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Rodeo! Coahoma kindergarteners saddle up their stick horses and ride, rope, and sing



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Above, Miss Rodeo Texas Princess Bailey Wright, left, and Miss Rodeo Texas Tianti Carter join the grand entry for the 40th annual Quail Dobbs Legacy Kindergarten Rodeo Friday. Nearly 90 Coahoma kindergartners participated. Also returning to perform were professional rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller, professional rodeo announcer Ben Clements and his sister Brandi, members of the Howard College Rodeo Team, and country western singer Jody Nix, a Coahoma High School alumn. Below, Nix performs with the Kindergarten Rodeo Band.



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Cars, Stars, and Handlebars slated April 21
By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
Staff Writer
It's time to figuratively rev your engines as Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser starts once again selling tickets for the annual event. Cars, Stars and Handlebars is a
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File photo
Stacy Barr revs up the audience at 2017's Cars, Stars, and Handlebars. The 2018 Cars, Stars, and Handlebars is set to go off April 21, at the Howard County Fair Barn with the cash bar started at 4 p.m. Tickets are already on sale at various locations throughout town.

20th annual Master the Mountain scheduled April 21



HERALD file photo
Permian Basin Events' Cherise Felty, left, starts 2017's 19th annual Master the Mountain 5K and 10K races on Big Spring's Scenic Mountain. This year, the 20th annual Master the Mountain kicks off April 21. The event will benefit Big Spring's Life Center.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer
Dust off your running shoes...it's time for the 20th annual Master the Mountain!
The annual race pits runners and walkers against Big Spring State Park's Scenic Mountain in either a 5K or 10K race. This year's event will be Saturday, April 21. The race starts at 9 a.m. at the headquarters building at the top of Scenic Mountain inside Big Spring State Park, but the entrance to the park will be closing at 8:30 a.m. to stop vehicle traffic on the race course. Be sure you're inside the park before then if you plan to participate. Parking is available at the top of the mountain; you don't need to park at the bottom and walk up.
"We are pretty excited," said Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events, the organization that puts on the race, as well as several other annual races. "It is a 5K and 10K race. The 5K is a walk or run, and the 10K is a run only. The benefit for this race is the Life Center; this is the second year in a row for us to be doing that. We have some pretty incredible sponsors that are making all of this possible, and a lot of really amazing
See **RACE**, Page 3A

HC to offer cybercrime lecture

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer
Have you ever been ripped off? Conned? Swindled?
Modern technology has created many new avenues for savvy criminals to get at your information and money.
Now, Howard College is offering a free lecture on cybersecurity Wednesday night, featuring a former cybercriminal who will talk about protecting yourself and your family and/or business from these high-tech hoodlums.
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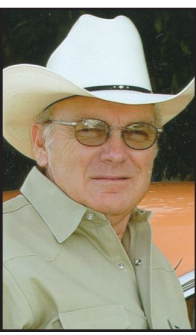
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Obituaries

Cecil Henry Hart



Longtime Ector County resident, Cecil Henry Hart, age 79, died Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 8th from 4 p.m. to 6 pm at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 9th at Sunset Funeral Home with brother-in-law, Rev. Clydell Chapman officiating, burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Cecil was born Dec. 1, 1938, to Arvin Hart and Lillian Dovie Montgomery-Hart near Big Spring, Texas, in a tent on a cotton field. He attended Big Spring public schools, and at age 14 he married the love of his life, Mary LaRue Ferguson. They were joined in marriage in the Church of God in Slaton, Texas, on Nov 22, 1953. The couple moved to Midland where he followed his love of working on vehicles and began busting truck tires. Later, the couple moved to Big Spring where Cecil worked in the road and bridge department for Howard County. In time, the couple made their way to Odessa where Cecil worked for Broncho Chevrolet and Sewell Ford. He then opened his own business, American Muffler Shop, and after selling it, he worked for Ector County ISD in the transportation department. He ended his career at Rexene, where he retired in

2001. He spent his retirement making new friends and building and working on old hot rod cars. At age 14, Cecil professed his faith in Jesus Christ and lived the rest of his life for Him. He was member and ordained as a deacon with the Church of God. He enjoyed attending church, singing and playing guitar, going to car shows, too many games of Rook, and secretly blessing people. He was a very social person who loved his friends and family very much. Although born in a tent on a cotton field, Cecil Henry Hart truly lived a long, rich life.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arvin Hart and Lillian Dovie Montgomery-Hart; siblings, Clifford Arvin Hart, Travis Lee Hart, Myrtle Lanelle Hart-Parks, and Betty Fern Hart-Van Allen.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Savoy and Julie Hart of Odessa, Jayson and Amanda Hart of Odessa; grandchildren, Trevor Ethan Hart, Haley Miracle Hart, and Hagen Henry Hart; siblings, Peggy Joyce Hart-Pachall, Fredia Evelyn Hart-Chapman, Carl Dean Hart, and Janie Elizabeth Hart-Shivers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and/or The ALS Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To sign the guest registry please go to www.sunsetodessa.com.

Paid Obituary

Chris Hambleton



Chris Hambleton, 70, of Tarzan died Thursday, April 5, 2018, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2018, at the First Baptist Church Tarzan. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2018, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 8, 1947, in Corsicana, Texas, and married Sue Arterbury Dec. 10, 1976, in Fritch, Texas. Chris served in the United States Navy on the USS Springfield during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1971. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later received his Professional Engineering license so he could do consulting work. Chris worked for Phillips Petroleum for four years and for Mobil Oil Company for 20 years, retiring in 1996. He enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Hambleton of Tarzan; one son, Philip Hambleton of Stanton; one daughter, Kristyn Sanders and husband, Steven of Tarzan; and four grandchildren, Charlie Sanders, Nathan Sanders, Wolfgang Sanders and Willow Sanders.

He was preceded in death by James and Francys Hambleton; and a sister, Stephanie Hambleton.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANGEL ENRIQUE HONJO-SA**, 20, of 1002 Main St., was arrested on a charge of evading arrest detention using vehicle with previous convictions.
- **NATHANIEL LOUIS PITTMAN**, 31, of 705 E 15th St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ANGELICA REQUAL MOJICA**, 19, of 1207 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant of theft of property shopping lifting less than \$100.
- **COREY PRESTON HOFF-PAUIR**, 41, of 1100 Sycamore St., was arrested on a charge of pub-

lic intoxication.

- **RUSSEL LYNN MCCUISTON**, 55, of 1101 S Lancaster St., was arrested on a warrant of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **BRIANNA RAE PARK**, 23, of 103 Rainer, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.
- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 41, of 1111 E 4th St., was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, of 1506 Stadium Ave., was arrested on warrants of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750, and criminal trespass.
- **QUANTAL ALEX BROWN**, 23, of 1603 Wood St., was arrested

on a warrant of another agency.

- **RONESHIA LASHEA BELL**, 21, of 907 N Gregg St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of S Owens St., in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd., in the 500 block of S Benton St., in the 1200 block of S Benton St., in the 1800 block of E Hwy 350, and in the 2400 block of S Scurry St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Ave, and in the 400 block of St.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles St.

Take Note

• A Public Forum will held at the Big Spring Comanche Trail Amphitheater

May 1, 2018. There will be a discussion of revamping the amphitheater, with hopes that upgrades will be made to the theatre while still maintaining the historical aspect of the theatre. If interested in being a cooperate sponsor to offer feed back be at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. May 1st.

• The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting an Indexing Discovery Day open to both members and the community on 29 April at 11:10 a.m. to noon and 3:10 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their Abilene church building, located at 3325 N. 12th St free of charge and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome. Both novice and expert family history researchers are invited to attend.

• Legal Aid of NorthWest 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 supper 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. Appoint-

ments 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 educa-

tion 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.

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.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided.

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long-running, successful fund-raiser conducted by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council with the help of the Big Spring Rotary Club, has a mission to generate funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.

"We have been doing this fund-raiser for years always helping out the hospital and it's patients in different ways," said Thomas Padilla of the Rotary Club. "This event not only serves

a greater purpose, but the guest of Cars and Stars always have a lot of fun."

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 4 p.m. Saturday April 21 at the Howard County Fair Barn with a cash bar. Tickets for the event is \$100, or \$100 donation to the cause, with only 1,000 tickets sold and that's it. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder plus one an evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, and the opportunity to take home one of the following vehicles: 2018 Ford Edge, 2018 Chevy Camaro, 2018 Dodge Ram Truck, 2018 Harley Davidson

Street Glide, 2nd place prize is a big screen television. Winners don't need to be present to win. This year guest of Cars, Stars and Handlebars will be privy to Casino Game Night. Casino games begin at 5:30 p.m., following with hors d'oeuvres begin served at 6 p.m. Door prizes drawn for casino games, the more you play, the more chances to win.

"This year we decided to do a little something different for the guest at Cars and Stars. We think the public is really going to enjoy casino night and the games provided for their entertainment." said Padilla. "I hope

everyone gets their tickets fast because once their gone they are gone, and you don't want to miss out."

To purchase tickets for this lively and boisterous evening, stop by one of the following locations: Star Dodge, Big Mikes Farm Store, Dazzling Decor, State National Bank, Compass Bank, Western Bank, Lonestar Bank, Home Realtors, Knowltons Automotive, Chalet Resale Shop, Wells Fargo, Cosden Credit Union, All Washed Up, Prosperity Bank. For more information check out the Cars, Stars and Handlebars Facebook.

Arizona, Texas send 400 troops to border after Trump's call

By **PAUL J. WEBER and NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Arizona and Texas announced Friday that they would send 400 National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border by next week in response to President Donald Trump's call for troops to fight drug trafficking and illegal immigration.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said about 150 Guard members would deploy next week. And the Texas National Guard said it was already sending Guardsmen to the border, with plans to place 250 troops there in the next 72 hours as an "initial surge," according to a Guard spokesman. Two helicopters lifted off Friday night from Austin, the state capital, to head south.

The total so far remains well short of the 2,000 to 4,000 National Guard members that Trump told reporters he wants to send. New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez's office said Friday that it had not yet deployed any Guard members. The office of California Gov. Jerry Brown did not respond to questions about whether it would deploy troops.

Trump's proclamation Wednesday directing the use of National Guard troops refers to Title 32, a federal law under which Guard members remain under the command and control of their state's governor. This leaves open the possibility that California's Brown could turn him down.

Defense Secretary James Mattis Friday night approved paying for up to 4,000 National Guard personnel from the Pentagon budget through the end of September. A Defense Department memo says the National Guard personnel will not perform law enforcement functions or "interact with migrants or other persons detained" without Mattis's approval. It said "arming will be limited to circumstances that might require self-defense," but it did not further define that.

Deployments to the border under former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama both occurred under Title 32. Bush sent around 6,000 troops in 2006, and Obama sent 1,200 Guard members in 2010.

Trump's proclamation blamed "the lawlessness that continues at our southern border." Trump has suggested he wants to use the military on the border until progress is made on his proposed border wall, which has mostly stalled in Congress.

After plunging at the start of Trump's presidency, the numbers of migrants apprehended at the southwest border have started to rise in line with historical trends. The Border Patrol said it caught around 50,000 people in March, more than three times the number in March 2017. That's erased a decline for which Trump repeatedly took credit. Border apprehensions still remain well below the numbers when Bush and Obama deployed the Guard to the border.

News reports of a caravan of Central American migrants passing through southern Mexico also sparked angry tweets from the president. The caravan of largely Central American migrants never intended to reach the U.S. border, according to organizer Irineo Mujica. But Trump has repeatedly cited it as an example of what he called America's weak immigration laws.

Department of Homeland Security officials have said Guard members could support Border Patrol agents and other law enforcement agencies. DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said this week that guard members could "help look at the technology, the surveillance," and that the department might ask for fleet mechanics. Federal law restricts the military from carrying out law enforcement duties.

From 2006 to 2008, the Guard fixed vehicles, maintained roads, repaired fences and performed ground surveillance. Its second mission in 2010 and 2011 involved more aerial surveillance and intelligence work.

Leaders in both Arizona and Texas said Friday that they were working with federal planners to define the Guard members' mission.

The Arizona National Guard said in a statement Friday that it would "provide air, reconnaissance, operational and logistics support and construct border infrastructure."

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RACE

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volunteers as well. There wouldn't be any way to do this without their help."

Felty said the entry fee for Master the Mountain is \$25 for the 5K or \$30 for the 10K, if you register online prior to the event. If you wait until the day of the race to register, those prices go up by \$5 to \$30 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K.

"Of course it's best if they register online at permianbasinevents.com," she said. "Because they're assured they'll get the correct shirt size. If they register the morning of, a lot of times the shirts are all gone or they can't get the size they need. And they save money...it's cheaper if they register online."

Many participants make Master the Mountain a family event, Felty said.

"The cool thing is, a lot of people come out as a family," she said. "Last year, we had people bring their strollers and their kids, and do it as a family. Due to the insurance regulations that the state has put on us, we cannot allow any dogs. We've been doing that, but they're not going to allow us do that anymore. Since it's a state park, they can't allow that during the runs."

Sponsors for the 20th annual Master the Mountain include State Farm/Adrian Calvio; Big Spring Health Food Store; Bulldog Steel; H-E-B; Back In Motion Chiropractic; Craig Peterson Farms; My Favorite Place Body Works Skin Care and Nail Care; Amy Reese DDS; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Border States Electric; and Texas Sports Supply and Screen Printing.

For more information, visit www.permianbasinevents.com.

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

LECTURE

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The lecture, presented at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Howard's Hall Center for the Arts, will feature Brett Johnson.

"Johnson, known as the "internet godfather," identity thief, hacker, and former USA most wanted cybercriminal, will share insights of how cybercrime works and tips on how to better protect yourself against cybercrime," said Howard College's Director of Information and Marketing Cindy Smith. "Sponsored by State National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Western Bank, Towneplace Suites, Howard College Foundation, and Cosden Federal Credit Union, the Howard College Foundation Speaker Series event is free to the public."

"Online tools have made life much easier for many of our customers but it also puts every one of us more at risk for cybercrime," said Jeff Ward, Assistant Vice President at State National Bank. "We felt like a partnership with other financial institutions and interested parties as well as the Howard College Foundation was a great opportunity for us all to provide timely informa-

tion about cybercrime and identity theft to our community members, students, and local businesses."

