1930, Hotel Settles closed their doors only to reopen them again in 2012. Since the reopening, local attention has turned to the ever-growing downtown Big Spring area. Restaurants, bars, cafes, and boutiques downtown continue to flourish and new businesses are showing up in the area every year.

"When Hotel Settles reopened, it

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File photo

Owner, Sherri Kinsey, is pictured in front of her new business, Main Street Coffee.



File photo

Terry Kinsey, husband of Sherri Kinsey and co-owner of Main Street Coffee, stands behind the coffee bar where he mixes up handmade drinks for patrons.



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Shown above are some of the masks and gag-gifts that Stagecoach Gifts has on display.

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imagine to pair up with your rentals.

If you wander further back you will notice the gift shop side of the building which has costumes, collectibles, t-shirts, and kids toys. Tucked away in the gift store section hides the famous snow cone machine which has been going strong since the shop opened.

It has just about every flavor you can think of, plus some you would have never been able to come up with. If you purchase nothing else, I urge you to try what I boldly say is the best snow cone you will have in west Texas.

Although the shop has added many features since it opened, it still retains a retro, nostalgic theme. Whether it comes from the massive VHS collection, the selection of gifts and collectables that span from the last couple decades, or maybe its the classic posters you will see strung across the walls. Whatever it

may be, the patrons who come in wouldn't have it any other way. For some people Campbell and his shop is just an extension of their own family.

You could spend an entire day in here looking at things around the shop and never get bored. I can remember buying magic kits and prank gifts when I first had money to spend, all the way until now it still remains the place I go for movies, snow-cones, and just to visit with everyone there.

Campbell spoke about how he wanted a store that had an impact on the people who came in. He wanted a store that brought people back for the memories, not just the products. I'm sure a lot of people would agree with me when I say he accomplished just that.



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Shown above is the bar inside Main Street Coffee. Bar guests can expect to be greeted by owner, Terry Kinsey, as he hand makes the customers' drinks.

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seemed to generate a lot of interest," said Kinsey. She expressed that she thought because of the success of nearby businesses like The Mayo Sauce Family Diner, The Train Car Cigar Bar, Desert Flower Art Bar & Lounge, Blue-Eyed Buffalo, and Queens of the Dude Ranch, she too might be able to open a successful establishment of her own.

One elderly Main St. Coffee patron, Barbara Cole, has nothing but positive things to say about the new shop.

"I thought the man making coffee was very friendly," she said. "I liked the western-themed décor and the coffee was good. It's nice to have a place for my age demographic. The coffee is reasonably priced, and you can get free refills on some of the selections they have there. It's a good place for friends to gather and have coffee and visit. I like the location, and I feel there was a need for a business like this in the area. It's also good for the other businesses nearby. I think it's great the owners of this shop and other businesses around there are trying

revive Main St."

The quaint little coffee shop sits near the intersection of 3rd and Main St. Upon walking into the shop, you'll most likely be greeted by the friendly man behind the counter, Terry Kinsey, husband of Sherri Kinsey and co-owner of Main St. Coffee.

Customers have the option of being served at the bar or sitting at a traditional dining table.

"It's a nice place for people to come and relax," said Terry. "I do all of this by hand- I make the froth for the drinks by hand, I had mix drinks and hand-pour it. We have a space upstairs that's great for small or large groups to have meetings, but anyone is welcome to go up there."

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays Main St. Coffee is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We did a lot of research to make sure prices were kept low for the public, so everyone could afford it," said Sherri. "We're big supporters of our own community so we want to support our local entities, and I think the majority of people in town feel the same way; they want to support their local mom and pop businesses."

## Pizza Inn Continues Building Momentum



Courtesy photo

Photographed above is the Pizza Inn building here in Big Spring on FM 700.

### Special to the Herald

With more than 60 years of service under its belt, Pizza Inn has seen its fair share of positive and negative growth. But with the unveiling of its new game-changing strategy, the brand is making high-level decisions and building progressive momentum in growth and sales.

"Pizza Inn continues to hit on all cylinders and our buffet concept is seeing significant growth," said Pizza Inn President Bob Bafundo. "Increased traffic and consistent same store sales growth is creating new development opportunities for both existing and new franchisees. We are now ready to take next steps, focusing our development activity in markets where Pizza Inn is successful, or previously had success and significant brand awareness. Our 'Take Back Texas' initiative speaks to this strategy, focusing our efforts on small, rural markets throughout the state. We feel we have similar opportunities throughout the South."

Pizza Inn has introduced a number of new initiatives in the last year including its All-Day Buffet initiative last quarter. All-Day Buffet has been a traffic driver and franchisee feedback has been positive.

Also, the company recently announced a new concept - PIE - developed as a complement to the brand refresh and expansion initiatives at

Pizza Inn. With convenience stores driving a \$575 billion industry with 70% of sales attributed to in-store purchases, PIE allows Pizza Inn to diversify its footprint and allows the iconic brand to reach new customers.

PIE is geared towards convenience stores but is also a good fit for airports and entertainment venues. The first location will open next month in the Fort Lauderdale Airport.

"We have a working strategy in place are seeing impressive results," said Scott Crane, Chief Executive Officer of Rave Restaurant Group, parent company of Pizza Inn. "Pizza Inn has experienced four straight quarters of positive same store sales and comparable store retail sales increased 2.7% last quarter. As our new initiatives gain traction, including our 'Take Back Texas' campaign, we believe we have an opportunity for significant results."

Additionally, international development is showing growth, with two new Pizza Inn locations added this quarter.

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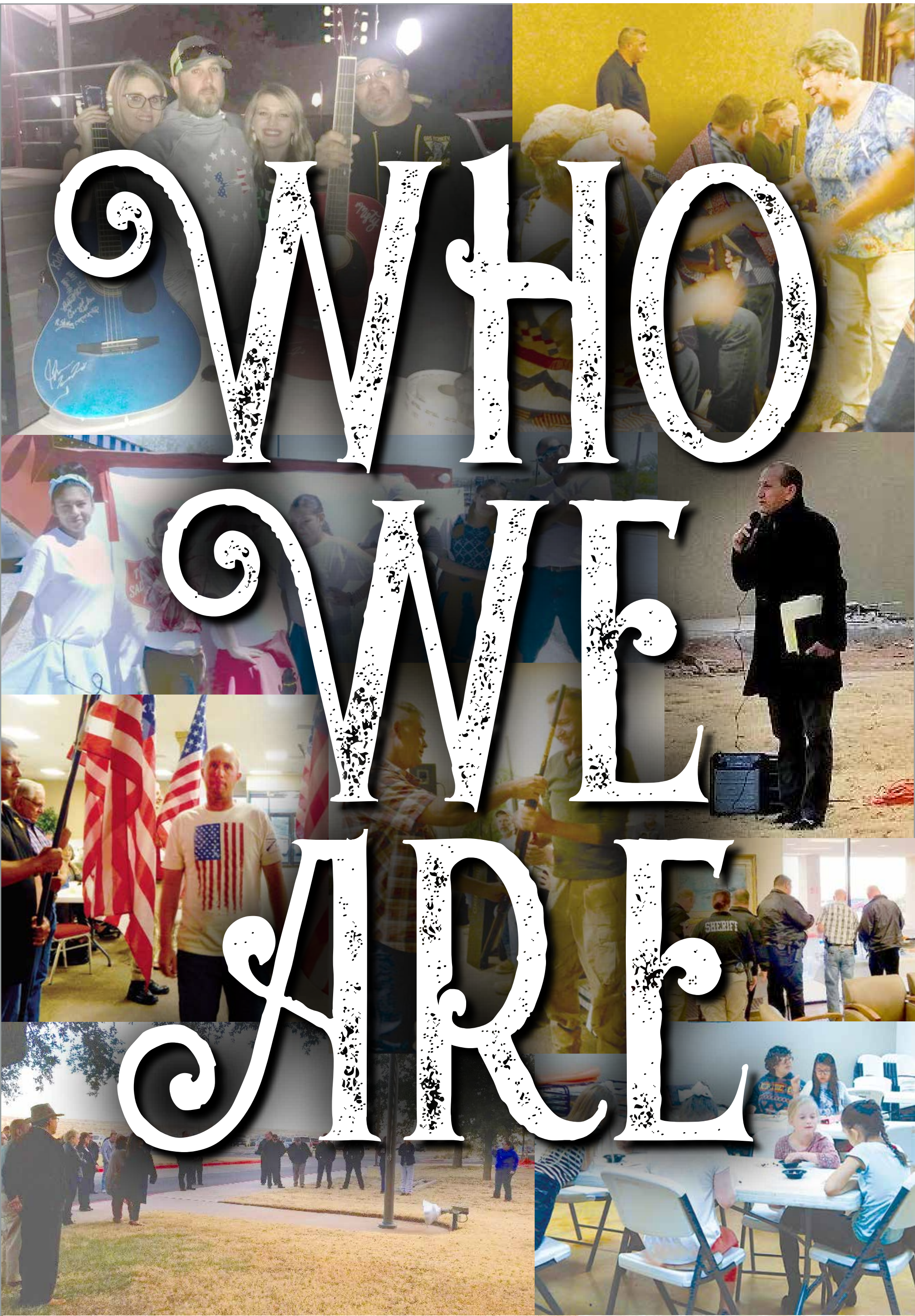
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The photo above shows Flores standing under the Torii, which is the gateway of a Shinto shrine with two uprights and two crosspieces near the summit of mount Fuji.

