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## 'Home for the Holidays' Christmas spirit offered by BSSO

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Are you staying home for the holidays? Even if you're going out of town, you can get a taste of that hometown Christmas spirit Dec. 15 with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

The BSSO's annual Christmas program is coming up, and the theme this year is "Home for the Holidays."

"We do this every other year. We do 'The Nutcracker' one year, and the next year we do just traditional Christmas music," said Symphony Guild President Suzanne Markwell.

The concert will feature the orchestra under the direction of Dr. Keith Graumann, with local soloists Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault; as well as the Big Spring High School Choir under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

The concert will be at 7:30 Dec. 15 at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St.

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HERALD file photo

Big Spring residents were lifted on wings of song during the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's (BSSO) Winter Wonderland Concert held in the Municipal Auditorium back in February of this year (photographed above). Worldwide sensation and prodigy, Young Harmony Zhu, 12, joined the orchestra in the first half of the evening's show, performing Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor. World-renowned conductor John Giordano of Fort Worth, a frequent guest conductor with the BSSO, directed the concert. The BSSO will perform their "Home for the Holidays" presentation on Saturday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. inside the Municipal Auditorium.

## Commissioners approve temporary JP appointment for training

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

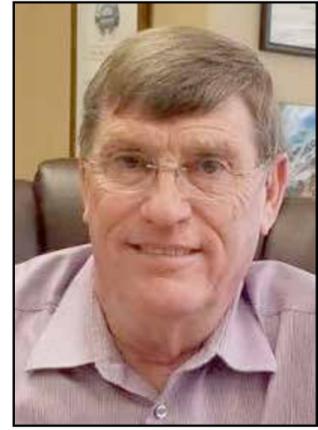
At their meeting Wednesday afternoon, Howard County commissioners voted to appoint Justice of the Peace Angela Griffin early for a week of training before her permanent hire date of Jan. 1.

Commissioners met in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse with two of their five-member panel absent. Present were Precinct 1 Commissioners Oscar Garcia, Precinct 4 Commissioner John Cline and County Judge Kathryn Wiseman. The three members out of five constituted a quorum for the meeting.

Those present unanimously approved Griffin's training week, Dec. 9 through 13.

"That's when her first training conference is," said Wiseman. "So we have to appoint her to be able to pay for it."

Wiseman clarified that Griffin will begin training in-house with Judge Green



Bennie Green



Angela Griffin

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## Knights of Columbus' Christmas Bazaar

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Want to get a little Christmas shopping done and have the chance to purchase some unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends? Then come try your luck this Saturday at the the Knights of Columbus

Annual Christmas Bazaar. The Christmas Bazaar boasts several different vendors with arts, crafts, antiques and so much more.

"You will find all sorts of unique vendors with a variety of goods," said Victor Torres, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. "There will be a se-

lection of Christmas decor and homemade wreaths, things for the kiddos and for the adults too."

If you're getting a little famished while scooping out the vendor selections, no need to leave to satisfy your hunger pains. The Bazaar will offer a few food vendors available to

purchase for the guests in attendance.

"At the Bazaar we will have two different groups selling food," said Torres. "Nothing big, just some burritos and other easy to go foods so our visitors can eat while shopping."

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## Parading with Paul's

HERALD file photo

On the right, Paul's Custom PCs showcases their Christmas spirit by lighting up their facility with holiday décor for the town of Big Spring to see. Owner Paul Johnson, known for his festive décor no matter the holiday, will also provide free seating for the Big Spring Herald's Christmas Parade attendees.



By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

An annual tradition, Paul's Custom PCs is lighting up for the holidays. Owner Paul Johnson welcomes the public to come look at their light display until the end of the year.

"We have been doing this for many many years, and we just always want the public to know they are welcome to come look at the lights," said Johnson. "This is the

place to come by and look all season long."

Johnson is also known to decorate Paul's Custom PC's for other holidays such as Halloween and Valentine's Day, and participating or hosting small events to get everyone in the holiday spirit, whichever holiday it may be.