Brett Johnson has been a central figure in the cybercrime world for almost 20 years. After 7 1/2 years in federal prison, Johnson has taken responsibility for his crimes and now strives to help others avoid the types of crime he used to commit.

As one of the leading experts in the world on cybercrime, online fraud, and identity theft, Johnson now consults with law enforcement, major financial organizations, tech and security firms, retailers, academic groups, news and media groups, and individuals worldwide.

For more information about the lecture, contact Smith's office at 432-264-5034.

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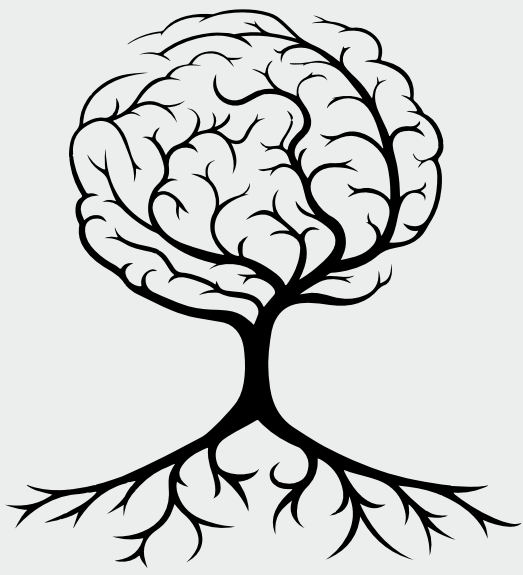
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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we see the big picture and work on our accomplishments with You in mind. Amen.

Haiku, Anyone?

My super smart grandson Jackson Lewis majored in creative writing at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, where he graduated summa cum laude. Even though he grew up in Dallas, he took to Illinois pretty well. It's where he met his wife Erika and blossomed into maturity.

He was president of his fraternity and spoke for his class during graduation ceremonies. I counted a dozen bursts of applause during his short speech that also provided lots of laughs. He is one talented guy.

When he moved to Chicago he worked a few jobs but found his niche when a magazine conglomerate that produces trade publications hired him. Jackson's articles that have received the most attention are about Wal-Mart, Tesla and Amazon. He continues to be the fair-haired boy.

Of all the writers in the company, Jackson was selected to go to Seattle and do a piece on the Amazon convenience store that has no checkout counter. He says

it's very strange to see the ceiling full of devices that measure your every move.



TUMBLEWEED
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While in college Jackson studied Japanese poetry, especially haiku and tanka. Haiku has 3 lines while tanka has 5. They both count syllables, not words. The first line of haiku has 5 syllables, the second, 7 and the third, 5. Tanka is the same but has two more lines of 7 syllables each. Jackson writes haiku at events.

"It could be a corporate event, an office party, a wedding reception, someone's birthday a charity event, any number of things," says Jackson. "A writing friend and I show up dressed in suits and carrying manual portable typewriters from the 50's.

People come up to us and tell a story. We write a haiku poem about it, type it on a card and hand it to them. It takes us about one to three minutes to compose a poem."

The host for the event pays the poets. The individuals who get the poems don't pay a thing. At a

recent wedding reception, Jackson and another poet wrote about 80 poems for guests.

A company in New York, THE HAIKU GUYS AND GALS started haiku events a few years ago and they are spreading across the country. They're looking for poets.

When Jackson was trying out in front of a representative of HAIKU GUYS AND GALS he set up his typewriter on a stool in Chicago's Millennium Park.

"I had a sign on my typewriter case that said FREE HAIKU and complete strangers actually came up, found out what I was doing and said 'o, sure I'd love one.' People just kept coming and coming to the point where there was a line waiting for a poem. And this was not a planned event. This was just a try out."

He paid about a hundred dollars for his typewriter and says that's his only investment. His is a Remington Quiet Writer Eleven. He says they're easy to find, both typewriters and printing ribbons.

"It's really turned into kind of a part-time job."



World-Class Commuters

One invites correction when declaring folks to be champions of anything.

I learned this lesson 60 years ago as the editor of a small-town newspaper, when a local farmer lugged in "the county's largest watermelon."

It looked like a record-setter to me; I snapped a picture for the next edition. Within hours of publication, several other farmers appeared—each proclaiming his melon to be larger. They wanted pictures, too, but settled for tepid corrections. On top of that, the Brown County Gazette publisher said "no more expensive picture engravings"—except for obituaries.

I risk similar responses today. Again, I waded innocently into the dangerous, swirling waters of controversy. My claim is that Snyder, a community of some 12,000 souls in West Texas, ranks #1 in commuting. I'm referencing two daily highway grinds to and from work, remembering Bob Hope's comment: "In Texas, there are miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles."

The late D. V. Merritt and Zeb Alexander—toiling in the 20th and 21st centuries, respectively—were both Snyder products, albeit born some 50 years apart. They traveled the same route to work—U.S. Highway 84—but drove different directions in the a.m. and p.m.

Merritt had the better of it, direction-wise, that is. He served as Santa Fe's agent in Snyder for a couple of decades, and when

the position was phased out, he took a Santa Fe job in Lubbock. He rose early each day in Snyder, the rising sun behind him for the 85-mile drive. At shift's end, the sun was setting in his rearview mirror.



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In his hometown, he was a community leader, church deacon and respected family man.

It is estimated that he drove some 700,000 miles, wearing out three Volkswagens.

Alexander, 6' 4", could pass for the Marlboro man, but his only "smoke" emits from company vehicles' tailpipes—initially a pickup but the last two, Ford Expeditions.

The Vice President for Human Resources of Gravity Oil Field Services joined the company seven years ago, driving from his Lubbock home to his office in Snyder. Now, Midland has been added to his territory for a company that began in 2004. Employees numbered 180 when he started. It grew to 2,000 two years later.

He squints in both directions for his commute, facing the sun both in the going out and the coming in.

He racked up 110,000 miles on his first vehicle in 14 months. If U.S. 84 were the Jericho Road, he'd be the Good Samaritan. A chain and other emergency items at the ready, he commonly rescues stranded motorists foiled by icy roads and sometimes high water. He recently retired a vehicle with 305,000 miles on it; it had been used to pull 80 motorists to safety.

With dogged determination to see his HR teams in several "oil patch" locations, he's used to driving 300 miles daily, but the true "marathon commute" a few years ago covered some 900 miles. He left Lubbock at 3 a.m., with stops in Perryton, Monahan and Snyder before returning to Lubbock at midnight.

Zeb likely will reach Merritt's mileage mark in a couple of years. He has logged almost a half-million miles to date, determined daily to see HR team members daily in Snyder, Midland or other "oil patch" towns...

On weekends he's home with his family. He's a church elder, and helps Michele—his wife of 11 years—rear their three sons—Noah, 10; Caleb, 7, and Jonah, 3. Zeb, a star football player and nominee for "Mr. Snyder High School," is a leader in his sons' sports leagues.

The Alexanders' home was formerly owned by the late Preston Smith, Governor of Texas (1969-1973).

Merritt was known for his well-ordered, Christian life. Zeb is, too. His was evident at Howard Payne University, where I handed him his diploma. Both men deserve "good-to-ride-the-river-with" status, or, in this case, U.S. Highway 84.

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West Texas oil, gas growth means more electricity needed

By RYAN MAYE HANDY

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — In West Texas, an oil and gas drilling rush has overwhelmed local roadways, housing supplies and a limited pipeline network. Now, the shale boom is straining the region's electric grid, which was designed to handle a fraction of the power needed by the oil and gas producers that dominate the West Texas economy.

The Houston Chronicle reports driving the booming power demand is a transformation in oil and gas operations as companies forgo expensive diesel and natural gas generators to power compressors and pipelines in favor of the cheaper option of hooking up to the grid.

The unprecedented spike in electricity consumption coupled with inadequate transmission have slowed the development of new projects, such as sand mines, that support the energy industry. Excessive demand on a limited system also threatens the grid's reliability in West Texas, and could lead to blackouts caused by the voltage overload.

"To say that this is load growth like we have not experienced before is kind of an understatement," said Jeff Billo, senior manager of transmission planning with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees 90 percent of the state's grid. "There is not an area in ERCOT that has seen that kind of load growth before. That is unheard of."

Fixing the bottlenecks has implications not only for the oil and gas industry, but also for the Texas economy, the environment and electric customers across the state. New and expanded transmission would allow energy companies to lower costs, improve profit margins, increase production and continue to hire and expand, not only in West Texas, but in Houston and other parts of the state — including burgeoning Gulf Coast ports where abundant supplies of crude and natural gas are sent, stored and exported.

New transmission that accelerates the shift to electricity would also lower emissions from diesel generator and natural gas engines, while supporting the development of large-scale solar farms in the region, particularly in Pecos County, which is fast becoming a hub for solar energy. And electricity customers across the state could end up paying for it.

Under state regulations, the costs of transmission projects are shared by all users of the power grid, regardless of whether they are served directly by the transmission or the utility building it. Dallas utility Oncor, which serves the Permian Basin, is asking regulators to expedite two transmission projects, costing an estimated \$223.6 million, to meet the skyrocketing demand in the oil patch.

"Is the rest of the state subsidizing these capital investments to handle peak loads?" said David Tuttle, a research fellow at the University of Texas Energy Institute.

It's too soon to tell how much Oncor's and other transmission projects in West Texas might add to electricity bills. Three utilities, Oncor, AEP Texas and Texas-New Mexico Power, serve a majority of the region around the Permian Basin that covers 24,000 miles, with an average of just 16 people per square mile. By 2022, the power demand in the area is projected to climb to 1,000 megawatts, up from just 22 megawatts in 2010. (A megawatt can power about 200 homes on a hot Texas day.)

The year 2010 marked the beginning of the shale oil boom, which combined hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, with horizontal drilling to extract crude from previously inaccessible shale rock. Oil and gas operators flocked to West Texas and the Permian Basin, retreating after prices began their plunge in 2014, but recently returning in strength.

Much of the new activity is concentrated in the Delaware Basin, a remote subsection of the larger Permian where transmission, pipelines and other infrastructure are limited.

Texas-New Mexico Power, which has around 20,000 customers in West Tex

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SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter

MUSIC

Daddy came of age during the 'Golden Age' of music, the Big Band era of the 1930's and the 1940's. He loved the music of Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman, the Dorsey Brothers and Artie Shaw. Of course, he loved to dance to those lively 'Swing' rhythms as well. Who was eager to be his partner? None other than his only daughter who just happened to inherit his talent for translating musical rhythms into syncopated dance steps. By the age of 6 she had mastered the steps of the Jitterbug, the Two Step and the Waltz. And, she could do a mean Charleston which she performed every time Aunt Louise came to visit. Aunt Louise rewarded her with exuberant laughter and applause. Evidently, loving to dance was dominant in the Holt gene pool.

Daddy returned from a trip to Big Spring one day with a great surprise. It was a Hi-Fi stereo in a beautiful cabinet made of wood. She heard the music as soon as she got off the school bus. Excitement brought her running into the house. Chet Atkins' "Under the Double Eagle" welcomed her. It was almost too wonderful to take in. When that record finished playing, Daddy put on an album called "Crazy Otto Rides Again." She was accustomed to listening to music on the radio; but, that did not compare to listening to it on High Fidelity.

The next great event took place when he purchased a television set. Of course, his best friend Lissie was right there to help. The first thing was to install the antenna onto the roof of the house. It took a while since neither one of them had previous experience. It was a challenge to get the antenna situated just right in order to receive the signals being broadcast from the TV station in Lubbock, a hundred miles or so away.

Getting the antenna just right, they next had to connect the antenna wires to the back side of the TV. Then came the really hard part; turning the fuzzy screen into a clear picture.

Daddy, working from the back side of the TV was directing Lissie who was handling the mirror.

Daddy: "OK Lissie. Move the mirror a little to the right. No! No! Not your right. My Right." Randomly adjusting the various knobs; (Daddy did not believe in reading directions.)

"Now, Lissie, tilt the top of the mirror down just a little bit." "No, No. That's too much."

Lissie, by nature a very patient man, said; "Dan, why don't you hold the mirror and I'll adjust the knobs."

"Naw. Naw. I'll get it. I'll get it."

"OK Lissie. Lissie? Where'd he go?"

Watching TV in the evenings became the routine. Her favorite shows were the Musical Variety Shows like 'Your Hit Parade' and 'Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts.' One unforgettable evening Arthur Godfrey introduced a new singer who was all dressed up in a Hollywood version of a cowgirl outfit. Her name was Patsy Cline. She sang what was to become one of her greatest hits: "Walking after Midnight." The young music lover realized that she had just witnessed 'Greatness!' She was never to forget the electrifying feeling she had just experienced.

When the show ended, Daddy promised that on the next trip to town he would buy that record for her. She could hardly contain her excitement, her first very own record. He always delivered on his promises. Tragedy struck however, right after they got home from town, when she accidentally sat on her musical treasure. Seeing the horrified look on her face, Daddy was quick to comfort her. "Don't worry Sis. We'll get another record next time we go to town."

"Come on Sis. Let's take a ride into town."

Big Spring was a 30 mile drive away. Trips to town were few and far between. He didn't have to wait on her.

He pulled up in front of an old drug store downtown. "Come on, Sis."

Upon entering, he pointed to the soda fountain. "Let's sit over there." She climbed up on one of the round stools. He ordered two Banana Splits. She had never heard of a Banana Split. "Daddy, what's a Banana Split?"

"Just wait, Sis. You'll see." He said with a grin.

She watched the boy's back, not being able to see what he was doing. Finally, he turned around. With a big smile on his face, he placed what looked like two glass boats in front of them. Each one had a scoop of vanilla ice cream with a pineapple topping, a scoop of strawberry ice cream with strawberries and a scoop of chocolate ice cream with chocolate syrup between two halves of a banana. Whipped cream was piled high with pieces of pecans sprinkled on it; AND a big red cherry sat on top! Her eyes were wide open in amazement!

Daddy, laughing, said: "Dig in Kiddo."

Her first Banana Split, just one of many sweet precious memories of him that were tattooed on her heart.

The ride home in that old pickup with the windows rolled down was the perfect end to a perfect day. With her tummy full of ice cream and her Patsy Cline record carefully placed on her lap, there was little conversation, just smiles as they listened to the music playing on the radio.

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And Music, Music, Music."