# Local conquers Mt. Fuji

By: **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

The Lone Ranger, Batman or Superman are some of the characters that we stereotypically constitute as heroes. They are known to fight with courage and without fear of death, destroying the enemy within a blink of an eye, coming to the rescue at just the right times, and doing courageous acts of feats. Sometimes we are unable to identify who they are underneath the masks and disguises. Yet, we are fascinated with them for their "courageous acts" and ignore the real heroes that surround us on a regular basis. I'm talking about the cops, nurses and firefighters just to name a few, and not to mention the brave individuals who make up our military.

A hero is someone who fights to keep loved ones safe, and who strives to make the world a better place to live

in. There are heroes everywhere, and it's always worth mentioning when a local hero attempts an extraordinary and courageous feat and conquers it.

When Big Spring native and Navy Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer, Martin Flores, had the opportunity to climb Mount Fuji in 2017, he decided he had what it took to accept the challenge of climbing one of Japan's highest mountains head on. In the end, he emerged victorious and came out on top, literally.

Flores has been serving in the Navy for the past 17 years. He was deployed last July and came across the opportunity to live in Japan. Upon arrival, Flores was asked if he wanted to go on a hike. Flores had a funny feeling that this hike had a catch to it, and he asked where they would be hiking. The answer he got was, Mount Fuji. It took only seconds for

Flores to give his answer.

"Hell yes," said Flores. "I was nervous and didn't know what I had gotten myself into, but I was so happy and my answer was a quick yes."

Mount Fuji is a distinctive feature of the geography of Japan, which lies about 60 miles south-west of Tokyo and can easily be seen from there on a clear day. Mount Fuji is actually an active volcano located in Japan, but hasn't erupted since 1707.

At 12,388 feet, Mt. Fuji is the highest and most celebrated mountain in Japan. Mount Fuji's exceptionally symmetrical cone, which is snow-capped for about five months out of the year, is a well-known symbol of Japan and it is frequently depicted in art and photographs, as well as visited by sightseers and climbers. It is arguably the most perfect volcano

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By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Managing Editor

While the Forsan High School boys varsity basketball team represented their school with their successful season on the court, they've also made it a point to represent themselves in a much more meaningful way.

The team's motto this year was 'Serve, Honor and Compete'. While the team contributes around their community by picking up trash on the highways and helping out at school events, head coach Cory Richardson, along with his assistant coaches, found a way to fulfill their need to serve and help others outside of their area, and also in a way that the players could gain a little something from it as well.

On the last weekend of December, 2017, the Buffs made their way to their biggest tournament of the season, The Fibermax Classic, which is held annually in Lubbock, Texas. While the tournament was important to the team, they also had something else on their mind.

During their stay in Lubbock, the Buffs paid a visit to Grace Campus, which is a non-profit organization that partners with other ministries and organizations in an effort to assist the homeless. If you're not that familiar with Grace Campus, it is a place that provides emergency and transitional shelter for the homeless in the Lubbock area, and who's goal is not only to provide shelter and food for these people, but to also come alongside these individuals, help them realize their potential and ability to live an independent life, and positively contribute to society.

"Serve, Honor and Compete. The competing part, that's easy. We go out

## Serve, Honor and Compete



Courtesy Photo

Above are members of the Forsan varsity basketball team at Grace Campus in Lubbock, Texas.

and play hard, but the serving part is different. We had a Christmas list of things that we wanted to accomplish as a team, and it included doing things for people who weren't able to do those things for themselves, but also to do something in person," said Richardson. "To throw money at something to help out, but not even really knowing where or who it's going to, is kind of easy to do at times. To actually give up your time, to go and meet these people and listen to their stories is different. To me, that personal interaction is what is way

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## Local DAV offers services and advocacy programs for disabled veterans



File photo

During the 2016 DAV Dove Hunt, a local honor guard assembles to pay tribute to the four veterans honored at the event.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Created in the aftermath of World War I, the Disabled American Veterans (originally the Disabled American Veterans of the World War) was formed to provide assistance to veterans suffering from severe injuries, blindness, deafness, or mental illness as a result of their service in the war.

The organization officially began Sept. 25, 1921, and received a Congressional charter on June 17, 1932. Today,

the organization provides benefits assistance and advocacy, as well as outreach programs including a Homeless Veterans Initiative and disaster relief grants, to millions of veterans nationwide.

Big Spring's DAV unit, the O'Neal-Kunkle chapter, was formed in 1950 and continues to work in concert with the VA Healthcare System locally, and through their regional office in

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**BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
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THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU.**

Matthew 6: 33



# Recognizing our hometown heroes



Courtesy photo

**Local officers stand with staff members of SMMC during the National Law Enforcement Day ceremony held in January, 2018.**

By ERIN STEPHENS  
Staff Writer

Every year on January 9, partnering organizations across the country that support law enforcement officers promote National Law En-

forcement Appreciation Day (LEAD).

In honor of LEAD, Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical Center held a ceremony to honor our local heroes that protect our com-

munity. The ceremony consisted of a short prayer, led by Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center church, and was then followed with a breakfast prepared by the Yellow Rose Café in the main

lobby of SMMC. Law enforcement officers from Howard County were in attendance, along with SMMC staff.

"Law enforcement officers are faced with a difficult task of protecting the communities they live in. These officers display a sense of honor, humility and courage on a daily basis. Stopping for a moment and showing them our appreciation is only a small token of gratitude," Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing manager, said. "While there are no words that will express the gratitude that these officers deserve, we couldn't think of a better way to say thank you than to start their year off feeding their body and their soul with a small

prayer and a hot meal."

This past January of 2018 was the second year that SMMC has hosted this event to honor law enforcement officers. The entire community is invited every year to attend this special ceremony, and to join in recognizing all law enforcement officers.

Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. National Law Enforcement Day gives the community an opportunity to thank them for their service and offer a token of respect.

Aside from January 9, there are several ways that you can show your support any day of the week, like send a note of thanks to your local, county or state police agency, wear blue, turn your social media

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Waco, to provide many types of assistance for local veterans.

"Rent, utilities, groceries, bus tickets, car repairs, we have helped some veterans get a CDL license. If we can get them with a CDL license, you can get a job in West Texas," said local DAV Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley. "Any disabled vet, whether they're drawing a disability or not, if they were hurt in the military, should give us a chance to file a claim for them. We can get that done through our service representative at the VA. If you don't have a disability but you want to help vets, we also have an auxiliary that meets are the same time. We're always looking for people to become a member of the DAV, whether it's the auxiliary or our main group. Anybody's welcome. We need the numbers."

The DAV and its auxiliary meet once a month, Tarpley said.

"We meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30 at 2207 Runnels," he said. "It used to be the Haven House. There was an organization that had it and they would let families from the VA stay there through the night if their loved one was in the hospital. They actually gave that building to the DAV."

Tarpley, injured in the Vietnam War while serving as a member of the 101st Airborne, has been seriously involved with the local chapter for about 10 years, he said.

"I've been a lifetime member for several years, but after I retired, that's when I really became involved," he said. "I've seen our numbers dwindle significantly over the last 10 years. The World War II guys are passing on, and the Korean War Vets are passing on, and the young guys, we can't get them to step up yet, so there's just a handful of us that are making things happen. But we're slowly but surely getting one here and one there that want to be a part of our organization."

The purpose of the DAV is simple – helping veterans, said Tarpley.

"To represent the veterans in Washington D.C. is one of the main functions that we do. To make sure that they have a voice. Of course, having a voice... everything in politics is driven by numbers. So the more people we can get to join the DAV, the more number base we have and the more we can do for veterans," he said. "The local chapter, we have a representative in the VA here that will help veterans file their claims with the VA. And we share offices with the VA in Waco, the DAV does, and our representatives are back and forth, making sure the claims go like they should. When a veteran files his claim with the DAV, you just turn it over to them and they take care of it. You don't have to do any groundwork after that. You might have some appointments for physicals and things like that, but they'll take care of it."

Many veterans are distrustful of organizations, he said.

"So many veterans, they're leery of the VA, they're leery of any organization," he said. "They need to realize how much numbers count. If you go to the VA and sign up, you're a number. If you go to the DAV and sign up, you're a number. Those numbers make our VA here more accessible and make sure it stays, and those numbers also help the

DAV represent our veterans when it comes to Congress."

The local DAV chapter holds fundraisers and programs throughout the year.

"Right now, everything's just kind of in the 'Go' mode. We've had our fundraisers, and of course our Dove Hunt and our 9-1-1 Service, that's always in September, so we're just kind of coasting right now," Tarpley said. "But it's an ongoing deal trying to get funds so we can help the veterans with rent and utilities and groceries, maybe get a car fixed or a bus ticket or whatever."

The lion's share of the chapter's funds come from fundraising drives held in the spring and the fall of each year.