In addition to a lighted display, Johnson will also be offering free seating during Saturday's

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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Howard County Courthouse has embraced the Christmas spirit with it's holiday tree, which brushes the ceiling inside the courthouse's first-floor lobby.

Big Spring Herald's  
**Christmas Countdown**



**Marissa** says  
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 (Marissa Loftin, Editor)

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## Obituaries

### Ann Nicholson Beisler



In loving memory and forever in our hearts, Ann Nicholson Beisler passed away at home Sunday, Nov. 25. Her final moments were spent surrounded by her loving husband and family.

Ann was born Feb. 11, 1955, to R.P. and Jean Nicholson in Big Spring, Texas. Ann was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1973. She loved the outdoors, wildlife and being surrounded by her dogs. She also loved travelling and visited the Philippines, Greece, Turkey, Italy, and Spain.

Ann lived and worked a large part of her life in real estate development in the Dallas area. A co-worker wrote "She was our First Lady. She was

dedicated, hardworking, and smiled all day. She set the example despite her illness. Sweet Ann continued to show us the way".

Ann loved getting together with her extended family including the twenty-three members of the deer lease.

Ann is survived by her husband and her two brothers and their wives, Randy and Diana Nicholson and Dick and Rebecca Nicholson.

Services will be held Friday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Charles W. Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 2343 Lake Road, Lavon, Texas, 75166 (Hwy 78 and County Rd 6). Following the service, there is a Community Room available for friends to gather.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Crockett Retreat Center ([www.crcctexas.org](http://www.crcctexas.org)). Crockett Retreat Center was established to help Veterans and First Responders have a sanctuary in the outdoors.

*Paid Obituary*

### Violet Amelia (Livaich) Mancill



Violet Amelia (Livaich) Mancill passed peacefully in her sleep Oct. 3, 2018, at the age of 89 at her home in Dallas. Her family will honor her life in a short service in the chapel of Trinity Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, conducted by Father Christian Rabone of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Her ashes will be interred shortly after.

She is survived by four children, Dana Talmadge of Farmer's Branch, Vanessa Mancill of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Kirk Mancill of Austin, and Chris Mancill of Denison; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Jean Gleason



Jean Gleason, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include three daughters, Joanne Sayles and Susan Williams of Big Spring, and Sandra Crockett of Midland; one brother, Ian McCaig of Canada; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ida McCaig.

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

## Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOHN CHRISTOPHER HILARIO**, 19, of 2615 Fairchild, was arrested on outstanding warrants

• **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 21, of 1409 Bluebird St., was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **ALICE JOSEPH BAUDOIN**, 34, of 169 Fonseca Lane, Des Alenmands, Louisiana, was arrested on a charge of theft of property in between \$2,500 and \$30,00.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 600 block of State St.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Wood St.

• **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, and in the 1100 block of WI 20.

• **BURLGARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N Lamesa Hwy, and in the 1100 block of WI 20.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 10th and Goliad.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2800 block of Coronado.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this re-

port.

• **ALICE JOSEPH BAUDOIN**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property in between \$2,500 and \$30,00.

• **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **JOHN CHRISTOPHER HILARIO**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on warrants on two counts of firearm smuggling.

• **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on warrants on two counts of firearm smuggling.

• **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Take Note

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure.

If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

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

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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W 17th St. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 900 block of Brian Rd. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Maple St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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# 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT SCIENTISTS ARE SAYING ABOUT GENE-EDITED BABIES  
Experts at a Hong Kong conference declare that it's still too soon to try making permanent changes to DNA that can be inherited by future generations.
2. WHERE CARS SPY ON YOU  
Electric vehicles sold in China are giving real-time data to the government, providing a powerful surveillance tool without drivers' knowledge, AP learns.
3. MIGRANTS, TRADE, CRIME, THE BORDER WALL  
With a new president taking power in Mexico, the challenges to the modern U.S. relationship with its southern neighbor are stark and divisive.
4. HOMEBODY TRUMP KEEPING TRIP SHORT  
The U.S. president will spend just two nights on the ground at the G-20 summit in Argentina, making the most of a scaled-back international schedule.
5. SUICIDES, OVERDOSES LEAD SURGE IN US

## DEATHS

The suicide death rate last year was the highest it's been in at least 50 years, pushing down life expectancy, U.S. health officials say.