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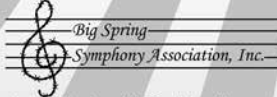
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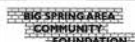
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GROWTH

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as, has seen power demand spike from about 96 megawatts in 2014 to nearly 250 megawatts last year. In response, the company has begun to upgrade its transmission lines and substations, company spokesman Eric Paul said.

Oncor's service territory is in the heart of the West Texas energy boom. Its eastern boundary is near Sweetwater, a mecca for wind power, and it stretches west to Midland and Odessa, the biggest cities in the region and hubs for drilling. The utility expects the Permian's power demand to triple in the next five years, and it plans to spend most of its annual \$1.7 billion for transmission upgrades on West Texas, said spokesman Geoff Bailey.

Demand for power is only liked to grow. Houston-based Apache Corp. plans to use electricity to run its gas compressors instead of natural gas or diesel as it develops its shale play, Alpine High, which holds 15 million barrels of oil and gas under 350,000 acres of southern Reeves County. Navneet Behl, Apache's vice president of operations for North American Unconventional Resource, said the company is working with the region's utilities to bring power to the remote area in the Delaware Basin.

Apache's five massive compressors, which take gas from wells and separate it from other liquids, run on natural gas engines. The company plans to electrify the compressors and eventually hook up smaller equipment, like tank batteries, to the electric grid.

"We have submitted load requests with each of the three utilities serving the region," Behl said, "and we are working in-hand with them to develop the infrastructure where it's needed, including the installation of new substations and transmission and distribution lines."

Before opening the region's first sand mine last summer, Hi-Crush Partners of Houston asked Oncor to build a line to bring electricity to the plant, which produces 3 million tons of sand a year to be used in the fracking process. When construction finished months early at the end of July 2017, operations were run on generators until Oncor finished connecting the plant, said Deke Williamson, vice president of operations for the company. The plant uses an average of 1.4 million kilowatt-hours a month. (The average home uses around 1,100.)

Williamson said competitors that have followed his company have a longer and more difficult time getting hooked up to the grid. Capacity on transmission lines has been taken by early arrivals to the areas such as Hi-Crush.

"From our standpoint the capacity was there, and once we got that contracted, we have all the power we need," Williamson said. "As for somebody later in the game, they are not going to find the same."

Texas professor found dead amid school policy controversy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A University of Texas professor at the center of a scandal over the school's failure to discipline employees for off-campus crimes has been found dead.

Tenured pharmacy professor Richard Morrisett was discovered in his home Thursday night.

A statement Friday by

Gregory Fenves, president of the University of Texas System's flagship Austin campus, didn't provide a cause of death but said, "We recognize these are difficult times on campus."

Morrisett last year pleaded guilty to assaulting his girlfriend in 2016. The Austin American-Statesman reported recently that

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Howard County

#H-1W Winchester "73 6-7", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39533
16.80 miles northeast of Big Spring

A-1031, Section 6, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.235907, Longitude -101.184508. Datum: NAD 83
3' FWL, 200' FNL of 630.11-acre lease
2615' FEL, 200' FNL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#1 Badger SWD, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39276
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1663, Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,500 feet
Latitude 032.175360, Longitude -101.295280. Datum: NAD 83
95' FSL, 104' FEL of 1-acre lease
347' FNL, 938' FWL of the survey

#8SH Lester "27-34", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39554
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
2.08 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-347, Section 27, Block 33, T-3-N, T& RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.513062, Longitude -101.604598. Datum: NAD 27
422' FNL, 449' FEL of 655.16-acre lease
422' FNL, 449' FEL of the survey

#4AH Mozetti Unit "A 37-48", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39555
16.80 miles north of Big Spring
A-1271, Section 20, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.496638, Longitude -101.571427. Datum: NAD 27
673' FNL, 279' FEL of 689.29-acre lease
1961' FSL, 2534' FWL of the survey

#1AH Wolfe-Brophy Unit "45-04", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38871
4.89 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-356, Section 45, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.465047, Longitude -101.622147. Datum: NAD 27
299' FNL, 615' FWL of 970.72-acre lease
299' FNL, 615' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#1343WA Fletch "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39556
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
4.72 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-370, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,300 feet
X=770057, Y=210841. Datum: NAD 27
414' FNL, 2123' FWL of 635.13-acre lease
414' FNL, 2123' FWL of the survey

Scurry County

#82-1 SACROC Unit, re-completion, API #42-415-00269
Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA
3.30 miles northwest of Snyder
A-509, Section 40, Kirkland & Fields survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=937201, Y=425472. Datum: NAD 27
21,347' FWL, 29,241' FNL of 49,860-acre lease
345' FWL, 2750' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#89-3 SACROC Unit, re-completion directional, El: NA
Kelly-Snyder Field, API #42-415-33988
3.70 miles northwest of Snyder
A-1729, Section 338, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=933977, Y=424453. Datum: NAD 27
10,255' FNL, 18,193' FWL of 49,860-acre lease
413' FSL, 2535' FWL of the survey
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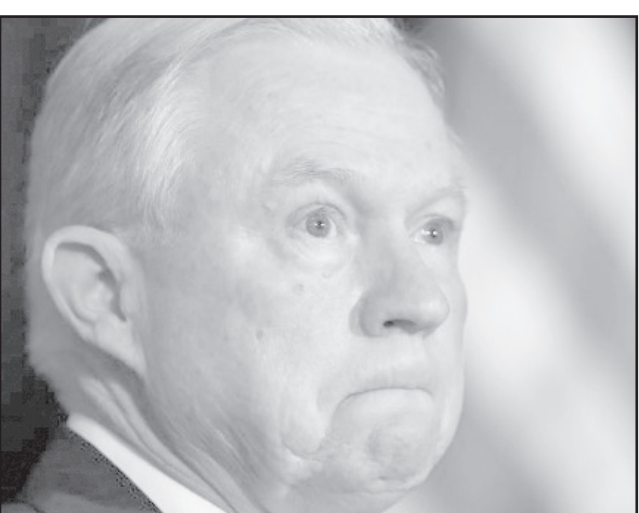
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Sessions orders 'zero tolerance' policy for border crossers



AP photo

In this June 20, 2017, file photo, Attorney General Jeff Sessions listens during the Justice Department's National Summit on Crime Reduction and Public Safety, in Bethesda, Md. U.S. Attorney General Sessions has ordered a "zero tolerance" policy aimed at people entering the United States illegally for the first time on the Mexican border. His directive Friday, April 6, 2018, tells federal prosecutors in border states to put more emphasis on charging people with illegal entry, which has historically been treated as a misdemeanor offense for those with few or no previous encounters with border authorities.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions has ordered a "zero tolerance" policy aimed at people entering the United States illegally for the first time on the Mexican border.

His directive Friday tells federal prosecutors in border states to put more emphasis on charging people with illegal entry, which has historically been treated as a misdemeanor offense for those with few or no previous encounters with border authorities. Smugglers and repeat offenders are usually charged with more serious crimes.

Sessions tells prosecutors to ask for additional resources if needed to prosecute cases. As a model, he points to a Border Patrol effort launched in 2005 that typically resulted in a conviction and short time in jail.

Earlier this week, Sessions established quotas for immigration judges to reduce court backlogs.

OIL

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Kelly-Snyder Field
1.40 miles northwest of Snyder
A-469, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=942641, Y=402879. Datum: NAD 27
986' FEL, 3736' FSL of 49,860-acre lease
986' FEL, 766' FNL of the survey
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Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA
1.70 miles northwest of Snyder
A-469, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=941098, Y=403326. Datum: NAD 27
3536' FSL, 2570' FEL of 49,860-acre lease
377' FNL, 2545' FEL of the survey
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Kelly-Snyder Field, El: NA
1.71 miles northwest of Snyder
A-470, Section 15, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=941915, Y=404759. Datum: NAD 27
5005' FSL, 4437' FEL of 49,860-acre lease
1085' FSL, 1786' FEL of the survey
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1.40 miles northwest of Snyder
A-565, Section 180, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=943876, Y=404563. Datum: NAD 27
2470' FEL, 1702' FSL of 49,860-acre lease
181' FWL, 937' FNL of the survey
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Kelly-Snyder Field
1.59 miles northwest of Snyder
A-469, Section 14, Block1, J.P. Smith survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
X=941351, Y=402373. Datum: NAD 27
2254' FEL, 2596' FSL of 49,860-acre lease
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#16-14H SACROC Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Kelly-Snyder Field
8.89 miles north of Snyder
A-1532, Section 440, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
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X=948342, Y=446418. Datum: NAD 27
4411' FNEL, 13,549' FNL of 49,860-acre lease
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Cogdell (Fuller Sand) Field
12.60 miles north of Snyder
A-2241, Section 564, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
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Latitude 032.552277, Longitude -100.551308. Datum: NAD 27
3256' FWL, 8735' FNL of 15,171.6-acre lease
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Judge: Assault weapons ban doesn't violate 2nd Amendment

BOSTON (AP) — Assault weapons and large-capacity magazines are not protected by the Second Amendment, a federal judge said in a ruling Friday upholding Massachusetts' ban on the weapons.

U.S. District Judge William Young dismissed a lawsuit challenging the 20-year-old ban, saying assault weapons are military firearms that fall beyond the reach of the constitutional right to "bear arms."

Regulation of the weapons is a matter of policy, not for the courts, he said.

"Other states are equally free to leave them unregulated and available to their law-abiding citizens," Young said. "These policy matters are simply not of constitutional moment. Americans are not afraid of bumptious, raucous and robust debate about these matters. We call it democracy."

State Attorney General Maura Healey said the ruling "vindicates the right of the people of Massachusetts to protect themselves from these weapons of war."

"Strong gun laws save lives, and we will not be intimidated by the gun lobby in our efforts to end the sale of assault weapons and protect our communities and schools," Healey, a Democrat, said in a statement. "Families across the country should take heart in this victory."

AR-15 assault-style rifles are under increased scrutiny because of their use in several recent mass shootings, including the February massacre at a Florida high school that left 17 people dead.

The Gun Owners Gun Owners' Action League of Massachusetts and other groups that filed the lawsuit argued that the AR-15 cannot be



AP photo

In this April 10, 2013 file photo, craftsman Veetek Witkowski holds a newly assembled AR-15 rifle at the Stag Arms company in New Britain, Conn.

Oklahoma gains 5 rigs as US rig count rises to 1,003

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by 10 this week to 1,003.

At this time a year ago there were 839 active rigs.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes reported Friday that 808 rigs drilled for oil this week and 194 for gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma added five rigs. New Mexico tacked on three, while Kansas and Texas each gained two. North Dakota, Ohio, Utah and West Virginia increased by one each.

Louisiana lost two rigs, while Alaska, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Wyoming dropped one each.

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Oklahoma Senate approves \$40M for schools as strike goes on



AP photo

In this March 28, 2018 file photo, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin speaks during a news conference following a vote on a package of tax hikes to fund teacher pay raises in Oklahoma City.

By SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Senate approved two bills Friday designed to generate about \$40 million more for public schools, but it was unclear whether that would be enough to placate thousands of teachers on a five-day strike seeking more money for education.

Republican Gov. Mary Fallin next will decide whether to sign the revenue-raising plans into law.

Some of Oklahoma's largest school districts have already canceled classes on Monday. Oklahoma Education Association Executive Director David Duvall says he doesn't think the legislation does enough to keep teachers from walking out again next week.

"Our members know their needs, and they're going to tell us when it's enough," Duvall said. "I anticipate that we'll be back up here on Monday."

Senate Floor Leader Greg Treat, a key negotiator on the budget, said he had not met with education union leaders and didn't know what it would take to resolve the situation.

"I'm not the one who started the walkout, so I'm not the person to ask," said Treat, a Republican from Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma is the second state where teachers have gone on strike this year. West Virginia teachers won a 5 percent pay increase after striking for nine days. That ignited protests in other Republican-led states, includ-

ing Kentucky and Arizona.

Fallin has faced the brunt of criticism from teachers, many of whom blame the term-limited governor for supporting tax cuts and generous state subsidies for businesses that have led to declines in state funding for schools and other state services. The governor further raised the ire of teachers after an interview this week in which she likened striking teachers to a "teenage kid that wants a better car."

Dozens of protesters inside the packed Capitol responded Wednesday by jangling their keys in the Capitol rotunda and chanting "Where's our car?"

Fallin, a lame-duck governor in her final year, has had scant success in recent years pushing her agenda, despite overwhelming GOP majorities in both chambers. Her proposal last year to generate revenue for teacher raises by broadening the sales tax fell flat in the Legislature. She focused her final State of the State address this year on endorsing a tax-hike package dubbed "Step Up" that was supported by civic and industry leaders, but the measure never made it out of the House.

Ultimately, the governor signed legislation last week granting teachers

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considered a "military weapon" because it cannot fire in fully automatic mode.

But Young dismissed that argument, noting that the semi-automatic AR-15's design is based on guns "that were first manufactured for military purposes" and that the AR-15 is "common and well-known in the military."

"The AR-15 and its analogs, along with large capacity magazines, are simply not weapons within the original meaning of the individual constitutional right to 'bear arms,'" Young wrote.

Young also upheld Healey's 2016 enforcement notice to gun sellers and manufacturers clarifying what constitutes a "copy" or "duplicate" weapon under the state's 1998 assault weapon ban, including copies of the Colt AR-15 and the Kalashnikov AK-47.

enforcement followed the shooting rampage at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 patrons. She said at the time that gun manufacturers were circumventing Massachusetts' ban by selling copycat versions of the weapons they claimed complied with the law.

The Massachusetts assault weapons ban mirrors the federal ban that expired in 2004. It prohibits the sale of specific and name-brand weapons and explicitly bans copies or duplicates of those weapons.

Wallace said he couldn't yet say whether

the group will appeal the ruling.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution allows Americans to have guns in their homes for self-defense, blocking local governments from banning handguns.

But the court last year turned away an appeal from Maryland gun owners who challenged the state's ban on assault weapons.