"We have fundraisers twice a year; Forget-Me-Not drives," he said. "Mainly we're in front of Wal-Mart accepting cash donations, and we have people within the community that send us checks for those two drives. Those are our main fundraisers, those two dates. We normally have spring and fall."

Those wishing to donate to the local DAV can contact Tarpley at 432-556-2227 for more information.

"They can get ahold of me and I can give them an address to send the check, or they can get it to me and I'll get the check to the place it needs to go," he said.

A program that has been a big hit in recent years is the annual Dove Hunt the DAV holds for veterans. The event typically brings together four veterans, gives them a chance to talk and "exorcise their demons" for a weekend while participating in outdoor hunting activity and receiving accolades, honors, and gifts from the community.

"We've had four so far and they've been real successful," Tarpley said. "The men who go through it – we bring four veterans at a time in – some of them suffer from PTSD. We've had real good feedback from their families that it's changed their lives, coming through the Dove Hunt program. That one, we have people who help us with that and give us funds. We raise quite a bit of money through the Dove Hunt. We get most of the stuff donated, so any money that's left from that, we just put it in the coffers to help the veterans."

The DAV is also responsible for the annual 9-1-1 Service held at the Spring Town Plaza shopping mall.

"Of course, the 9-1-1 Service, we just had, I think, the 11th year of that. That's not a fundraiser at all, but that's just strictly a time to honor the men that lost their lives in the War On Terror from here in the Big Spring area," Tarpley said. "It's become a pretty staple event here in Big Spring. People want to make sure it's going to happen, and they'll be there."

The 9-1-1 memorial installation at the mall was built by Tarpley himself, he said.

"There's a memorial that I built 11 years ago, with the yellow ribbons," he said. "We have the service right there in front of the yellow ribbons."

And, of course, the DAV is on hand to provide any incidental services veterans might need.

"Not anything that's scheduled; things may pop up," Tarpley said. "Veterans can go different places, like the VA, and get help, but they're 8 to 5, they're closed on Saturdays and Sundays, they're closed on holidays, but we're available all the time."



File photo

**Lisa Brooks, representative of former U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, presents a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building to a veteran at the 2016 DAV Dove Hunt reception dinner.**

## 14TH AND MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST



The one word Clark Tatum, the preaching minister of the **14th and Main Church of Christ** uses to sum up the rich and unique history of the congregation is "excited." The church first began to meet in Big Spring in 1912 and the members continue to share their excitement about the marvelous ways God has worked and is working in the church family today. People, are important to us as they are to God – first, last and always.

The family of God that meets at 14th and Main is rich in relationships and Clark invites you to join with them in **the ultimate adventure of following Jesus**. Growing together he says, "We worship, we laugh, we learn, we serve, and we reach out to encourage everyone with the good news of Jesus. We strive to be known in this community and the surrounding areas as a church that unquestionably loves God and that love is evidenced in our daily interaction with people."

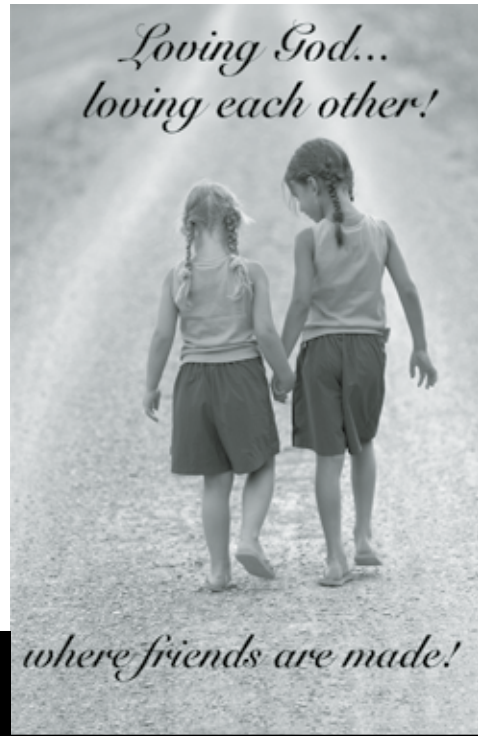
The church at 14th Main is a non-denominational, independent congregation that desires to be known as a church that loves God, His Word, people and strives earnestly to be faithful to their calling as Christians. The church family believes Jesus abiding in the heart of a person can make a positive difference in life at home, work, and in the neighborhood.

The church calendar hosts many enjoyable and enriching activities for children of all ages. The youth are encouraged to do various service projects and outreach ministries as they share their lives by attending retreats, camps, devotionals, and assisting those in need. Mr. Tatum says, "We do not think of our teens and preteens in the family as the church of tomorrow, but as the church of today."

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- Sunday Bible Classes.....9:00 AM
- Sunday AM Assembly.....10:00 AM
- Sunday PM Assembly.....5:00 PM
- Tuesday Ladies Class.....10:00 AM
- Wednesday Bible Classes.....6:30 PM

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Courtesy Photo

Shown above is Martin Flores as he stands on top of the 12,388 foot tall Mt. Fuji in Japan.



Courtesy Photo

Josh Jesters (right) and Martin Flores (left) are all smiles as they stand on top of Mount Fuji.

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cone in existence. With that being said, just because it is pretty doesn't mean it is an easy climb.

There is a saying they have in Japan about climbing the mountain, "Once a wise man, twice a fool."

"It took me five and a half hours to climb up. I had a few obstacles climbing up," said Flores. "It took only two and a half to climb down though. This is by far the furthest and highest mountain I had ever climbed. It was an awesome experience, yet it was hard."

Flores climbed the mountain with his friend of many years, Josh Jesters, who just happened to also be stationed in Japan at the time.

"I truly felt like I was flying because I was on top of the mountains. I let go of a lot, and I learned a lot while being up there," said Flores. "Even though I'm terrified of heights, that didn't stop me. A few can say they climb Mt. Fuji, and now I can add myself to those few."

Flores added that only one thing would have made it better, if he had his wife along side him as well.

"It was a great experience and something I will forever cherish," said Flores. "I just wish I would have had my wife there with me. Even though she called me crazy for doing it, I know she would have done it with me too."

Flores and his wife, Tiara Flores, who is also active duty Navy, are both lovers of the outdoors and are always doing outside activities together. The running-enthused couple had just recently finished a marathon in Mexico City with plans on doing another marathon in Portugal or Ireland. Compared to climbing Mount Fuji, a marathon will probably be a stroll in the park

for Flores, pun definitely intended. "The climb meant so much to me," said Flores. "It has been my highest and greatest hike. It definitely was not easy, but it was by far the greatest."

When Flores isn't out climbing mountains or protecting his country, you can find him relaxing with his family, wife, and their five "kid dogs," Levi McCoy the Labrador, Jade Lynn the Doberman, Dallas McClinton the other Doberman, and last but not least, the great dane twins Gronk Witten and Dakota Belle.

Reflecting on all of Flores' past accomplishments, he expresses that he couldn't have done half of the things he's done without the support he has received from the ones in his life who mean the most.

"I have to thank my mom and dad, Maria and Luis Flores, for letting me leave and signing for me to make my choice a reality when I was just 17 years old," said Flores. "I have met the best of friends and I have visited many different places. It hasn't been easy, but I have learned a lot in my life. Thank you."

Even though Flores thanks his parents for all they did for him, it is important to be thanking the ones like Flores for their bravery, and for being one of those local heroes around Big Spring.

What is the first thing that comes to mind when the word hero is said? Probably every language has a word for hero, but there is only one true meaning. The word hero is "showing a brave spirit or courage", especially when hard times occur. Being a hero is not only what people do, but how they do it.

Our history shows the length that our military is willing to go to ensure that their country and loved ones sleep soundly at night. They are true heroes.

## There is always hope



Courtesy photo

Shown above is Timothy Underwood (Left) with his niece, Misty Brosh (Right), who donated her kidney to Underwood in order to save his life after discovering one of his kidney's was failing.

By ERIN STEPHENS  
Staff Writer

It started as a seemingly ordinary morning for lifetime Big Spring resident, Timothy Underwood. That was until Underwood was rushed to the hospital after his wife, Angela Underwood, found him unresponsive in the home they shared with their two children. The news he would later receive at the hospital turned his and his family's lives upside-down; that he only had one working kidney and needed to start dialysis treatments immediately.

"My husband is never sick and hasn't even had surgery or anything medically serious occur before this. Our family was completely caught off guard by this terrible diagnosis," said Angela.

"When we found out about Timothy's kidney, I was working as a traveling trauma nurse. After the shock wore off and we gathered our thoughts, we made a plan for how to handle this. I made the difficult to decision to quit my job and stay home to take care of Timothy full-time. Our insurance didn't cover home healthcare, so it made more financial sense for me to do this."

Angela and her husband visited livingdonor.org, a website they found through Baylor Scott & White Hospital of Dallas, TX in search of a donor match. Through this website, they found out that Timothy's niece, Misty Brosh, was a match.

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more important than any amount of money or food that we can donate for one day to anyone. I want our kids to connect with people, and I saw that opportunity and thought we need to jump on this."

Prior to their visit, the Buffalo basketball program received donations from the kids, parents and also a few community members and businesses to help them come up with the food and supplies they needed to bring to the shelter.

"They also needed paper goods, paper plates etc. so we were able to bring that kind of stuff in for them as well," said Richardson. "Different people in town gave monetary donations, but mostly our kids and coaches just gathered everything we could from the list of supplies that they needed and filled up on different things to bring."

While the teams that Richardson has coached

before in his 24 years have done all kinds of different things to serve, such as visit veterans homes and hospitals etc., this was their first time to visit Grace Campus and to really get hands-on with something like this. Richardson was pleased with the way the kids were so eager to be involved, and how they really went the extra mile.

"The way they had it set up, we served the meal and the people went and sat down. Other volunteers were like, 'okay y'all can be done now', but our kids went above and beyond. We cleaned up and then the best part of the night happened, which was really talking to these people and getting to know them. Our kids actually did it on their own after our assistant coach kind of started it," He said. "He went and sat by a lady who was sitting alone and just started talking to her. The guys followed his example and went out and just met different people and started listening to their stories. That was an im-

portant part of the entire experience to me. I think that shows that these kids weren't just there to get their picture taken or be in the newspaper or anything. They were actually there to serve a purpose, and I think their hearts showed."

One of the coaching staffs' goals on this day, and every day for that matter, was to have a chance to make a difference in not only the lives of the ones in need, but also in the kids' lives too. They accomplished that.

"We had a long discussion about it afterwards also, that yes we helped them for one day, and it was just one meal out of one day, but these people are struggling with this every single day," said Richardson. "They may not know where their next meal is coming from. So when you go on with your world, they are still stuck where they are at. So be conscious of that. See some of the needs out there that people have, and don't be afraid to help them."

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Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - Noon • 1:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:30 a.m. - Noon • 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

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Monday - Wednesday Morning Prayer.....8:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study.....10:30 AM

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# Big Spring Salvation Army 'Paving the Path' to a brighter future

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Big Spring's Salvation Army has always been a go-to resource for Big Spring and Howard County residents.

The faith-based organization – part of the worldwide Salvation Army – provides a food pantry, after-school and summer educational support through the Boys and Girls Club, rent and utility assistance, and holiday assistance with the Angel Tree program and holiday meals, among many others.

Now the Salvation Army is reaching out to area residents for help with these endeavors, as well as new future plans.

"Our vision is the 'Pathway of Hope,'" said local Salvation Army commander Capt. Josh McKain. "It's a program that we're offering in Big Spring. The goal of it is to provide resources to families and individuals, to give them some economic stability through training, education, recreation, and spiritual care."

Those resources cost money, and the Salvation Army can't make it happen without the support of local residents.

"We're providing services to Howard County, and we're rolling out with a new program to allow convenience for donors to help us with as little as \$5 a month. Our goal is really at \$20 a month, which is \$240 a year, to help us with providing these services and these resources," he said. "Part of those include the services we already do, like the Boys and Girls Club, the food pantry, our rent and utility assistance, and some of the services that we offer through social services."

McKain said that traditionally, most of the Salvation Army's support from the community comes during the Christmas season, and the program will be a way to give the organization a reliable monthly revenue to be able to provide resources to those in need year-round.

"The initiative is called 'Pave the Path.' Members of this community are helping us, and they'll help us pave the path to a brighter tomorrow for an individual in need," he said. "We have a lot of support through Christmas; we have a lot of support through spe-

cific events and things that happen: our dinners, Angel Tree...but we don't have a whole lot of monthly commitments and support. Our mail appeal is not very strong here in Big Spring. So this is a way to invite people to take part in this year-round. Again, with as little or as much as any one person can afford."

Local businesses will be part of the plan, McKain said.

"We're going to promote it through Facebook. We're also going to just walk into businesses that we have great relationships and explain to their HR or talk to the directors of different departments, or the managers, and just say, 'Hey, you guys know what we're doing. Would you be willing to help us? Or can we make a presentation to your employees?' It might work through the lunches that we host at our facility, where we give them a tour and explain our programs and our services," he said. "We've got some great connections and people trust us. I feel like we're getting to the point where we've built some pretty good connections, and I feel like if we go to people and bring them over to our building, they'll say 'Yeah, I want to be a part of that.' Again, it's as little or as much as they can afford. The option is available for them to do a one-time donation, but we're looking for monthly donations so that we can know what we'll have coming in on a monthly basis. That's especially important over the summer."

McKain hopes that the program will develop into a long-term poverty-reducing initiative, he said.

"Organizations – and the Salvation Army's guilty of this – we've done a really good job of band-aiding problems. Kind of giving the immediate need, which is important," he said. "But Salvation Army is sort of transitioning into a long-term solution for families to get out of poverty, to help them and to provide resources for them to overcome poverty. Pave the Path is just a way that will help us with that."

For more information about Pave the Path or the Salvation Army's other programs and services, call the local headquarters at 432-267-8239 or visit in person at 811 W. Fifth St.



File photo

**Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Director Duane Shackelford speaks to kids at the club's after school program in 2017.**



File photo

**Mayor Larry McLellan drops some money in the familiar Salvation Army Red Kettle at the start of the organization's Red Kettle Campaign during the 2017 Christmas season.**

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Brosh is a registered dental assistant and currently resides in Azle, TX with her husband Brian. Misty and Brian Brosh have 6 children, 5 of which live at home and one who is attending college.

"When I first found out that I was a match, I was excited. There was never any hesitation on my part about being a donor. I was never nervous or scared about any part of the procedure, and normally I'm a big ball of nerves. As soon as I found out Timothy was sick, I told his wife that if I'm a match, I'll donate a kidney," said Brosh.

Brosh went on to discuss how she discovered that she was a match for her uncle, and what an honor it was to do such a special thing for such a special person in her life.

"There was a Facebook event called 'are you his type'. They had a link on the page where you could go and fill out your medical history through a survey from Baylor, and then you get lab work done to see if you're a match," she said. "My uncle is an amazing man and we grew up more like brother and sister, so I really never had a second thought about doing this. I think my uncle Tim is a great guy, and he has a four year old daughter who needs her dad to be healthy so he can run around and play with her."

Timothy was first diagnosed November 18, 2016. At the time, the Underwoods knew they would soon face surgery and post surgery expenses, along with maintaining their home in Big Spring as well as the apartment they stayed in during Timothy's recovery near by the hospital that the procedure was done in (Baylor University Medical Center).

For help with the hardships that accompanied Timothy's diagnosis, the Underwoods contacted former Big Spring resident and event promoter, Barney Dodd, for a little guidance on how to organize a fundraiser. Fortunately for the Underwoods, their story didn't stay a secret for long.

"I own a promotion company based out of Abilene called BAD Events, and I do business regularly in Big Spring," said Dodd. "I first met them at a local band competition I promoted at The Train Car Cigar Bar, and I noticed they were at my event every night. I appreciated that they were

there supporting this event, and I am always happy to help anyone in need like this, so I was eager to offer them support in return."

Dodd took matters into his hands as he, along with the help from community members and local businesses, put together a benefit for the Underwoods and helped get the word out about their story. He contacted newspapers, CBS 7 News, and local radio stations. Thus, Kidneyfest was created.

Kidney Fest was held at The Train Car Cigar Bar, located at 100 S Main St. in Big Spring on Feb 3, 2018. The event was filled with live music, tasty food, a silent auction and people everywhere enjoying each others' company. Bands in attendance at Kidney Fest were Hawg Legg, Spur 327, Forgotten Road, Eddie Austin, J.R. McNutt, and Adrian Calvio.

The event was a big success. Many residents of Big Spring attended to show their support, and along with donations from local business, family and friends, the Underwoods were able to focus on Timothy's recovery.

The transplant took place February 13, 2018 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, and all went extremely well. Misty Brosh has been recuperating at home. Tim and his family stayed in the apartment near the hospital during his recovery so that his progress could be closely monitored.

"As Big Spring always does, our community stepped up to help upon becoming aware of a need. There are too many people, businesses and organizations to thank individually for fear we will forget someone. This miracle could not have taken place without the love and assistance of our generous family, friends and community," said Angela. "I'd like to give a special thank you to Misty Bosh for this gift we'll be forever grateful for, and my sister-in-law, Sheila Underwood, who went above and beyond what any of us expected of her through all of this. Sheila has been there for our family and has supported us in every way possible, without any complaints. If I could let people know anything, it's that yes, something terrible happened to our family but if something similar happens to yours, don't give up because there is always hope."

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channels blue or shine a blue porch light to show your support.

Locally, the men and women in blue are working daily to serve and protect Howard County residents. Patrol Sergeant Chris Mahurin spoke briefly about his experience as an officer of the law.

"I wanted to become an officer because I felt it was an opportunity to be involved in a noble profession. I've always looked up to and supported the people I came into contact with who were doing the job," he said. "I've been working in law enforcement for the past 17 years and I'm currently in charge of the identification division, which is a job I took in August. My new position is something new and different for me, and I always enjoy the challenge of doing something new."

According to Mahurin, no two days in the life of an officer are the same, which keeps it as interesting as it is rewarding.

"We never know what kind of calls we're going to get, so everything we do is different on a daily basis; you have to be very diverse in your knowledge and skills," he said. "As far as this job goes, the most rewarding days were the ones when people would come up and thank us for what we do. Overall, we have very positive things going on here. I'm happy to serve, and I am especially happy to serve in Big Spring. Our citizen support base here is phenomenal."