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Official accused of theft to pay blackmailing dominatrix

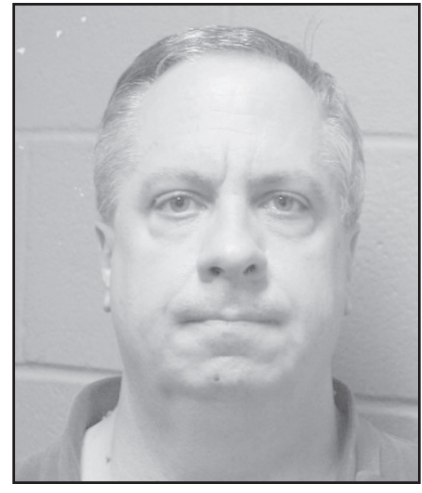
HOUSTON (AP) — The second in command of the Harris County Treasurer's Office is accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from a county credit union to pay a dominatrix who was blackmailing him.

Gregory Lueb was arrested Thursday and charged with felony theft of up to \$30,000. Prosecutors say the 56-year-old was fired from the treasurer's office this week.

A court document says he texted with a woman he met online. Lueb told investigators they had a submissive relationship and the woman eventually demanded money and threatened to tell his wife.

Prosecutors say he obtained cash advances from the credit union while making fraudulent deposits.

A Harris County district attorney's spokesman says the dominatrix hasn't been identified but the investigation continues. Lueb's attorney didn't immediately return a call.



Lueb

Feds seizing Backpage.com, websites in enforcement action

PHOENIX (AP) — Federal law enforcement authorities are in the process of seizing Backpage.com and its affiliated websites.

A notice that appeared Friday afternoon at Backpage.com says the websites are being seized as part of an enforcement action by the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

The notice doesn't characterize or provide any details on the nature of the enforcement action.

It says authorities plan to release information about the enforcement action later Friday.

Backpage.com lets users create posts to sell items, seek a roommate, participate in forums, list upcoming events or post job openings.

But Backpage.com also has listings for adult escorts and other sexual services, and authorities say advertising related to those services has been extremely lucrative.

3-pound quintuplets born at Phoenix hospital

PHOENIX (AP) — The parents of quintuplets born in Phoenix last month are praising the health care staff who helped them welcome five healthy babies into the world.

Jamie and Skyler Scott welcomed the three girls and two boys on March 21 at Dignity Health St. Joseph Hospital. The babies are at the hospital's nursery ICU.

The Scotts and their two older sons temporarily moved from Utah to Phoenix in December to get care at

St. Joseph's.

The family has more than 53,000 followers on Facebook and 35,000 on Instagram who tuned in to the pregnancy and the babies' arrival.

Quintuplets naturally occur in 1 in 55 million pregnancies. The Scotts learned they were welcoming five babies after struggling with infertility.

The Scott babies are the second set of quintuplets born at the hospital in 18 months.

Texas National Guard says it's preparing to deploy to border

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas National Guard says it is preparing to deploy to the U.S.-Mexico border in response to a call from President Donald Trump.

The Texas Military Department, the umbrella agency over the Texas' National Guard branches, said on its Twitter account that it would hold a Friday night news conference on the deployment. Further details were not immediately available.

Trump told reporters Thursday that he wants to send between 2,000 and 4,000 National Guard members to the border to help fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

That would be lower than the roughly 6,000 National Guard members that former President George W. Bush sent in 2006 during another border security operation, though more than the 1,200 Guard members President Barack Obama sent in 2010.

While several governors, includ-

ing Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, have welcomed Trump's call for troops on the border, none have announced specific plans. A spokeswoman for Abbott did not immediately return messages Friday.

Department of Homeland Security officials have said Guard members could support Border Patrol agents and other law enforcement agencies. DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said this week that guard members could "help look at the technology, the surveillance," and that the department might ask for fleet mechanics.

From 2006 to 2008, the Guard fixed vehicles, maintained roads, repaired fences and performed ground surveillance. Its second mission in 2010 and 2011 involved more aerial surveillance and intelligence work.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now Trump's energy secretary, also sent about 1,000 Guard members to the border in 2014 in response to a surge in the number of unaccompanied immigrant children crossing the Rio Grande, the river that separates the U.S. and Mexico in the state.

About 100 Guardsmen remain deployed as part of that existing state mission.

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FEMA: Puerto Rico running out of time as storm season nears

By DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The administrator of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency said Friday it will take up to an estimated \$50 billion to help rebuild Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria and warned that the U.S. territory is not ready for another disaster.

Brock Long said his agency aims to make the island's roads, homes, bridges and electrical grid as strong as possible but noted that the next hurricane season starts June 1.

"We're running out of time," he said during a visit to Puerto Rico, adding that much of the island's infrastructure collapsed. "We have a long way to go."

Long said his agency also is coordinating a June 14 planning and training exercise with Puerto Rico's government in which life-saving supplies will be delivered to the island's 78 municipalities to ensure better response times for any upcoming storms. Cities and towns will be allowed to store those supplies for future disasters.

FEMA and local government officials already have stockpiled more than 15.6 million liters of water and more than 2.8 million meals in five warehouses across the island in the event of another disaster. Gov. Ricardo Rossello said late Friday that FEMA also approved more than \$53 million in community disaster loans for 12 of the island's 78 municipalities.

Long stressed that Puerto Rico's public and private sectors have to build a strong emergency response network and establish unified plans.

"FEMA cannot be directly responsible for all of the response and recovery," he said.

He also said the private sector should ensure that communication systems become more resistant. Maria left nearly all of Puerto Rico without phone service after the Category 4 storm hit on Sept. 20.

Long defended his agency from ongoing criticism that it did not respond quickly enough to the hurricane or dedicate the same amount of resources compared with other natural disasters in the U.S. mainland.

"(That's) completely false," he said, adding that in the first six months since Maria hit, FEMA invested \$10 billion in Puerto Rico, in contrast to the \$6 billion invested in the six months after Hurricane Katrina.



AP photo

In this Jan. 31, 2018 file photo, Public Works Sub-Director Ramon Mendez, wearing a hard hat at left, works with locals who are municipal workers, from right, Eliezer Nazario, Tomas Martinez and Angel Diaz as they install a new post to return electricity to Felipe Rodriguez's home, four months after Hurricane Maria hit the El Ortiz sector of Coamo, Puerto Rico. Brock Long, the administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Friday, April 6, 2018, that his agency aims to make the island's roads, homes, bridges and electrical grid as strong as possible but noted officials are running out of time because the next hurricane season starts June 1.

He said his agency is working to reduce bureaucracy but needs to ensure that federal funds will be spent appropriately.

"Recovery never moves as fast as people want it to be," he said. "And in this case, moving faster can be detrimental from the standpoint of putting this money to work in a manner that truly makes Puerto Rico stronger and more resilient."

Mike Byrne, FEMA's federal coordinating officer in Puerto Rico, said he is working with the U.S. territory's government to determine how federal funds will be used to identify priorities and rebuild damaged infrastructure.

Byrne said some of the money will go toward

strengthening the island's power grid since the storm destroyed two-thirds of its distribution system. More than 50,000 power customers remain in the dark, but he said 96 percent of all customers now have electricity.

"We've done the Band-Aid," he said. "We've patched the system back together."

Long said the recovery process has been slow in part because supplies ranging from construction equipment to power poles have been scarce in light of the natural disasters that hit the U.S. mainland, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands last year.

Officials said FEMA will have a presence in Puerto Rico for several years to help it rebuild.

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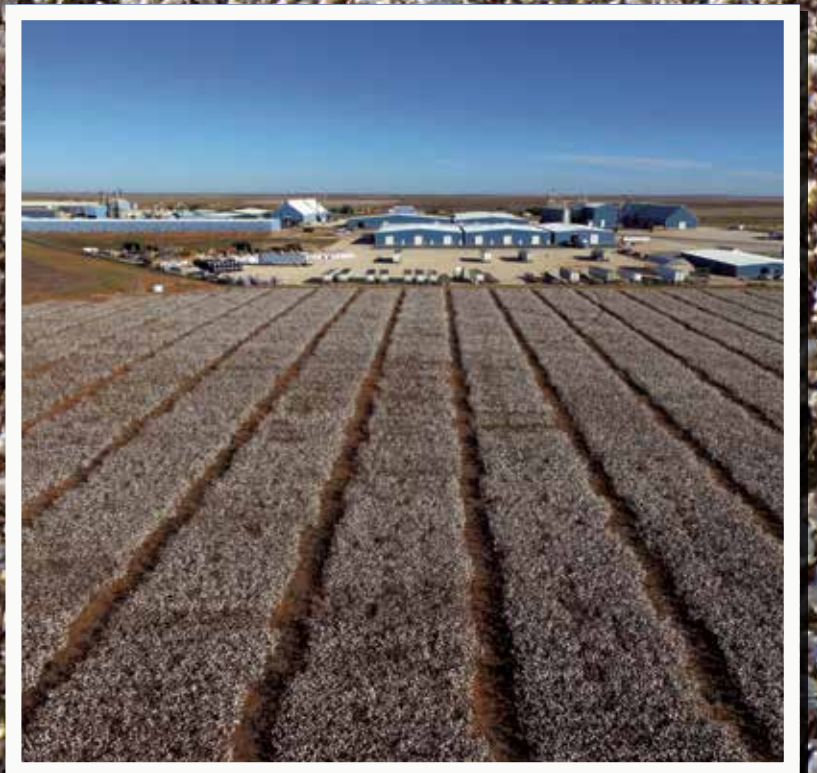
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Lady Steers hang tough to beat Sweetwater 6-4



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Big Spring softball seniors pose for a picture during Senior Night activities following the Lady Steer's 6-4 win over Sweetwater on Friday, April 6, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High softball team won an important district matchup Friday night against the Sweetwater Mustangs 6-4. The team celebrated senior night and put together a nice win as part of that celebration. The win put the Lady Steers in sole possession of second place in the district and set the stage for a key game against Brownwood for the district championship next week.

Despite being outthit by the Mustangs ten to seven in the game the Lady Steers got the big hits when it mattered. Big Spring hit two long balls in the game that helped them keep the scoring edge. Maddie Daniels hit a two run blast in the bottom of the first and Alexis Starr hit a solo dinger in the bottom of the fifth. Jocelyn Gonzales led the Lady Steers offense with three hits and one RBI on the day. Daniels led the team with two

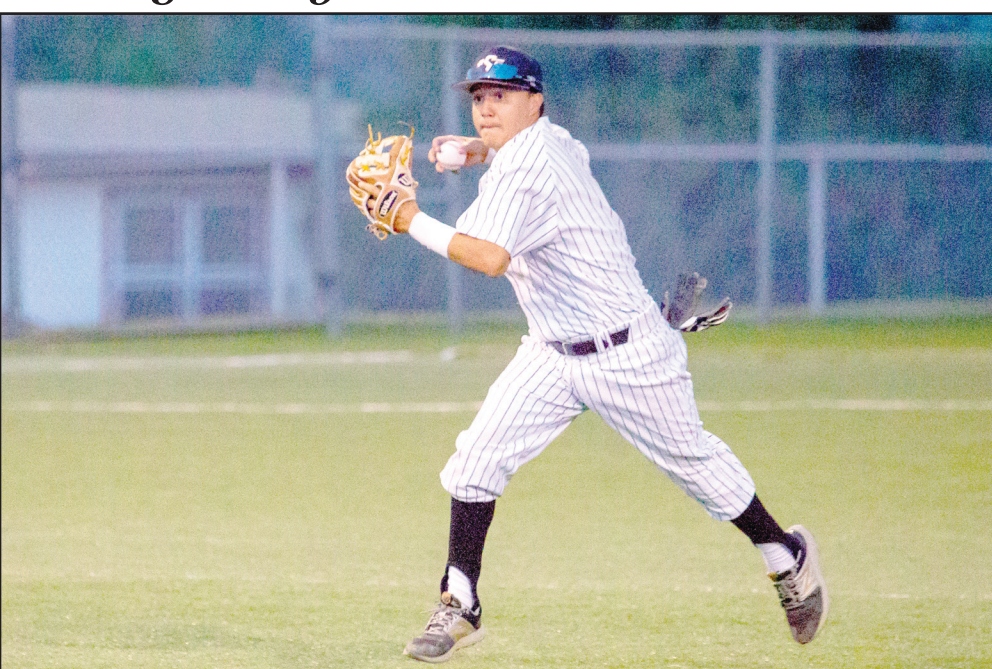
RBI while J. Gonzales, Jocelyn Oliveras and Starr all contributed with one each.

Daniels got the start on the mound for Big Spring. Daniels pitched seven innings gave up four runs on ten hits and struck out nine in the win. Daniels shucked out great in the command of her pitches all night and pitched her way out of trouble in multiple innings with help from outstanding defense behind her. Most of Daniels' strikeouts came in key moments in the game when the Mustangs were threatening to score. Twice Daniels pitched her way out of innings in which the bases were loaded with no outs. The Lady Steers only gave up one run in those two innings combined.

Sweetwater got the scoring started in the top of the first on an error that allowed a run to score before Big Spring retired the side.

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Steers unable to pull off late inning rally in loss to Sweetwater



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Big Spring shortstop Elijah Munoz throws to first base for an out during the Steer's 5-2 home loss to Sweetwater on Friday, April 6, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Steers fell behind early in their game against Sweetwater Friday night at Steer Park and were never able to recover in the 5-2 loss. Despite once again out-hitting their opponents nine to eight in the contest Big Spring could not manufacture runs in the disappointing loss. Elijah Munoz and Edward Aguilar each collected multiple hits on the day. Munoz led the Steers with three hits in three plate appearances. Cade Wash, Edward Aguilar and Brayden Sizenbach each batted in one run to round out Big Springs offensive production on the day.

Deryk Renteria got the start on the mound for the Steers. He pitched five and a third innings, gave up five runs on eight hits, walked four

and struck out one in the loss.

Sweetwater started off the game with a two run two hit top of the first to start the game. In the bottom of the first Big Spring scored one run on a RBI sacrifice by Aguilar to cut the lead to 1 heading into the second inning.

Neither team scored in the second inning despite both teams reaching base and collecting a hit a piece in the inning.

In the top of the third the Mustangs extended their lead to two on a RBI single following a huge lead off triple to start the inning. In the bottom of the third the Steers at bat got cut short on a 6-4-3 double-play made by the Mustangs to keep Big Spring from cutting into the lead. The Steers still trailed 3-1 headed into the fourth inning.

Both teams played

great defensively in the fourth and fifth innings. Neither team allowed a run and gave up only one hit each in the two innings combined.

In the top of the sixth the Mustangs extended their lead again scoring two runs on two hits to stretch the lead to four 5-1. In the bottom of the inning Big Spring answered with a two hit one run inning of their own. The Steers scored on an RBI single by Sizenbach to bring the lead back to three headed into the final inning.

Unfortunately Big Spring was unable to get the seventh inning rally they needed. With the loss the Steers drop to 0-5 in district play despite out-hitting their opponents in three of the five district games.

Big Spring will look to win their first district game this Friday in Brownwood.

Bufs lose heartbreaker in extra innings to Ira



Courtesy photo

Bufs' pitcher Kobe Richardson pitched three and a third innings, gave up six runs on seven hits and struck out one Friday against Ira.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Friday night's 8-6 lose to Ira was an absolute heartbreaker for the Bufs. After putting together a solid game they couldn't hold off Ira in extra innings and lost a well fought game. Ira outthit the Forsan ten to six in the game and the Bufs committed six costly errors as well. Ehren Hillger, Dylon Kligora, Kolby Watson, Conner Clarkson, Nate Vidal and Jordan Enriquez all collected one hit each in the game. Vidal led the Bufs' offensively with two RBIs while Hillger contributed one run batted in as well on the day.

Kobe Richardson got the start for the Bufs on the mound. Richardson pitched three and a third innings, gave up six runs on seven hits and struck out one. Bryce Herget pitched in relief and got the loss. Herget pitched four and two-thirds innings, gave up two runs on three hits and struck out an impressive 10 of the 24 batters he faced in the unfortunate loss.

Both teams were held scoreless in the first inning and Forsan held Ira scoreless again in the top of the sec-

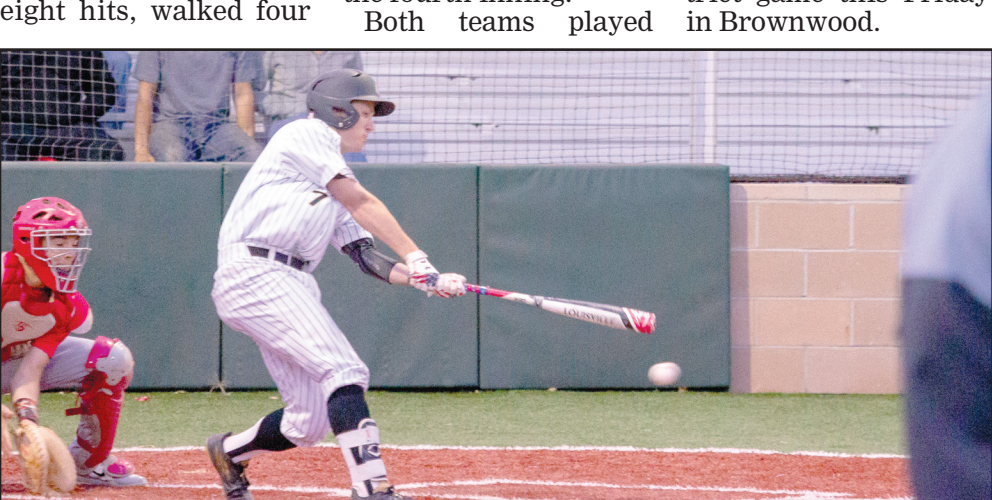
ond before the Bufs went on a tear. Forsan scored five runs in the bottom of the second to take a commanding 5-0 lead in the game headed into the third inning.

In the top of the third Ira responded in a big way with a four run top of the inning to bring the game to within one. Ira held Forsan scoreless in the bottom of the inning to go into the fourth inning trailing by only one down 5-4.

Ira took the lead in the top of the fourth scoring two more runs to make it a 6-5 game in their advantage. The Bufs came back with a run of their own in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at six all.

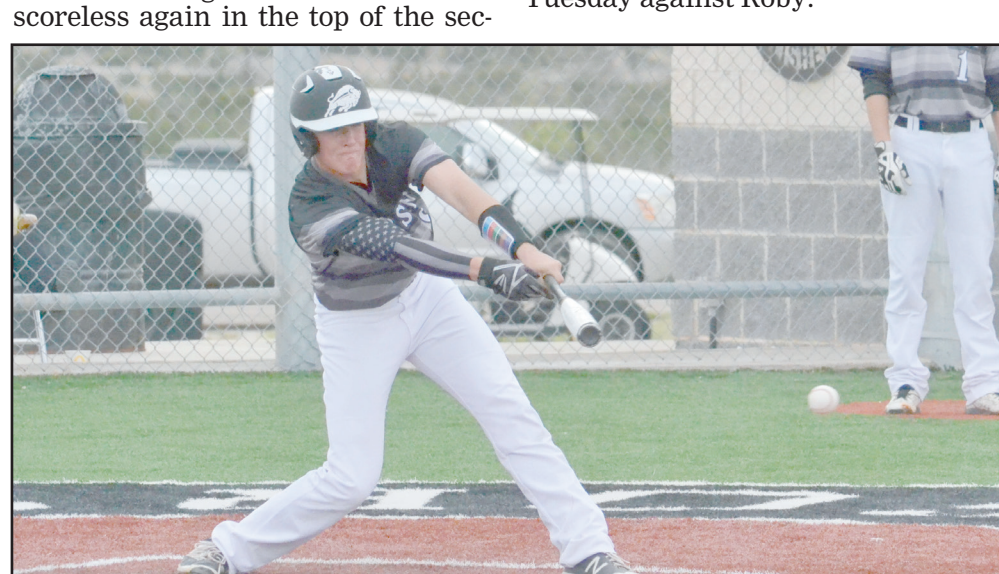
Both teams held each other scoreless in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings with great pitching and defense. Then in the top of the eighth inning Ira scored two runs to put all the pressure on the Bufs in their last at bat to make a big rally. Unfortunately Forsan was unable to make the rally happen and fell to Ira 8-6 in a hard to swallow defeat.

Forsan drops to 2-3 in district play with a chance to get back to even Tuesday against Roby.



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Big Spring's Bryson Van Vleet gets a hit during the Steer's 5-2 home loss to Sweetwater on Friday, April 6, 2018.



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Forsan's Bryce Herget getting a hit against Ira Friday night.

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Big Spring senior Cierra Martinez puts the bat on the ball for a hit during the Lady Steer's 6-4 win over Sweetwater at home on Friday, April 6, 2018.



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Big Spring first baseman Jocelyn Gonzales catches a pop fly during the Lady Steer's 6-4 win over Sweetwater at home on Friday, April 6, 2018.



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Big Spring senior Ashley Gonzalez gets a hit during the Lady Steer's 6-4 win over Sweetwater at home on Friday, April 6, 2018.

LADY STEERS

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In the bottom of the inning the Lady Steers responded with two runs of their own on a two-run blast by Daniels to give Big Spring a 2-1 lead that they would never relinquish.

In the top of the second Daniels struck out three of the four batters she faced to hold the Mustangs scoreless in the inning and allow only one hit. In the bottom half of the inning the Lady Steers scored three runs on three hits to extend the lead to four up 5-1. J. Gonzales and Oliveras both had RBI singles in the inning.

The Mustangs cut into the lead in the top of the third when a run on a wild pitch by Daniels. Sweetwater then held Big Spring scoreless in the bottom of the inning to head into the fourth down three.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning both forcing each other into three-up three-down at bats.

In the top of the fifth the Mustangs cut into the lead again scoring one run on three hits before the Lady Steers could stop the bleeding now leading by a narrow two run margin 5-3. In the bottom of the fifth Big Spring got the answer they needed from Alexis Starr who hit a solo shot to stretch the lead

Bulldogettes win 5-1 over Lady Indians

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - The Bulldogettes jumped out to an early lead over the Jim Ned Lady Indians and continued to hold the line to win 5-1 Friday evening.

The victory improves Coahoma's district record to 6-1 and 14-2 for the season. Coahoma had 12 hits in the game compared to Jim Ned's 5. Lexi Montelongo, Jaydan Mann, Raegan Deel, MaKayla Overton, and Kenzi Canales all had 2 hits each for the Bulldogettes. Caitlyn Corley led the Coahoma team in RBIs. She collected 2 during the match. Montelongo, Kamri Kemper, and MaKayla Overton brought in 1 RBI apiece.

MaKynlee Overton went 7 full innings for Bulldogettes on the mound. She allowed 1 run over 5 hits, struck out 5, walked 1, and faced 25 batters. She threw 75 pitches and got 52 strikes.

Special to the Herald

Macee Grant throws to first base during the Coahoma Bulldogettes game against the Jim Ned Lady Indians Friday, April 6, 2018, in Coahoma.



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Lexi Montelongo	4	1	2	1	0	0
Kamri Kemper	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jaydan Mann	3	0	2	0	0	1
MaKynlee Overton	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cassie Grant	3	1	1	0	0	1
Raegan Deel	3	0	2	0	0	0
MaKayla Overton	3	2	2	1	0	0
Kenzi Canales	2	0	2	0	1	0
Caitlyn Corley	3	0	1	2	0	1

Bulldogs pull off late-game comeback

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - Zach Holmes hit a triple in the fifth inning igniting the Bulldog offense to a 9-2 victory over the Jim Ned Indians during a chilly and windy West Texas Friday night.

The Coahoma High School standout went 4-for-4 at the plate with 3 RBI, 2 runs, and 2 stolen bases for the match.

Holmes worked his magic when the Bulldogs needed it most. Heading into the fifth, the Coahoma team was down by 1 run before

Holmes knocked in the RBI to knot the score at 2-all. Coahoma left the frame ahead of the Indians 4-2 thanks to a sacrifice by Logan Franklin to bring Braden Pearson across home plate and Holmes, who scored on a wild pitch.

Leading off for Coahoma's heavy hitters in the sixth was Zack Schneider who blasting a double on a line drive to right field. Schneider, Holmes, Seth Brooks, and Franklin all had RBIs in the inning.

Franklin is credited for the win. He pitched 6 innings for the match,

allowed 2 runs from 4 hits, walked 4, and struck out six. Franklin earned 65 strikes from 111 pitches. Holmes came in as relief in the sixth.

Z. Schneider and Landon Grant both went 2-for-3 and had 2 runs. With the victory, the Bulldogs improve to 4-2 in District 5 3A play and 7-11-2 for the season.

Next: The Bulldogs will travel to Merkel Friday to take on the Badgers. The JV will play at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity game begins at 7 p.m.



Courtesy photo

Logan Franklin sends the ball over the plate during the Coahoma Bulldogs game against the Jim Ned Indians Friday, April 6, 2018, in Coahoma.

back to three with only six outs to go.

In the top of the sixth Sweetwater got two quick hits and a walk to load the bases with no outs. Thanks to a 1-5 double play by Daniels on a liner right back to the pitcher the Lady Steers got out of the inning without giving up a run and kept their three point lead. Big Spring was unable to increase their lead in the bottom of the inning and got just one hit.

In the top of the seventh with only three outs between themselves and another district victory the Lady Steers got the job done. With one away and

runners on the corners the Mustangs were able to score a run on a passed ball to cut the lead to two. On pop up foul to first base Jocelyn Gonzales made a great effort play to try to get the out for the Lady Steers and hit the fence hard injuring her leg on the play. Emergency response had to be called in and Gonzales was taken to the hospital to be treated for a left leg injury. When play resumed the Lady Steers got two quick outs to end the game and hold on for the impressive 6-4 victory.

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Butler returns as Wolves beat Lakers 113-96

By ALEX VEJAR

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Jimmy Butler needed about two quarters to look like his old self. Once he did, the Minnesota Timberwolves looked good again, too.

Butler scored 18 points in his return from right knee surgery, Jeff Teague had 25 points and eight assists, and the Timberwolves beat the Los Angeles Lakers 113-96 on Friday night.

"It feels like Jimmy's that one piece that helps everybody be where their supposed to be at," Wolves forward Taj Gibson said. "I felt defensively it helps us a lot. But it's good to get back to the old ways."

Butler played 22 1/2 minutes and was 7 for 10 from the field in his first game since getting hurt against Houston on Feb. 23. He had surgery two days later for a cartilage injury and missed 17 games.

He made a difficult turnaround jumper to start the second half. He finished an acrobatic layup after receiving a lob pass from Teague. He even reached into his bag of defensive tricks with a steal that led to a breakaway dunk.

"He looked good," Andrew Wiggins said. "He got to his spots, he scored when he wanted to score. He was just playing his game



AP photo

Timberwolves forward, Jimmy Butler, returned to action against the Lakers Friday night in a 113-96 victory.

Minnesota moved into sole possession of eighth place in the Western Conference.

Gibson also scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Karl-Anthony Towns had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who were on the second night of a back-to-back. They lost to the Denver Nuggets on Thursday.

Julius Randle scored 20 points and added 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who have lost nine of 13. Josh Hart tallied 20 points and 11 rebounds off the bench, and Brook Lopez had 18 points and six rebounds.

Minnesota started the third quarter with a 16-6 run and took a 67-64 lead on a basket Butler. Teague,

Wiggins and Towns all made 3-pointers to give the Timberwolves an eight-point lead with 3:25 remaining in the period.

Towns capped an 11-2 run with a put-back layup to give Minnesota a 78-68 advantage with 2:12 remaining in the third. Josh Hart made a 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer and the Lakers trailed 80-73.

Los Angeles went on a 9-0 run after trailing 36-32 in the second quarter. An 11-0 run four minutes later gave the Lakers a 52-40 lead with 3:08 remaining in the first half.

Gibson's basket cut Minnesota's deficit to 56-50. The Timberwolves trailed 58-51 at halftime. Despite

shooting only 29 percent from the field, the Lakers outscored the Timberwolves 32-21 in the second quarter.

Lopez scored the first 15 points for the Lakers, outscoring Minnesota by himself over the first six minutes of the game. The rest of the team, however, scored only 11 points the rest of the quarter.

TIP-INS
Timberwolves: Outscored the Lakers 62-44 in the paint. . All five starters scored in double figures.

Lakers: Channing Frye was assessed a flagrant 1 foul in the opening minutes of the second quarter. . Kuzma left the game in the third quarter with a mild left ankle sprain and did not re-

turn. . Luke Walton was assessed a technical foul in the fourth quarter.

TURNOVER TROUBLE

The Lakers committed 21 turnovers, which the Timberwolves turned into 30 points. Minnesota, on the other hand, had only five turnovers.

"They got 100 shots up tonight, we got 79 because of turnovers and offensive rebounds," Lakers coach Luke Walton said. "We talked about it after the game. It's something that we're going to have to continue to work on. We want to consistently be a good team. We have to get our turnover numbers down."