For a little history on LEAD, the two-year old holiday was founded in 2015 to thank officers across the country for all of the daily sacrifices that they make for their communities. Many organizations throughout the United States such as: Concerns of Police Survivors, the FBI National Academy Associates, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Association of Chief of Police, the Officer Down Memorial Page, Law Enforcement United, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, International Conference of Police Chaplains, and National Troopers Coalition, just to name a handful, all support and take part in LEAD.

Since then, so many more organizations have joined forces to support LEAD and to spread encouragement and respect to these dedicated men and women. For anyone interested in becoming a police officer, contact training coordinator Phil Whitten at 432-264-5557 or visit the City of Big Spring website and look up information about the 'cadet' program. Cadets will go through an academy, and once finished, they'll pass a state exam to become an officer.

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Mahurin

## Holy Trinity Catholic Parish



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# Fighting the fight against child hunger

By: AMBER  
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Staff Writer

Food2Kids has one simple goal, which is to feed hungry kids.

In Big Spring ISD, over 70% of students who are enrolled in public schools are on free and reduced lunch plans. It's great that public schools have such programs and plans available to help provide meals for children during the week, but what about when those children go home for the weekend? Many kids go home on Fridays and have no substantial food to eat until Monday morning when they return to school for breakfast. It's not too controversial of a statement to say that kids need to eat. Therefore, Food2Kids lines up volunteers from around the community to help sack food to send home to kids every Friday.

"We're hoping to get the entire community behind this effort," said Muffet Bomar, president of the board of directors of the local Food2Kids group. "The mission of Food2Kids is to feed hungry children and provide them with meals that will last through Friday and will help them get to breakfast Monday at school." With the help of the community, Food2Kids can provide more food to more children in need.

The Texas Partnership for Out of School Time, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of after school and summer of children across the state of Texas, wrote that children who live in food insecure households can be academically inclined to repeat a grade, have higher rates of absenteeism, are more likely to receive special education services, have lower energy and memory problems, and have lower rates of high school graduation. In the working career, a high school dropout will earn \$500,000 less than a high school graduate, and \$2 million less than a college graduate.

"When we fulfill the basic needs of kids, they have the opportunity to perform better in school," said Bomar. "Children are our future; help us invest in their future."

Members of the community can take part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple of hours and the work is very rewarding.

"Volunteering is for all ages," said Bomar. "We usually have something for almost anybody. We have had elementary age students come, we have had Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, and the Presbyterian Church usually has a group there who helps, just a lot of people."

People of the community can help by either donating time or donating money through First United Methodist Church, who launched Food2Kids back in the Fall of 2014 in order to address the problem of food insecurity in BSISD.

"Food2Kids first began as a pilot project at Goliad Elementary School in November 2014, said Bomar. "By God's grace, we're now providing food to kids at each elementary campus in Big Spring!"

Texas had the 8th highest rate of childhood food insecurity in 2014 with 1,821,820 children (25.6%) living in food insecure households. As a proud state



Volunteers of Food2Kids work together to fill bags of food for the schools in Howard County

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Volunteers of Food2Kids work together to fill bags of food for the schools in Howard County

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known for taking care of our own, we can and must do better. The need is great, and our goal to eradicate hunger in our region is even greater.

Twice a month members of the Food2Kids community gather to fill sacks with food for those kids. Each Friday, teachers discretely place the sacks into the backpacks of children who participate in the program.

Another place in Big Spring that offers food services is Isaiah 58, of First Christian Church, which is a food distribution facility located at 809 Scurry St. For more information about Isiah 58 call (432) 263-4758.

The Salvation Army is also another food distributor and is located on 811 W 5th and can be reached at (432) 267-8239 for more information.

Last but certainly not least is the St. Vincent De Paul, which is another food distribution service located at 1009 Hearn, and can be reached at (432)270-5029.

Being hungry is a very real issue. Even though it is often read about and people know it is a problem, it can be hard to fathom just how painful and real hunger is, and how it can effect day to day life.

While there are those who suffer from hunger by life choices made, no one chooses to be hungry. Hunger can occur for any number of reasons, such as a family health crisis not covered by health insurance. 67% of households reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care at least one time in the past 12 months. 30% of families face this choice every month.

Another reason is the costs of living and housing, especially for those who are disabled or on a fixed income. 62% of households reported choosing between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage at least once in the past 12 months; 30 percent face this choice every month. Sometimes seniors find themselves unexpectedly raising grandchildren, 20% of households are headed by grandparents who have taken on the unexpected responsibility of raising their grandchildren. Or more likely the case is a single parent raising their children all by themselves.

If you need food assistance, it is there to help everywhere, and to help not let children go hungry. It's encouraged to use the services offered by the organizations who distribute food. These places are here to help you, and offer a powerful network of resources.

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink...' "The king will reply, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did to me"

Jesus, Matthew 25:37-40.

For more information about Food 2 Kids, how you can get food services, or how to volunteer call, 432-935-3998.

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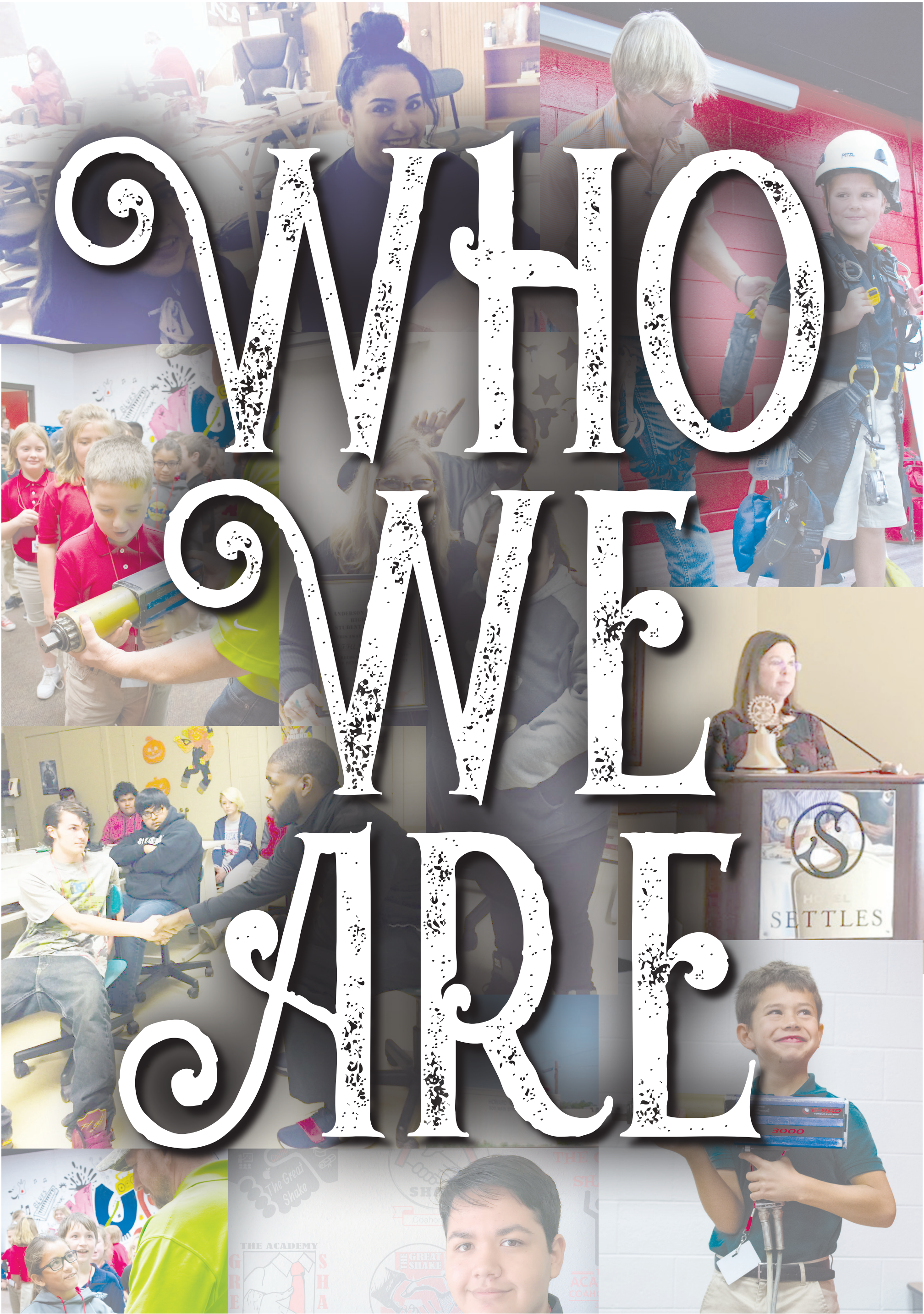
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# New downtown park and plaza coming to Big Spring



This computer-generated model angles from north to south, showing the entryway, water feature, and gazebo of the planned downtown park to be located between the Settles Hotel and West Texas Centers on the west, and the Municipal Auditorium and City Council Chambers on the east, and bounded by Third and Fourth streets on the north and south.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Imagine heading down to the town square on a Sunday afternoon to have a picnic, hear a band play, or celebrate a local festival. It's the stuff of small-town mythology, and it's on its way to Big Spring.

The area between the Settles Hotel and City Hall will soon be a gleaming green jewel of parkland for local residents to enjoy.

City Manager Todd Darden discussed the project – which will be jointly funded by the city of Big Spring and Cap Rock Holding Corp., a company owned by G. Brint Ryan. Through another venture, the

Settles Hotel Development Co., Ryan bought and restored the famous Big Spring landmark, the Settles hotel.

The park and plaza will be located between the Settles Hotel and the West Texas Centers for MHMR administrative building on the west, and the City Hall and Municipal Auditorium on the east. On the north and south, it will be bounded by Third and Fourth streets, respectively. The section of Johnson Street between Third and Fourth will be closed and incorporated into the park.

According to Darden, the park – which is as

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# A glimmer of hope for our students' education

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
Staff Writer

"There's no hope for me."

"I might as well just give up and drop out already."

"Who needs school anyway?"

These are just a few of the unfortunate mantras that are all too common among "at-risk" students in today's education system. There's so much focus on a school's star athlete, outstanding academic accomplishments, and music or art-related competitions, that the population of students who struggle to meet the "status quo" often go unnoticed and are even neglected in some cases.

Former superintendent for Big Spring ISD, Chris Wigington, and former Big Spring High School principal, Erin White, had a vision to open a school specifically for disadvantaged and/or underperforming students in the area. Both, Wigington and White, saw the need for an additional campus that would fulfill this role in the community. After careful consideration, a former kindergarten center in Big Spring was chosen as the location for what is currently known as Anderson Accelerated (AA).

The current Anderson Accelerated Principal, Heidi Wagner, was previously employed as the district testing coordinator for Big Spring ISD before being approached about a possible new position as the principal of AA. Wagner accepted the position as principal, and the school opened to students by January, 2017 as an AEP campus.

Shortly after opening, she sent a proposal to the Texas Education Agency in hopes of operating as an alternative campus that would offer something called the "FLEX program", along with the pre-existing Alternative Education Program model. Wagner's proposal was eventually approved for the FLEX program that following May.

The Alternative Education program (AEP) at AA accepts students who qualify for admittance, along with the Optional Flexible School Day Program, otherwise known as the FLEX program. Although both programs operate under the same roof, they're very differ-

ent from one another. School counselors may refer students to the alternative campus, or students can fill out an application for themselves if they believe their circumstances might qualify them.

"Our AEP program sees mostly students from Big Spring High School who are at risk of dropping out of school for various reasons," said Wagner. "Our FLEX program is more for students who have already dropped out of school and have a desire to come back and graduate."

The AA campus is unique in that it will accept former and current students all the way up until age 25.

"Our main goal is to provide an education option for those who need it," Wagner said. "We encourage kids to come here and work at their own pace using our online learning program called Odysseyware."

The school principal believes that the learning methods offered at her school might help students see the light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. The online learning format is currently the only format offered at AA, but their eventual goal is have a more blended model that would include both online and "direct teach", which is in-person instruction by qualified educators.

Wagner has worked in the education system for 26 years. Her resume is lengthy, and it consists of various positions she's held at Austin ISD, Fort Worth ISD and Big Spring ISD. Utilizing her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and passion to improve the lives of at-risk youth, Wagner is on a mission to change the educational landscape here in Big Spring.

"In my 26 years as an educator, opening this school and working with our kids has been the most rewarding part of my career," she said. "For years, I was a single mother of two boys who had their own set of challenges in school, so I understand where these kids are coming from and have a great rapport with them. One of my past jobs required me to work with at-risk youth at low performing schools in Fort Worth, so I gained a lot of experience in that area. I'm currently in charge of 'dropout prevention'



Above, Justin Carl (left) and Coach Joe Bright from Anderson Accelerated (right) shake hands during a class.

for Big Spring ISD, so I oversee strategies related to that issue."

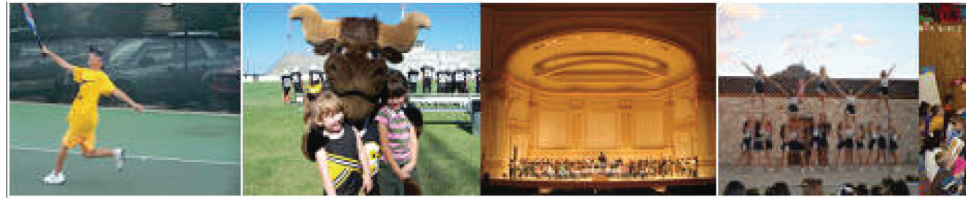
Wagner went on to discuss the transformation she'd seen in some of her students. When asked if any students came to mind, she immediately brought up a girl by the name of Tiffany Olivares. Tiffany came to AA as a repeat 9th grader from Big Spring High School. She was considered an at-risk student because she came very close to dropping out of school. A handful of concerned faculty members from BSHS told Olivares about an opportunity for her at a new alternative campus in the city's district that would cater to her needs. Unhappy with the traditional format at BSHS, she decided to attend AA upon hearing about their self-paced online learning option and a few other differences the alternative campus had to offer.

"My experience here has been great, and you get to go at your own pace so there's no feeling of being rushed," said Olivares. "I think this learning environment suits me a lot better, and I would recommend it to other students who feel

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# PARK

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yet unnamed – will include an outdoor pavilion suitable for small-venue concerts, grassy areas, parking, and a gated area for private events.

"During the day, when we're not having any performance or use of it, it's open to the general public," he said. "We'll be using the parking for our City Hall parking lot. If you want to go over there and eat you a sandwich right there in the grass, it'll be open. Green grassy areas, half of it, and parking on the other half, primarily for City Hall on one side and West Texas Centers on the other."

Darden said the project, at this point, has a projected total cost of about \$3.7 million. Although the arrangement was originally a two-thirds/one-third split, with the city paying one-third of the total cost, Darden said the agreement limits the city to a \$1 million outlay. The rest of the cost will be borne by Cap Rock Holding.

"I think (Ryan) said \$3.7 million," Darden said. "But we're only on the hook for our \$1 million. We can't go over that because that's what we originally agreed to."

Negotiations currently underway with Cap Rock holding involve what exactly the city's portion of the cost will consist of.

"I believe we've answered their questions, and now the lawyers are just putting it into the terms that are required in order for us to move forward with the negotiations and sign the contract," said Darden at the Feb. 13 city council meeting. "We look within the next month to be making the announcement."

Darden explained some of the negotiations that have gone on between Cap Rock and the city.

"What he basically wanted from us was \$1 million cash. It was a two-thirds/one-third split. Our one-third would be a million," Darden said. "Brint has said that we can do a portion of ours in-kind. What we're trying to do right now is nail down what that in-kind can be. It could be materials and labor, it has to be associated with public use, those kind of things. We're even talking about a long-term lease with an option to buy."

The idea for the park originated with Ryan, Darden said.

"Brint was interviewed by our consultant, and one of the things that he brought up...this park/plaza was one of them," he said. "It's not the first time he and the city have talked. The first time, he wanted to lease the Auditorium and he wanted to manage that and do a renovation of that. Of course, he got engulfed with the Settles project. That was right at the kick-off of that project. I think he probably got a little overwhelmed with how much time that was taking. Brint's idea was to have that entertainment area. Brint's idea then flourished into being a part of our comp plan, addressing entertainment, addressing parks and recreation."

Darden said the park is part of the city's ongoing plan to improve quality of life in Big Spring. Other quality of life projects undertaken in the past by the city include the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center in Comanche Trail Park, the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, and Morgan Park. Most recently, the Historic Spring restoration was completed in November 2017.