Hart said Los Angeles and some lackadaisical passes,

which contributed to the high turnover numbers.

"We're young, but we've got to realize that each and every possession matters," Hart said.

TALE OF TWO HALVES

The Timberwolves broke the game open to start the second half and never looked back. They outscored the Lakers 62-38 and built a 21-point lead.

"First half, we just let them run free," Wiggins said. "Second half, I feel like we got into them more, we were the aggressor and we got out there on the boards also."

A LOTTA LOPEZ

Lopez scored the first 15 points for the Lakers. He outscored the Timberwolves by himself, 15-14, through the first six minutes of the game.

"That's how I need to be most nights," Lopez said. "I just need to be better for more games."

Walton said he liked the way Lopez started the game.

"I knew that they would come out and try to knock us out, coming off that loss they had last night," Walton said. "I thought Brook did a really nice job kind of going blow-by-blow with them on the offensive side."

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Host the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday.



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"April's rare capricious loveliness"

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By: AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

Even though Big Spring at times can seem like it takes life at its own pace, there are those times when there is so much going on during one month that it can be hard to keep track of all the activities and events going on. Below lists many of the different occasions and on goings for the month of April.

5th Annual Child Abuse Awareness Prevention ~ April 12

The fifth annual Child Abuse Awareness Prevention event, Stand Up Howard County. Scenic Mountain Medical Center and other local agencies have joined together in hopes of raising awareness to an often ignored issue.

A balloon release ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on April 12 on the front lawn of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. This year, the event is being co-sponsored by CASA of West Texas, High Sky Children's Ranch, Child Protective Services, Howard County Child Welfare Board, Department of Family Services and SMMC.

"Child abuse is an issue that isn't talked about all that often, but that doesn't make it any less of an issue," said Kathy Harmon, CASA Marketing Specialist and Volunteer Recruitment. "The amount of families and number of children affected by child abuse in our county is rather high,"

This is the fifth year for these entities to come together in an effort to bring awareness in the community. This time, they are asking for even more community involvement.

In addition to the balloon release, there will be informational booths set up by the supporting agencies. There will be different activities set up for the kids, including a karaoke station and face painting sponsored by the Howard County Child Welfare Board. There will be local dance teams performing and providing information on classes; music will be provided by PJ the DJ this year.

"Child abuse is a topic that people tend to steer away from, but we are hoping to not only bring awareness to how real this issue is in our community, but we want to do so in a way that the whole family can get involved," said Duforat.

The Big Spring Fire Department will be on hand, as well as the Big Spring Police Department who will be providing fingerprinting for the children. There will be hot dogs, chips and refreshments provided.

"We are looking forward to having the community, all ages, come out and join us for this event. This is an opportunity to not only raise awareness and help put a voice to those who may feel they don't have one, but also to highlight the services available right here in Big Spring. The most important thing to remember is, no child should live in fear and no victim should have to remain silent. We can speak up and put an end to this issue."

If you have a local agency connected to helping children and would like to get involved with this year's event, contact Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

Community Blood Drive ~ April 13

Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Spring City Council Chambers. Be a hero and save lives by donating a little blood.

Great American Trash Off ~ April 14

Keep Big Spring Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful is hosting the Great American Clean Up Saturday April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 310 Nolan St. This is strictly electronic recycling. Some of the computer and electronics you can recycle is central processing units, computers, laptops, power supplies, external and hard drivers, chargers, cords and cabling, mice, other misc. computer accessories, keyboards, web cams, television, CRT monitors, flat screen monitors printers copiers, fax machines, networking and data center equipment, and gaming entertainment, cell phones, and microwaves, and much more. No paint, light bulbs, mattresses, gasoline, oils, or freon items. For more questions or information call Commodity Recycling Solutions at 817-300-6958.

Relay for Life Scramble ~ April 21

Time to Scramble! The Scramble is from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Big Spring County Club. Want to get involved in the Relay for Life Scramble call the Big Spring County Club for more information at 432-267-5354.

Butterfly Release ~ April 21

The 2018 Butterfly Release and Family Celebra-

tion will be held Sunday, April 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Garrett Hall. This event is being held by Home Hospice, is a free event to attend and is held to honor the moments and memories that have been shared with loved ones. Come for a day of remembrance, fellowship, music and refreshments. "The butterfly release is one of many events Home Hospice puts together to help grieving families," said Beverly Grant, volunteer coordinator. "I think when you release the butterfly, you release a lot of grief and begin to feel some comfort."

Brunch and Fashion Show ~ April 21

Home Hospice presents Brunch and Fashion Show, honoring all Relay survivors. The brunch and show will be Sat. April 21, at First United Methodist Church, Garrett Hall located at 400 Scurry Street. Ticket for this event are \$10 a person and all proceeds to Howard and Glasscock County Relay for Life.

Master of the Mountain ~ April 21

This is the most awe inspiring venue in the Permian Basin/West Texas area. The Big Spring State Park offers something not found in the rest of the area. HILLS! The scenic overlook from Scenic Mountain is beautiful for runners and other wildlife. The view is amazing and the hospitality of the volunteers and park manager is contagious. Enjoy the fun and challenge yourself to Master The Mountain. Event details and schedule"

Please Register Online. Race Day registration will be accepted but times may not be eligible for Awards.

Packet pickup starts at 7:45 a.m. Park Gates close to vehicles at 8:45 a.m. It takes 7 or 8 minutes to drive to the top so plan accordingly. Parking at the top is limited. Please arrive early and carpool if possible. Course will remain closed from 8:50 until the last runner crosses the finish line. (usually a little over 1 hour) Cars will be allowed to leave at that time. Plan to stay until 10:20. Awards will begin at 10a.m. for the 5k and 10:15 for the 10k. Registration is \$25 for the 5k and \$30 for the 10k. For any questions or more information on Master of the Mountain call Cherise Felty at 432-213-0411.

Cars, Stars, and Handlebars ~ April 21

Cars, Stars and Handlebars is a long-running, successful fund-raiser conducted by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council with the help of the Big Spring Rotary Club, has a mission to generate funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 4 p.m. Saturday April 21 at the Howard County Fair Barn with a cash bar. Tickets for the event is \$100, or \$100 donation to the cause, with only 1,000 tickets sold and that's it. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder plus one an evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, and the opportunity to take home one of the following vehicles: 2018 Ford Edge, 2018 Chevy Camaro, 2018 Dodge Ram Truck, 2018 Harley Davidson Street Glide, 2nd place prize is a big screen television. Winners don't need to be present to win. This year guest of Cars, Stars and Handlebars will be privy to Casino Game Night. Casino games begin at 5:30 p.m., following with hors d'oeuvres begin served at 6 p.m. Door prizes drawn for casino games, the more you play, the more chances to win.

To purchase tickets for this lively and boisterous evening, stop by one of the following locations: Star Dodge, Big Mikes Farm Store, Dazzling Decor, State National Bank, Compass Bank, Western Bank, Lonestar Bank, Home Realtors, Knowltons Automotive, Chalet Resale Shop, Wells Fargo, Cosden Credit Union, All Washed Up, Prosperity Bank. For more information check out the Cars, Stars and Handlebars Facebook.

Moss Lake Clean Up ~ April 21

Lets clean up Moss Lake before summers hits, and the public of Howard County and visitors can have a nice clean lake to swim and enjoy the scenery. Moss Lake Clean Up will start at 8 a.m. at Moss Lake located at 10000 E Moss Lake Road.

Bad Events Presents Phil Wickham in concert ~ April 22

Get ready to feel the spirit as BAD Events welcomes Christian recording artist Phil Wickham to the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, April 22.

Philip David Wickham is a contemporary Christian musician, singer, and songwriter from San Diego, California. He has released nine albums, from his first album, "Give You My World" in 2003, to his latest album "Children of God," released in 2016. Wickham has an alternative/pop/rock sound that appeals to Christian music listeners, and even those who don't.

"BAD Events scheduled the concert for Sunday evening, so those who go to Sunday evening worship will be inclined to come and show their support. There will be prayer, a guest pastor who will be speaking, as well as a local band called 'We the People,' who will open up the show," said Barney Dodd, of BAD Events. "BAD Events is trying to bring some entertainment to Howard County to make use of the beautiful auditorium with it's new sound system, and thought this would be a great start. Though Phil's music style appeals more to the youth, this event is for absolutely everyone." Wickham draws from a wide range of influences which include mainstream artists such as Rufus Wainright, Keane and Coldplay. Wickham earned rave reviews for his unique voice and soaring, atmospheric arrangements that weren't always commonplace in worship music. Wickham even draws inspiration from other unique places. An example of this, being his 2007 album "Cannons", featured songs "Divine Romance" and "After Your Heart", which were inspired by C.S. Lewis' book "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" from The Chronicles of Narnia series. Wickham also partnered with Bart Millard, of MercyMe, in his 2009 single "Safe." Wickham hopes that his words and music touches everyone who listens, and hopes to convey God's message through his songs and lyrics.

"If people just took the time to look at the trees outside, the rain that's falling, these bodies that are walking around... life is not just evidence that God exists, but more like the world acting as worship leader, inspiring us, but much louder than any concert you could ever imagine," Wickham states. "Ultimately, I hope that by listening to these songs people will find the same inspiration to look outside of themselves and their circumstance to the world around them and truly worship God." Promoted by BAD Events, brought to you by Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, and sponsored by Franklin and Sons, Phil Wickham's music and concert is for all ages. The event starts at 5:30 p.m.

"Get your tickets now. There are only 800 tickets for sale for this event," said Dodd. "The ticket price is \$26 a person. You can buy them at www.badeventstx.com."

Spring into Action Job Fair ~ April 24

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is working with the Howard County Library to find Employers, who are hiring, for their Spring into Action Job Fair on April 24th. The Job Fair will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Library. The library will be hosting a job fair geared for residents of Howard County including High School students and Howard College Students for summer work, full and part time. To participate or for more information please email Manny Negron at Manny.Negron@howardcountytexas.com.

Joyful Season Expo ~ April 28 and 29

Get your shopping on and come down to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 28 and 29, Saturday and Sunday for a Joyful Season Shopping Expo. Joyful Season will showcase several vendors with home-made products, local store and home-based boutiques, music, food, and much more.

A Joyful season starts Saturday at 9 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m., and continue Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 a person, kids 12 and under are free.





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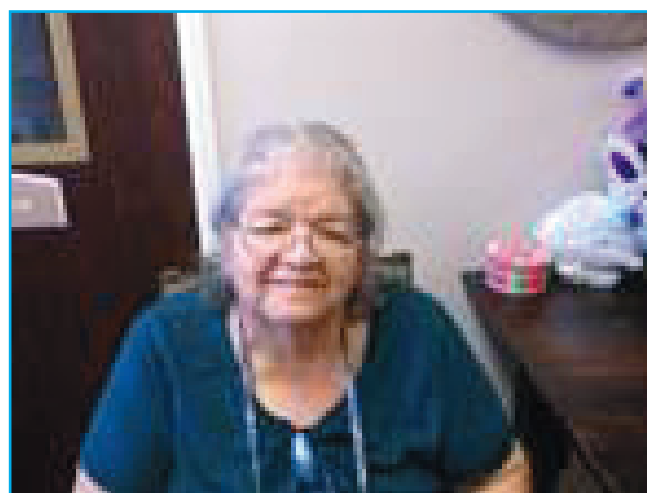


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PARKVIEW RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



Rebecca "Becky" Arriola

Becky was born and raised in Big Spring, TX. Becky worked at Big Spring State Hospital as attendant.

Becky has a fur baby named Josephine. She enjoys crocheting and embroidering. She volunteered at Parkview before deciding to live at Parkview.

Becky is a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and is very active in religious services.

Becky loves to do things for other people. We are so glad she is a part of our family here at Parkview!

Parkview Nursing Employee of the Month

Felisha Burns

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation would like to congratulate Felisha Burns for earning Employee of the Month.

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Howard County Lunches

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Chili mac, mixed fruit, roasted mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, diced peaches, sliced carrots, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast slider, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, pineapple chunks, campfire pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: Hot dog, fresh steamed squash, fresh baby carrots, fresh cantaloupe, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, mandarin oranges, chopped broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak, or diced chicken, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, carrots and peas, fresh grape tomatoes, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: BBQ pork rib sandwich, or popcorn chicken bowl with breadstick, strawberry raisins, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chili mac with breadstick, or corn dog, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Mini bagel with strawberry cream cheese, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or popcorn chicken salad with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, pinto kickin' beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Beef taco salad, pepperoni pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Honey nut cheerios cereal, jungle crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak, or cheeseburger, or diced chicken salad with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, roasted Brussels sprouts, fresh tomato wedges, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or cheeseburger, or chicken nachos, strawberry raisins, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, green peas, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or hot dog, or chili mac, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry jamwich, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or popcorn chicken salad with crackers, or Philly sub melt, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini bagel with strawberry cream cheese, strawberry raisins, apple juice. Lunch: BBQ pork rib sandwich, or steak fingers with roll, or cheese pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Fruity cheerios cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or diced chicken salad with roll, or Salisbury steak, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, roasted Brussel sprouts, grape tomatoes, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken

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sandwich, or ham turkey Cobb salad with roll, or chicken nugget bowl, fresh bananas, diced peaches, sliced carrots, green peas, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken/cheese biscuits, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or diced chicken salad, or pork rib sandwich, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Grape jamwich, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or popcorn chicken salad, or roasted turkey with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffles, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or fish stick with roll, or ham and cheese sandwich, fresh steamed kale, fresh cantaloupe, creamy coleslaw, pineapple tidbits, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Ham and cheese burrito, or sausage muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, raisin bran cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Ham and cheese quesadilla, or egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon raisin bagel, pancake on a stick, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, fruit loops cereal, string cheese, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Kolaches, or egg or bacon sandwich, or egg and bacon sandwich, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, apple jacks cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, or egg and ham potato strata, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, frosted flakes cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.

Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage. Lunch: Tuna salad and croissant, or corn dog with tots, or oven roasted chicken with broccoli, baked beans, mixed fruit cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or nacho grande with refried beans, or crispito with queso, cucumber slices and salsa, peaches, sherbert cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast parfait or biscuits with scrambled eggs and sausage. Lunch: Santa Fe Salad, or chicken sandwich with fries, or X-treme burrito with corn, salsa, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches and yogurt. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or Asian bowl with egg roll, or Salisbury steak with biscuits, gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruity Jell-O cup.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage, egg and cheese toaster. Lunch: Chef ham, or pizza, or ham and cheese

melt, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh fruit cup, brownie.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Calzone, marinara sauce, green peas, garden salad, cookie, peaches, fruit variety, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Early bird breakfast or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: chicken-n-biscuit or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef sandwich, roasted potatoes, savory green beans, apple slices, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, and bacon, or cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, Charro beans, tiny tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, chips, broccoli bites, fresh veggie cup, fruit variety, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Calzone, marinara sauce, green peas, garden salad, cookie, peaches, fruit variety, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Early bird breakfast, or cereal, bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, and pickles, fries, fresh veggies cup, mixed fruit, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-biscuits, or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef sandwich, roasted potatoes, savory green beans, apple slices, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, and bacon, or cereal bar, and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, Charro bans, tiny tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, chips, broccoli bites, fresh veggies cup, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, dressing, chips and salsa, tapioca pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak with grilled onion, parsleyed new potatoes, green beans with peppers, chocolate cake, bread, milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken, potato salad, squash, carrot raisins salad, fruit cup with citrus, bread, milk.

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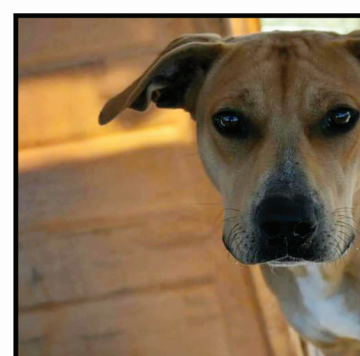
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Roger's Reviews - Pacific Rim: Uprising



When I was a kid, there was a show that played reruns called "Ultraman." It was a Japanese live-action series in which a mild-mannered government employee could, when Earth was in danger from giant monsters, pull out a little device and push a button to turn into the giant robotic defender Ultraman. It was super cheesy, but I sure rushed home after school to go watch it on my neighbor's cable.

This week's review – the second in the Pacific Rim franchise, labeled "Pacific Rim: Uprising" – brought back some of that excitement. While I liked the original "Pacific Rim" better, this one still scratched that giant-robots-fighting-giant-monsters itch.

In the movie, mankind has won its war against the giant, extra-dimensional "kaiju" monsters, sealing the undersea rifts that allowed the nasty building-sized critters into our world, with the help of the giant robots known as "Jaegers." Earth is recovering and rebuilding from the war, and an underculture has developed of scavengers who scrounge for Jaeger parts to sell to people eager to illegally build their own rogue giant robots. One such scavenger is Jake Pentecost (John Boyega), son of Kaiju War hero Stacker Pentecost (Idris Elba in the first installment in the franchise, and in flashbacks and news footage in this movie). On a scrounging trip (at gunpoint with a group of thugs), Pentecost has his widget snatched by young Amara Namani (Cailee Spaeny), who has built her



own fun-sized Jaeger named Scrapper. Scrapper is so small it doesn't even require the brain power of two people to operate, like most big Jaeger.

Both Amara and Jake escape the thugs, and Jake discovers Amara's lair/workshop where Scrapper is located. The cops have somehow discovered the place too, and so the pair pile into Scrapper to make a run for it. Turns out the authorities have brought along their own "real" Jaeger, and there's a fun little chase/fight between Scrapper and the much larger mech. Scrapper does okay, but is eventually defeated, and the pair are arrested. Both are given a choice between prison (for operating a rogue Jaeger) or joining up and working for the good guys (the Jaeger Corps).

They both take the latter option, and head off to the Jaeger training base where they meet up with some old friends – hot shot Jaeger pilot Nate Lambert (Scott Eastwood); Jake's adopted sister Mako (Rinko Kikuchi), who is also the Secretary General of the Pan-Pacific Defense Corps; Liwen Shao (Jing Tian), president of Shao Industries, a tech company working on drone versions of Jaegers; and of course Newt (Charlie Day) and Gottlieb (Burn Gorman), a pair of scientists who provided much of the comic relief in the original "Pacific Rim."

As Nate and Jake are piloting a the Gypsy Avenger Jaeger at the unveiling ceremony for Shao's drone Jaegers, a strange rogue Jaeger – later named Obsidian Fury – attacks the proceedings. Nate and Jake move to intercept and fight the mysterious Jaeger, and during the fight, Mako's helicopter is

destroyed, killing her. Big mistake, bad guys – now Jake is upset.

Ok, I'll stop there.

Pacific Rim, as I said, is a fun movie, but it has a few problems. There are a lot of little subplots going on that aren't really resolved. For instance, following a clue leads the good guys to a small island group in the Pacific Ocean. Going there, they find and fight Obsidian Fury again, but there's never any indication why that particular clue pointed to that particular group of islands. Stuff like that.

Plus, aside from the one aforementioned fight, there's too little action with Scrapper. There's some, but not enough.

Although I had fun in "Pacific Rim: Uprising," it wasn't a great movie. I'll give it six stars out of 10.



ROGER CLINE

Pacific Rim: Uprising

Director: Steven S. DeKnight

Writers: Screenplay by Emily Carmichael, Kira Snyder, Steven S. DeKnight, and T.S. Nowlin; story by Steven S. DeKnight and T.S. Nowlin; based on characters by Travis Beacham.

Production company: Legendary Entertainment
 PG-13; 1 hr. 51 min.; Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi; March 23, 2018

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information, visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

Warhol's Elvis portrait could fetch \$30M at Christie's sale



LONDON (AP) — An Andy Warhol painting of Elvis Presley — the pop artist's only full-length portrait — is for sale with an estimated price tag of around \$30 million.

"Double Elvis (Ferus Type)" depicts the hip-swiveling musician holding a revolver, as he appeared in the 1960 movie Western "Flaming Star." A ghostly duplicate image hovers in the background.

The 1963 black-on-silver portrait is being auctioned by Christie's in New York on May 17, alongside Warhol's "Most Wanted Men No. 11, John Joseph H., Jr."

One of a series of mug shot images created by Warhol for the 1964 New York World's Fair, it's also expected to fetch "in the region of \$30 million," Christie's says. The portraits are on display at Christie's London showroom from Friday until Tuesday. Christie's contemporary art chairman Alex Rotter said the paintings — of "the King of Rock 'n' Roll and the career criminal" — are "very memorable and early examples of Warhol's pro-

found understanding of fame." The record for a Warhol work is \$105 million paid for "Silver Car Crash (Double Disaster)" at a 2013 Sotheby's auction.

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 A painting by Andy Warhol called "Double Elvis [Ferus Type]" (1963) is displayed at Christie's auction rooms in London, Thursday, April 5, 2018. The painting will be offered in the Post-War and Contemporary Art Evening Auction in New York on May 17, and carries a price tag in the region of 30 million US dollars (21,390,300 UK pounds). The portraits are on display at Christie's London showroom from Friday until April 10.

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Above, representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce present Keep Big Spring Beautiful members with a "Thank You" banner for their hard work cleaning up our town. Below, employees of Titan Zone Control receive a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at their new headquarters.



Stocks dive as US proposes more China tariffs; Dow falls 700



AP photo

Specialists Robert Tuccillo, left, and Matthew Greiner work at their post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, April 6, 2018. Another increase in trade tensions has stocks reversing course and falling again Friday morning as the U.S. considers an even larger set of tariffs on imports from China.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are ending the week the way they began it: tumbling as investors worry that tariffs and harsh words between the U.S. and China will touch off a trade war that derails the global economy. That came with the U.S. considering duties on an additional \$100 billion in goods imported from China.

The stock market has changed direction again and again this week as investors tried to get a sense of whether a trade dispute between the two nations will escalate. Technology companies, banks, industrial and health care stocks are sinking. The market didn't get any help from a March jobs report that was weaker than

expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 704 points, or 2.9 percent, to 23,801 as of 3 p.m. Eastern time.

The S&P 500, which many index funds track, lost 69 points, or 2.6 percent, to 2,593. The Nasdaq composite slid 177 points, or 2.5 percent, to 6,899. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dipped 37 points, or 2.4 percent, to 1,505.

The administration spent the past few days reassuring investors that it's not rushing into a trade war, and China's government has done the same. But late Thursday, President Donald Trump ordered the U.S. Trade Representative to consider placing tariffs on an additional \$100

billion worth of Chinese imports. China said it would "counterattack with great strength" if that happens.

Stocks dipped further after Trump criticized the World Trade Organization on Twitter Friday morning and the losses worsened in the afternoon.

The Dow average, which contains numerous multinational companies including industrial powerhouses Boeing and Caterpillar, has swung dramatically this week, with about 1,300 points separating its lowest point Monday afternoon from its high late Thursday. It's down 1.3 percent for the week.

At the start of the week, the

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Building Permits

- Maple Properties, LLC, 1106 Birdwell Ln., res hvac, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
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- McDonald's, 2600 S Gregg, com elec., com plumb, Val: \$41,000, Fee: \$61.50
- Silverleaf, 715 Bucknell, res elec., Val: \$6,900, Fee: \$47.36
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- Allvaro Palacios, 2408 Runnels St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Daniel McMillian, 1408 Dixie Ave., fence, Val: \$965, Fee: \$25
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Facebook says it should have audited Cambridge Analytica

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook's No. 2 executive says the company should have conducted an audit after learning that a political consultancy improperly accessed user data nearly three years ago.

Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg told NBC's "Today" show that at the time, Facebook received legal assurances that Cambridge Analytica had deleted the improperly obtained information.

"What we didn't do is the next step of an audit and we're trying to that now," she said.

The audit of Cambridge Analytica is on hold, in deference to a U.K. investigation. But Facebook has been conducting a broader review of its own practices and how other third-party apps use data.

In addition, Facebook announced on Friday that it will require advertisers who want to run not just political ads, but also or so called "issue ads" — which may not endorse specific candidates or parties but discuss political topics— to be verified.

Facebook is trying to strengthen its system ahead of this year's U.S. midterm elections as well as upcoming elections around the world. Facebook has already required political ads to

verify who is paying for them and where the advertiser is located. The issue ads requirement is new.

Facebook will also require the administrators of pages with a "large number" of followers to also be verified. The company did not say what this number would be. The move is intended to clamp down on fake pages and accounts that were used to disrupt the 2016 presidential elections in the U.S.

Facebook says page administrators and advertisers will be verified by being asked to provide a government-issued ID. To verify addresses, it will mail a postcard with a unique code that the recipient can then enter into Facebook. This is similar to how Airbnb and other services verify ad-

dresses.

The company is facing a global backlash over the improper data-sharing scandal. Hearings over the issue are



scheduled in the U.S., and the European Union is considering what actions to take against the company.

Sandberg also told NBC that if users were able to opt out of being shown ads, "at the highest level, that would be a paid product." This does not mean the company

is planning to let users do this. Zuckerberg has made similar statements in the past, but has added that Facebook remains committed to offering a free service paid for by advertising.

Facebook users can opt out of seeing targeted ads, but can't shut off ads altogether. Neither can they opt

entirely out of Facebook's data collection.

Sandberg gave several interviews this week as Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg prepares to testify before Congress next week, where the issue of elections meddling is almost certain to come up.

Facebook is also facing an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission in what's become its worst privacy crisis in its 14-year history.

It started with revelations that Cambridge Analytica, a data-mining firm, improperly accessed the private information of tens of millions of users to try to influence elections around the world. Over the past three weeks the scandal continued to spiral. For one, Facebook executives took nearly five days to respond to the Cambridge Analytica reports.

Then, some users who logged in to Facebook through Android devices discovered that Facebook had been collecting information about phone calls they made and text messages they sent. Facebook also acknowledged this week that nearly all of its 2.2 billion users may have had their public data scraped by "malicious actors" it did not name.

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U.S. announced plans to put tariffs on \$50 billion in goods imported from China, and the Chinese government responded with measures of equal size. Stocks plunged on Monday, but they rallied over the next few days as officials from both countries said they were open to talks and that the tariffs might never go into effect.

With administration officials sounding conciliatory one day and more hostile the next and the president always quick to fire off another tweet, investors simply don't know what the U.S. wants to achieve, said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management.

"The process itself seems to be quite chaotic," she said. "We're not quite sure what the long term strategy is."

Still, she said businesses support the idea of making changes in America's trade relationship with China. Even though investors are optimistic about the state of the global economy and company profits continue to grow, Nixon said the administration

is creating the thing investors hate the most: uncertainty.

Technology companies make a lot of their sales in Asia and they have struggled as Wall Street worries about a slowdown in global economic growth. Optimism about the world economy has helped many tech companies make huge gains in the last year. Industrial companies might face the worst pain from tariffs, as they could find themselves dealing with higher costs for components imported into the U.S. while the duties on their goods in China harm their sales.

Employers added 103,000 jobs in March, which is weaker than the last few months. The Labor Department also said fewer jobs were added in January and February that it initially estimated. The unemployment rate remained low and the job market looks fundamentally healthy, but it's possible some employers are struggling to find workers.

Benchmark U.S. crude dropped \$1.48, or 2.3 percent, to \$62.06 a barrel in New York while Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost \$1.22, or 1.8 percent, to \$67.11 per barrel in London. Oil prices fell almost 5 percent this week as investors wondered if an increase in trade tensions will re-

duce demand for oil by slowing down the global economy.

Bond prices rose, sending yields lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.78 percent from 2.83 percent. The lower yields mean banks can't make as much money from lending, and that sends bank stocks lower.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline dipped 3 cents to \$1.95 a gallon. Heating oil lost 2 cents to \$1.96 a gallon. Natural gas rose 3 cents to \$2.70 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold rose \$7.60 to \$1,336.10 an ounce. Silver edged up 1 cent to \$16.36 an ounce. Copper fell 2 cents to \$3.06 a pound.

The dollar fell to 106.86 yen from 107.12 yen. The euro rose to \$1.2287 from \$1.2256.

Germany's DAX was down 0.5 percent while France's CAC-40 fell 0.3 percent lower. The FTSE 100 in Britain lost 0.2 percent.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index dipped 0.4 percent while South Korea's Kospi slipped 0.3 percent but Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.1 percent after trading resumed following a holiday as investors caught up with the previous day's global gains.