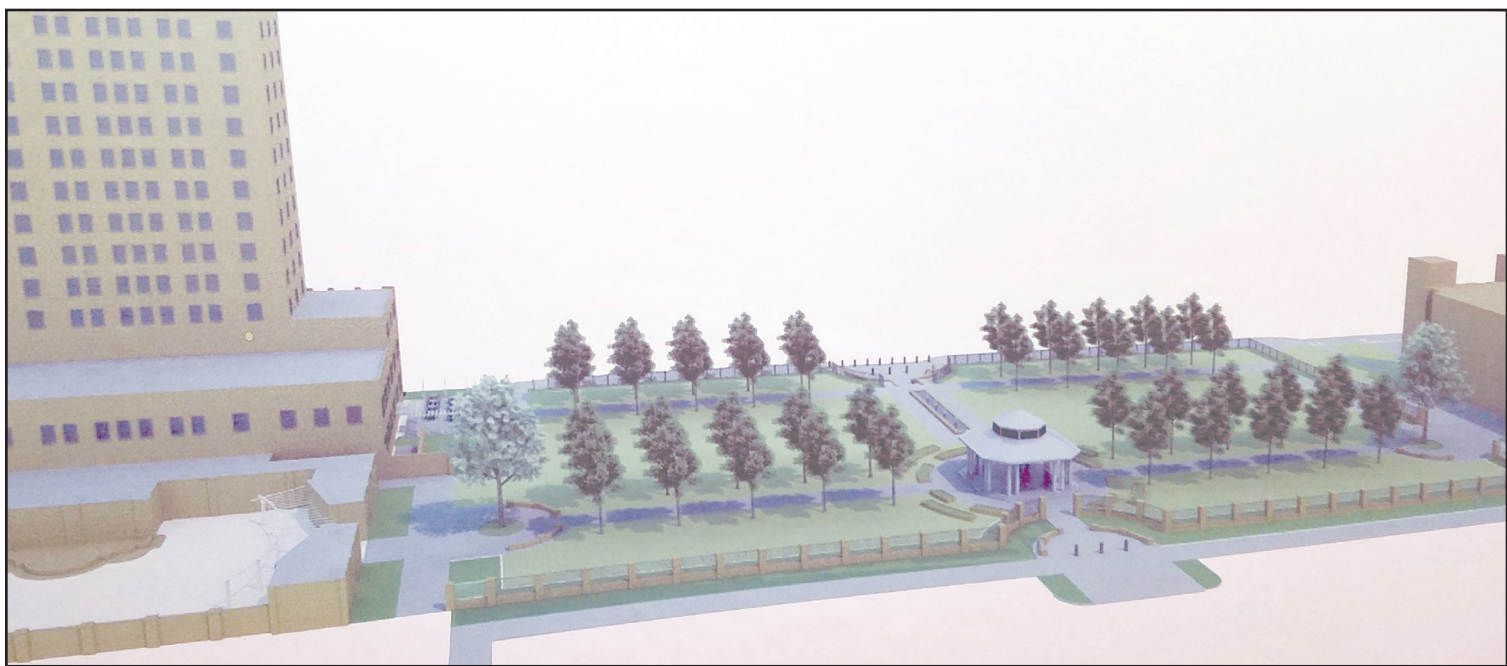
"Kitchens Group did a survey for us, and there were certain things on there we asked Big Spring residents about, and one of the things that was number one on the list was entertainment," he said. "You may have the jobs here, but if you want them to live here, you've got to have good restaurants, good schools for the kids, good shopping places... And it doesn't have to be anything near like what Midland and Odessa have, but you've got to have some good quality stores for them. Entertainment is one of those quality of life things that is essential to a community's sustainability and survivability."

Darden said that Brint Ryan helped with designing the city's request for proposals for the project. The RFPs were sent out in February of 2017.

"We sent out the RFP based on what Brint saw as the concept. He sent us a sample RFP that he had done with his development company," he said. "We didn't use it entirely, but we certainly used elements of it."

Ryan's Cap Rock Holding was the only company to submit a proposal in response to the RFP, which was accepted in October.

"We didn't send it with the idea that Brint was going to get it. There were some other developers that were in



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**This computer-generated model shows the entire proposed downtown park. Additional parking will be located to the south of the park near the bottom of the image.**



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**The Settles Hotel forms a majestic backdrop for the proposed downtown city park in this north-west-looking computer-generated model. The park will be used for concerts and gatherings, as well as open recreation during times when there's not an event planned.**

the game and playing around this area. But nobody sent in a proposal except for Brint," Darden said. "Right now we're in the process of negotiating that final concept based on what the council directed us to do. They accepted his RFP and authorized us to negotiate the deal and bring back the final contract. That's what the attorney's working on now."

And that's where the project lies, currently. Darden said as soon as the details are hammered out, he will present a contract for consideration by the City Council.

"As soon as the lawyer gets done with it. Brint keeps calling and asking the mayor, 'When are they going to be done with it?'" said Darden. "I'm hoping...it won't be on this next meeting, but maybe the last meeting in January, possibly. Possibly. When we would have, hopefully, a contract for the council to sign."

After that, things should go quickly. "Brint anticipated about six months of construction," Darden said.

Part of the city's obligation could include relocation of a secondary water main running under Johnson Street.

"We've got a 12-inch transmission line in the middle of that street that's going to have to be addressed," he said. "It'll be sitting right under where that pavilion is going to be. If you're going to build a \$180,000 pavilion, why would you want a water line running under it? I'm thinking Johnny's (Wommack) probably going to go down to the alley here on Nolan Street. That's what I'd do."

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**This photo shows where the proposed city park will be located, downtown between the Settles Hotel and the Municipal Auditorium. Several buildings, including the current Big Spring Municipal Courthouse, will be demolished; and South Johnson Street between Third and Fourth streets will be closed to make way for the recreational area.**



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# Guaranteeing Howard County access to knowledge

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

They say you can't judge a book by its cover. You also can't judge a library's value to its community by simply its books. Several libraries in communities all over the nation offer services that go beyond just finding a good read, even though patrons appreciate the importance of a good book as well.

Though in an increasingly digital world, librarians are starting to see their role as community and cultural centers at times undervalued and occasionally under fire. When shrinking municipal budgets combine with the nonstop technological revolution, public library services that focus on building community face-to-face experiences, inspiring and educating patrons about art, literature, and music, and helping patrons engage in civil discourse can seem quaint. But it is precisely those shrinking budgets and the onslaught of technologically mediated life that make public libraries' cultural and community offerings more important than ever.

Howard County Library (HLC) can be among those libraries that offer so much more than finding adventures in between pages of paper, and also exists to give the fullest service possible to the greatest number of citizens. By obtaining this goal, the Director and staff have endeavored at all times to have a clear sense of purpose, a substantial knowledge of the collection and a great desire to be of service. HCL always tries to do their part to meet



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

The photo above shows the Howard County Library, located at 500 Main Street here in Big Spring.



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The photo above shows a look inside the Howard County Library where they took part in National Nutrition Month (March) and showcased many books related to the theme.

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Shown above is Principal Heidi Wagner (left), Coach Joe Bright (back row), and AA student Tiffany Olivares (right) who is being presented with the student of the month award.

## HOPE

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they've run out of options. The atmosphere here is such a positive one, and it's just kind of different overall. I'm thankful that a school like this exists in our community for students like me. My attendance issues have improved since I started at AA, and I've advanced to the 11th grade. I plan to graduate with my high school diploma once I finish all of the required courses."

Teachers and other staff at the alternative school are working diligently to ensure the students placed with them don't give up on themselves or their education. One teacher, who is extremely familiar with the alternative education process, uses her expertise to steer students in the right direction.

"I'm a K-12 teacher, so I'm familiar with all subjects," said AA teacher Pam Gonzalez. "I assist with self-paced courses, and provide assistance to students in core subject areas and electives as needed. I love what I do. This is my passion, working with at-risk kids, just like Principal Wagner. I can see it in their expression on their faces after they finish courses and when they graduate."

Gonzalez has been working with at-risk youth for the past 10 years.

"I started working in the disciplinary alternative education program (DEAP) at the beginning of my career," she said. "In DEAP, teachers monitor kids and help them with work as needed. It's a program that every school district is required to have. I was a monitor for this program for about 4 years at BSISD. We've expanded our program at AA to

who don't seem to thrive in a traditional classroom environment, whether it's due to demanding schedules, family obligations, or other circumstances that affect their ability to achieve success during the school day. The curriculum enables educators to address diverse student populations with varying academic abilities, whether they need remediation or enrichment, helping them stay on track to graduate.

According to Gonzalez, a boy in her class named Colton Chappell, was one such student who seemed to excel in school once he was presented with the alternative form of education that AA offered.

"He came to us through our DEAP program at Big Spring as a 7th grader," she said. "He started out with a few disciplinary issues, but once he saw how easily he could finish these courses, he became more motivated. Colton is now 14 and currently a freshman. He's turned into one of my model students. He's totally different now, and his old teachers can't even believe the change in him. He wants to be our first student to graduate by age 16. He has some high goals, and if he continues to go the way he's going, he'll hit them."

Gonzalez believes big things are in store for AA in coming years.

"Being that this is our first year, we hope that within the next three years, we can do more to help students, like bring in more core teachers and receiving more community involvement," she said. "Word is getting out and we're getting a lot of students that are filling out applications and wanting to attend here. We recently had a representative come from Herff Jones to talk about caps, gowns and class rings, so we're looking forward to having



Courtesy photos

Shown above is student Ruby Galaviz (left) and Maribel Gomez (right) during a class at Anderson Accelerated.

helping 7th through 12th graders on our new campus."

Gonzalez is the resident expert on Odysseyware, the computer program that students access their curriculum through, and has personally seen the difference that it has made in her students' lives. Odysseyware is great for students

our first graduation soon. We should have about 7 to 10 grads this year, and I think that's great."

The alternative campus is set to host their first graduation May 24th of this year.

In a far from perfect education system, school's like AA represent a glimmer of hope for the population of students who previously felt invisible among their peers. Until the day comes when traditional campuses begin making more accommodations for at-risk students, there will always be a need for alternative schools.

## Heritage Museum of Big Spring



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HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield  
 The head librarian at the Howard County Library, Mavour Braswell, is introduced to the public at the Settles Hotel as she shares with the public her goals for the Howard County Library.



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

The photos above show different areas of the Children's Library, located inside the Howard County Library, where different events and activities are held for the little ones.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

Here shows the library lab offered to guests of the Howard County Library. The lab may be used to do internet research, make resumes, apply for jobs and much more.

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the informational, recreational, and cultural needs of the people of Howard County through the appropriate print and technological resources, and cultural events that adhere to our modern digital age and era.

One way HCL is keeping up with all of the digital hype is by offering ways for children, teen, and high school kids easy ways to study, sources for book research projects and much more from both the library and also by using HCL's online website. The library offers tools such as books, a computer lab, online research and homework help for kids and teens. For adults, HCL now has help available on creating a resume or assistance on updating an existing resume. Also, always available to everyone is HCL's extensive collection of books that range from today's best sellers, classics, nonfiction, magazines and so much more.

Howard County Library acquires and makes available materials that will inform, educate, entertain and enrich County residents. Since no library can possibly acquire all print and non-print materials, HCL must employ a policy of selectivity in acquisitions. HCL provides (within its financial limitations) a general collection of reliable materials that embrace broad areas of knowledge. Included are works of enduring value and timely materials on current issues. Within this framework, selection is based on community demographics and evidence of areas of interest. New formats will be considered for the collection when a large part of the population has the neces-

sary technology to make use of the format.

HCL offers many different events for the community to enjoy. Such events such as the HCL read alongs, and story times available for caregiver and their children to come and enjoy.

"It's a great thing to start to love to read early on in life," said Donna Downing, head of the Children Library at Howard County Library. "We have a lot of fun things planned out for kids besides reading that we think the little ones will really have fun doing." Some of those activities include Nursery Rhymes, finger puppets, ABC's and more.

"We know little ones don't have long attention spans, so we tried to keep that in mind when we choose the activities," said Downing. "We choose easy fun activities that a caregiver can do easily with their child, and stories that will appeal to 18 months and younger." Every Wednesday the Library has a Story Time for Children at 10:15 a.m., in the Children's room.

"For this event, we welcome and encourage kids of every age and their caregivers to come and see how fun story time can be," said Downing. "We are always trying to grow in numbers and expand volunteers to come during story time and help." Story Times are free events offered to the public by Howard County Library.

Other amenities available to HCL members are:

books on tape or CD, members are able to rent videos and DVDs, and an adult literacy program is provided at the Howard County Library conducted by Mr. Paul Smith. For complete information on this program, please contact Mr. Smith at 268-1270. HCL offers summer reading programs. Also HCL has two (meeting rooms that are available to civic, cultural and educational groups. You must be a citizen of Howard County in order to reserve a room. HCL also features a Display and Exhibits case to the public. Displays and exhibits of different forms of art, hobby collections, and historical and/or informational presentations are always welcome at the Howard County Library. The Library has two display cases available. Contact the library director for details.

There are those citizens who believe that any community is a better place in which to live if that community has a library that provides for its needs. They believe in the value of books and reading and see a library as an impartial, reliable information center; they

look upon it as a dynamic agency for the education of children, young adults and adults. A modern, well supported library is a basic necessity in a progressive community.

*The Howard County Library is located at 500 S Main St., and their hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Saturday and Sundays. For more information about these events call Howard County Library at 432-264-2260 or go online to HCL website at <https://howard-county.ploud.net>.*

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# Students explore the wind energy industry

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Coahoma ISD

How do you climb to the top of a wind energy turbine? You do it one rung at a time along with using a lot of upper body strength, according to Invenergy employees Forrest "Chip" Hubbard and Eric Kline.

The two men recently visited with students at Coahoma ISD's Academy to speak about the wind energy industry.

"A wind turbine generator is using the wind to create electricity," Kline told the lively group of students listening to his presentation. "A wind turbine generator turns the power of the wind as it's spinning around and converts that power into a generator and use of electricity so you can turn on your lights."

"And watch TV," one student interjected.

"And watch TV," Kline echoed. "And do every-

thing else you guys do. One thing we as Americans especially do not want to give up is any of our stuff and our stuff uses electricity."

Invenergy has 33 wind farms in North America and Canada with several in Texas alone. The company also has farms in Uruguay, Scotland, and Poland with active developments in Japan and Mexico and owns solar farms, natural gas plants, and battery storage systems.

"Our two primary methods of creating energy are solar and wind," Kline said. "Wind is strong right now. Solar is on the rise. You will see more solar farms around here."

Wind farms use the power of the wind - a renewable resource - to create electricity unlike traditional methods which use up natural resources to help power the electrical grid, Kline said.

The turbines are placed on very tall structures

rising around 200 to 300 feet from the ground. Kline asked the children to guess how long it would take a person to climb the 270-rung ladder leading to the turbines.

"Six hours," one child said while another student cried out, "five and half," and others said "a day," or "a year."

"You guys are slow climbers," Kline quipped. "It only takes 15 minutes to climb to the top. If you are in really good shape, you could make it in about half that time."

Safety is paramount for workers on the job, Kline said, so employees clip onto two cables before climbing: the first one is for safety to halt downward movement if the climber slips or falls and a second, called an assist cable, provides weight relief.

"So it actually takes 50 to 75 pounds of weight off of us as we climb," Kline said. "Doing that, we can get up the tower with a lot less energy, so we are fresher to do our jobs and it makes just it a lot easier on our bodies."

Kline currently works at Gunsite Mountain Wind Energy Center, a 67 turbine wind farm located in north Howard County that produces about 120 megawatts of power. He asked the children how many homes do they think Gunsite could power.

"It's somewhere between 2,000 and billion," Kline teased the children after several yelled out various numbers. "If we can have full power wind, we would be able to make enough electricity for 60,000 homes."

Of course, Kline added, mother nature is still in charge when it comes to wind speed thus determining the amount of electricity produced by the wind turbine farm.

"Perfect wind is 25 miles an hour," Kline said. "At the least, we can power in the 30,000 to 40,000 homes range depending on the wind here, about the size of Big Spring."

As a future career, Hubbard advised the students to continue to study and learn while they are in school.

"The things that you are learning today - the math and the things you learn in school - are being used in technology today," he said. "It's something you can apply. As you get older you can go into this field. What you are learning today and what you are learning the rest of the time you are in school can benefit you in our industry."

The Academy is an optional program for Coahoma ISD students using innovative methods of teaching, hands-on learning, movement and music to emphasize academic lessons in a structured environment. This is its first year in existence.

For more information about the Academy, contact Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs at 394-5000.



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Eric Kline (left) helps Blakely Rodgers (right) try on a climbing harness.



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With the help of Chip Hubbard of Invenergy, Emery Doporto examines a tool used to maintain wind turbines.

# Rodriguez designs logo for first Great Shake event

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Coahoma High School junior Aaron Rodriguez was notified recently that his logo design was selected for The Academy's first Great Shake event which will take place on Monday, March 26, 2018.

"I was very excited," Rodriguez said upon learning his design was chosen adding once he saw his logo on display, "I find it pretty amazing that I did that."

Rodriguez spent a week creating the logo using his class time and coming in the mornings to work on the design. Initially, the CHS junior used pencil and paper to sketch out ideas before coming up with the idea of the final product.

Although Rodriguez enjoys art and graphic design, he is considering a career in the nursing profession after graduation, but added he will continue to nurture his artistic skills despite what career path he may choose.

The Great Shake will showcase The Academy students' abilities to greet and communicate with members of the community while exuding confidence, poise and a genuine interest in the individuals they are meeting.

"We want our students to gain this knowledge now so in the future, they know how to project confidence and professionalism in all situations," said Charlotte Stovall, Coahoma ISD curriculum director.

A call went out for ideas to all the students of Mrs. Karen McGinnes, multimedia instructor at Coahoma High School. Freshmen, Brooklynn Calley, Danielle Deatherage, Alex Grant, Jae'Li Hernandez, Maliyah Martinez, Richard Thurman, and juniors, Nadie Bosley, Aaron Rodriguez, and Naomi White spent a week creating original logo designs. Some worked independently while others collaborated as they explored ideas for the logo.

"I really enjoyed being able to observe the students as they progressed through the phases of this logo challenge," McGinnes said. "Some of them immediately had an idea and needed

guidance in utilizing the graphics programs to bring their ideas to life. Other designs seem to morph as the students juxtaposed the elements they wanted to include in the design. A highlight for me was watching the students' pride radiate as they presented their ideas. Many valuable skills were gained from this process."

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, each designer or set of designers presented their logo to a panel of Coahoma ISD administrators and staff. With feedback in hand, the designers went back to the drawing board and incorporated the modifications suggested by the panel. The revised designs were submitted for final selections.

"The panel had a very tough time deciding on the final selection," said Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs. "All the submissions were incredibly creative, and we had a very difficult decision to make. We are so proud of our students."

The Great Shake is a competition of poise, confidence and communication skills. Students will be judged by local and area professionals on various abilities critical to successful communication and leadership. At the end of the Great Shake Day, a Great Shake Champion will be named for The Academy at Coahoma ISD.

The 2018 Great Shake event is open to all The Academy students grades kindergarten through eighth. Representatives from the Howard County business community have volunteered to participate by shaking hands with the contestants. The volunteers will then score each handshake.

The Academy is an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the kindergarten through eighth grade designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. The program is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.



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Coahoma High School junior, Aaron Rodriguez, shows off his logo for the first ever Great Shake event hosted by The Academy.