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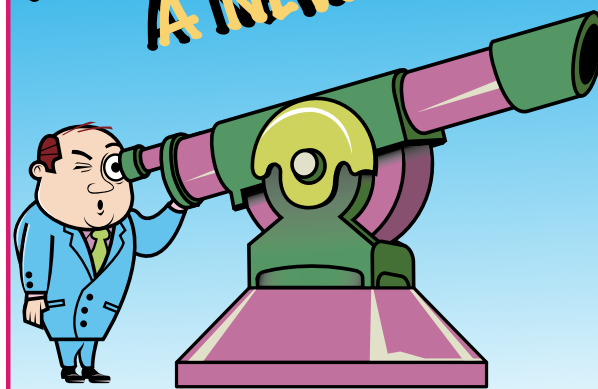
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At the first table, the bidding went as shown, South arriving quickly at four spades. West led his fourth-best diamond, taken by the ace, on which East signaled with the eight. Declarer then played a low trump to his king, won by West with the ace, and West returned a diamond to East's king, which declarer ruffed.

After cashing the jack of trumps,

South led a club to the ten, taken by East's queen. Back came the eight of hearts, declarer's queen losing to the king, and South still had to lose a club trick for down one.

Declarer was, of course, unlucky to lose both the heart and club finesses, but, even so, it must be noted that he did not play his cards to best advantage.

His counterpart at the second table also got a diamond lead against four spades, but made the contract. He varied the play more than slightly by ruffing a diamond at trick two before leading a trump to West's ace. West was then faced with a difficult decision.

He had to choose between returning a heart or a club, since a diamond return would yield a ruff-and-discard. West realized that if his partner held ♠ x-x ♥ A-10-x ♦ K-x-x-x ♣ Q-x-x-x, a low heart return would offer the best chance to set the contract, as declarer would eventually have to guess how to play the clubs. But if East held ♠ x-x ♥ x-x-x ♦ K-x-x-x ♣ A-Q-x-x, only a club return would work out satisfactorily.

Faced with this dilemma, West chose to lead a low heart instead of a club, handing South the contract. Declarer's foresight at this table in electing to ruff a diamond at trick two — thus creating a chance for the defense to go wrong later on — paid maximum dividends in the end.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lively Cosmic Conversation

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



skin, because wearing the past is just dulling the vibrancy of the emerging you. You're so clever; you can find a way to fold up the story and compartmentalize it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're playful, fun, energetic and curious. Your mood is perfect for making new friends. Seeing as they don't know you, you can be anyone you want to be. Sweet liberation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get the chance to observe possible candidates for your friendship. Take in all that you see. There are many things that can affect a person's loyalty, and opportunity should be one of them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't see your own attractiveness in action, and you never know exactly what it is about you that's working for another person, but you can be sure that it is; the response you get now is proof of this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8). What you do to be stronger and kinder will also help you enjoy your life more fully. Also, it won't be bad for your image! Many will be attracted to your work and projects, and you'll be able to bank on that. Impressive things come from your family in the next seven weeks. A departure in June will help you glimpse your future. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 30, 48 and 19.

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You'll figure out how to help another person get past a hurdle, make an improvement or think of the problem differently. This is no small win. The success of others will be your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wearing shoes indoors is acceptable or unacceptable, depending on whose house you're in. Neither is more correct, as it's a matter of personal preference. Other matters of personal preference will influence today's proceedings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The new people around you have something to do with a shift in your thoughts and emotions. You're the one who gets to decide whether this shift is something you'd like to explore further or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your ability to accept, support, care for and love yourself is increasing, and you like how your life is going as a result of this. You're ready to get radically honest on a you-to-you basis.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ideally, you could shed the past like a snake shedding its

Venus and Saturn are injecting realism into relationships: (SET ITAL) If you're only in it because you don't know how to get out of it, then you're not really in it. (END ITAL) The Capricorn moon chimes in: (SET ITAL) If you're being forced to play a game, then you're not really playing and it's not really a game. (END ITAL) So break free! Live your life your way to whatever extent you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can have creative insights anywhere, but you're going to have more of them in a brand-new environment, particularly one in which you feel somewhat (but not too) relaxed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't be too quick to sum up the people and situations you encounter. The trouble with putting things into strict categories is that those boxes will focus you in such a way as to miss the interplay among things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been unaware of the subtle pressures around you that were influencing you to be one way and not another. But something happens today to wake you up and help you better understand the dynamics affecting you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What brings out your exceptional qualities? A demand for them. Therefore, you don't mind the problems that come up today, because they are a chance to rise up and hone the best parts of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

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Annie's Mailbox

It's My Life

Dear Annie: I am a 20-year-old woman, and I feel that my family is toxic for me. My grandfather, aunts and uncles have raised me since I was 3 years old. I do not know where my father is, and my mother is not supporting me. (It goes without saying that she and I don't have a great relationship.)

My grandfather is the one who pays to send me to school, but in exchange for that, he treats me poorly. He asks me to do a lot of chores, such as turning on the TV for him, making coffee, cleaning his room and more. I feel as if I'm supposed to be a maid.

Additionally, he scolds me if I cannot answer his phone calls or if I do something that he doesn't want me to do, such as going out with friends. He thinks he's always right.

Even my uncles now treat me as if I owe them baby-sitting services. They call me all the time to be at their houses just to watch over their kids, even though they have maids at home. If I don't comply, they get angry. They seem to want me

to be brainless. They have always commented on what I should do with my life, too. They want me to go into a certain line of work that I have no interest in, for example.

For the 17 years that I've been with them, I've never felt that I am truly loved, because true love does not need anything in return. Yes, they did help me in my studies. But I never had my freedom, and I never made decisions for myself. They are so toxic. I can say that because they've made me cry so many times in my life. It seems I can't do anything right.

Now that I am graduating, I want to find work that suits me and to be free. I want to be alone and decide things for myself. What can I do as a career for the rest of my life just to be away from them? Or what are the other solutions to be away from them? -- Longing to Break Free

Dear Longing to Break Free: Making coffee and doing some light cleaning in exchange for room, board and tuition -- that's not a bad deal. That being said, your wish for independence is healthy -- or it can be,

if you act on it instead of letting it fester into bitterness and resentment. Start making plans now, as graduation will be here before you know it. See your school's career counseling department for help building a resume and finding job leads. Additionally, sign up for job hunting sites, such as Indeed, LinkedIn and CareerBuilder. Or consider more outside-the-box ways to get new experiences, such as working with World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (known as WWOOFing).

It's time to stretch those wings and prepare to leave the nest. The distance might have a way of improving your relationships with your family members, by the way. Absence really does make the heart grow fonder.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Choosing an end
- 12 Card games are played in it, for short
- 15 "Bonnie" one of a Scottish song
- 16 31st state, familiarly
- 17 Volvo introduction of 1994
- 18 Where Grisham got his BS degree
- 19 Armani offering
- 20 Break
- 22 Service agreement
- 24 Columns may be left in them
- 25 Hunter-gatherer, e.g.
- 29 Celebrant of Ethiopian Christmas
- 31 Manatee habitat
- 35 Name akin to lie
- 36 Team physician's supply
- 37 Striking splash
- 39 Voice-lesson topic
- 40 How many people grow
- 42 Nancy Reagan in *The Butler* (2013)
- 44 Hebrew word for "law"
- 45 What makes people sing higher?
- 46 Their legs are covered quickly
- 48 Opposite of "cookie-cutter"
- 53 Treat with snappable fingers
- 57 Strong-arm
- 58 Strong arm
- 59 Much-visited place
- 11 Bit of courtesy
- 12 Kin of a faux chateau
- 13 Battle of the Alamo, notably
- 14 Baby ___
- 21 Name of many an historic theater
- 23 IMDb info
- 26 "The iconic taste in a smaller size"
- 27 1950s campaign name
- 28 Certain presidential subordinates
- 30 "Thirst amidst ___ of waves": the *Odyssey*
- 31 *Liquide* or *solide*
- 32 Pharmaceutical delivery device
- 33 Sticker stat
- 34 Put back, as weights in a gym
- 38 Fall heavily
- 41 Shrinking superhero
- 43 With ice cream
- 47 Lifted
- 49 Term replaced by "baron"
- 50 Nautical ancestor of GPS
- 51 Segment of a sports program
- 52 "Fiddler of Dooney" poet (1899)
- 53 Compliment that some complain about
- 54 Melville mariner
- 55 Many apostrophes, essentially
- 56 Stand-up standout
- 60 Longest-running current TV drama

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Esteban Flores Mendez, 60, and Ma. Oralia Jimenez Garcia, 57, both of Big Spring.
Bernardo Jacinto Hilario, 30, and Kimberly Nicole Hernandez, 35, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: J Garlington, Donald Garlington and Jennie Garlington
Respondent: A. L. Wasson, Martha Wasson and N. H. Reed
Type of Case: Civil case
Date: April, 4, 2018

Plaintiff: Jimmy Seeton
Respondent: Eleanor Seeton
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 29, 2018

Plaintiff: Danny Wilson
Respondent: Chelsey Wilson
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 29, 2018

Plaintiff: Daniel Keeton
Respondent: Melissa Keeton
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 29, 2018

Plaintiff: Sylvia Woodard
Respondent: William Woodard
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: April 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Justin Kaczyk
Respondent: Kynzi Kaczyk
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: April 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Clint Stanley
Respondent: Rachel Stanley
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: April 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Financial National Bank
Respondent: Teddy McDowell
Type of Case: Contract
Date: April 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Vanessa Arista
Respondent: Mark Arista
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: April 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Jean Lockhart
Respondent: Chisos Minerals, LLC, Et Al
Type of Case: Real Property
Date: April 3, 2018

County Court Rulings

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

Defendant: Lance Land
Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: March, 9, 2018

Defendant: Jacob Strain
Offense: Fail to ID fugitive give false information
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: March 9, 2018

Defendant: Epifanio Guzman
Offense: Fail to ID fugitive give false information
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: March 5, 2018

Defendant: John Delaney
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$367 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: March 12, 2018

Defendant: Mathew E. Sturgill
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: Six months probation
Date: March 7, 2018

Defendant: Shawn Carr II
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: March 9, 2018

Defendant: Mathew Almazan
Offense: Theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.
Sentence: 12 months probation
Date: Feb. 21, 2018

Defendant: Enrique Zubiate
Offense: Criminal trespass
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$317 court cost
Date: March 6, 1018

Defendant: Christi Harrison
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$352 in court cost
Date: March 12, 2018

Defendant: David L Humphrey III
Offense: Fleeing/Attempting to elude police
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Feb. 23, 2018

Defendant: Gilbert Silvia
Offense: Criminal Trespass
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Defendant: Caleb Morris
Offense: Theft of property in between \$100 to \$2,500
Sentence: Six months probation
Date: Feb. 26, 2018

Defendant: Chauncey Ford
Offense: Harassment
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court cost, 10 days in jail
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Defendant: Brittney J. Hilger
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: 12 months probation
Date: Feb. 14, 2018

Defendant: Clifford H Pratt III
Offense: Assault causes bodily injury
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Defendant: Jeffrey Easterwood
Offense: Theft of property in between \$750 to

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\$2,500
Sentence: 24 months of probation, \$ 317 court cost
Date: Feb. 15, 2018

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Foundation Mortgages, LLC
Grantee: Henry Franco Jr
Property: Being all of lot number five, in block number two, McEwen Addition
Date: March 12, 2018

Grantor: Regency Remolding
Grantee: Seguro Credit I LLC
Property: Being all of lot 21, in block number two, Wrights Airport Addition
Date: March 12, 2018

Grantor: Tom M Franks and Lydia L Franks
Grantee: Robert K Folwer
Property: 4.55 acres of land, more or less, out of the NW/4 of section number 28, in block number 32, Township 1-N T and P RY. Co. Survey
Date: March 12, 2018

Grantor: Delores Currie
Grantee: Lynn L Howard Family Farm LLC
Property: Being all surface interest in the NW/4 of section 17, block 31, T-1-N T and P Ry. Co. Howard County
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Joyce Bradley by Nicole Bash, Agent
Grantee: Lynn L Howard Family Farm LLC
Property: Being all surface interest in the NW/4 of section 16, block 31, T-1-N T and P Ry. Co. Howard County
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Delores Currie
Grantee: Delores Currie and Joyce Bradley
Property: Being all surface interest in the NW/4 of section 16, block 31, T-1-N T and P Ry. Co. Howard County
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Annette Hodnett
Grantee: Russell Hodnett
Property: Lot nine, block 11, Kentwood Addition
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: regency Remolding LLC
Grantee: Top Drive Solutions
Property: Lot 27, block 3, Wright's Airport Addition
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Jeffery Michael Pinny

Grantee: Beth Pinney
Property: Being all of lot four, block 'H', Camp-estre Estate
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Mark A Morgan and Brigetta D Morgan
Grantee: Joe M Holguin and Amber M Holguin
Property: Being a 6.2 tract of land, more or less, out of NE/4 of section one, block 32, T-1-S T and P Railroad, Co. Survey
Date: March 19, 2018

Grantor: Melanie Watson
Grantee: Christopher Posey and Melissa Posey
Property: A 5.0 acre tract of land our of a 19.98 acre tract in the SE/4 of section 105, block 29, W and NW Ry. Co. Survey
Date: March 26, 2018

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Foyndation Morgages LLC
Grantee: Manuel Ray Chavarria and Beatura Chavarria
Property: Being all of lot 13, in block four, Cape-heart Addition
Date: March 12, 2018

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: John A Hay
Property: Lot number 13, block 28, in College Park Estates

Date: March 12, 2018

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Fernando Herrera and Mayra Guirado
Property: S/2 of lot 3 and the N/2 of lot four, block six, Hathcock Heights Addition
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Jacob Forman and Jessel Morgan
Grantee: Kimberlee Thompson
Property: Being all of lot number 20, in block number two, Highland South Addition
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: J Gale Kilgore
Grantee: Keva Lee
Property: All of lot three, block 10, Edward Heights Addition
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Crouch West Texas Properties
Grantee: Joshua Ross Rainey
Property: Being 3.895 acres containing in two tacts out of SE/4 of section 44, clock 32, T ad P Railroad Company
Date: March 13, 2018

Grantor: Sarah Lois Dietz
Grantee: William Russel Park
Property: Being all of lot number 32, in block number seven, Stanford Park Addition
Date: March 19, 2018

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