## 6. 'I WOULDN'T TAKE IT OFF THE TABLE'

Trump is drawing rebuke from critics who fear the president will use his executive power to protect friends and supporters caught up in the Russia probe.

## 7. HOW MORMONS VOTED IN MIDTERMS

About two-thirds of them nationwide favored Republicans, but approval for Trump lags, an AP survey finds.

## 8. OPIOID CASE HAS NEW COMPLICATION

A federal judicial panel is considering whether babies born in opioid withdrawal should have their lawsuits separated from hundreds of other cases against the drug industry.

## 9. SPRUCING UP THE BIG APPLE

A massive Norway spruce is lit up in a tradition that ushers in Christmastime in New York City.

## 10. BASKETBALL MORE THAN JUST A GAME

An upcoming course offering at NYU will explore the sport's role in politics, the arts and more.

# Michael Cohen pleads guilty to lying to Congress

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, made a surprise appearance before a federal judge in New York on Thursday and pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about work he did on an aborted project to build a Trump Tower in Russia.

Trump, in turn, called Cohen a "weak person" who is lying to get a lighter sentence.

Flanked by his lawyers, Cohen admitted making false statements about the project in 2017 to Senate and House intelligence committees, which at the time were investigating possible connections between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Cohen told the judge he lied about the timing of the negotiations and other details to be consistent with Trump's "political message." Cohen and prosecutors referred to Trump as "individual one" throughout Thursday's proceedings and said he lied "to be loyal to Individual One."

Among other lies, Cohen said he told Congress that all discussions about building a Trump Tower in Moscow had ended by January 2016, when they had actually continued until June of that year. He said he also lied about his contacts with Russian officials and lied when he said he never agreed to travel to Russia in connection with the project and never considered asking Trump to travel to support the project.

Prosecutors said in a court complaint that Cohen had misled Congress to give a false impression that the Moscow project had ended before the Iowa caucus and first Republican presidential primary in 2016.

As he left the White House shortly after the court proceeding concluded, Trump called Cohen "a weak person"

"Michael Cohen is lying and he's trying to get a reduced sentence," Trump said.

Nothing said in court, or in associated court filings, addressed whether Trump or his aides had directed Cohen to mislead Congress.

The charges were brought by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russian interference in the presidential election, not the prosecutors in New York who handled Cohen's previous guilty plea in August to other federal charges involving his taxi businesses, bank fraud and his campaign work for Trump.

Cohen's lawyer, Guy Petrillo, said he would give the court a letter outlining how his client has cooperated with Mueller's investigation.

Cohen declined to comment as he left the courthouse.

Reacting to the plea to the new charges, House Speaker Paul Ryan said Cohen "should be prosecuted to the extent of the law. That's why we put people under oath."

Cohen gave a statement to congressional committees last year saying the president's company pursued a project in Moscow during the Republican primary but that the plan was abandoned "for a variety of business reasons."

Cohen also said he sent an email to the spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin as part of the potential deal.

In his statement, he said that he worked on the real estate proposal with Felix Sater, a Russia-born associate who he said claimed to have deep connections in Moscow.

The discussions about the potential development began after Trump had declared his candidacy. Cohen had said the talks ended when he determined that the project was not feasible.

Cohen had also disclosed that Trump was personally aware of the deal, signing a letter of intent and discussing it with Cohen on two other occasions.

## PAUL'S

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annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade right in front of his location at 20th and Scurry.

"We will set up rows and rows and rows of seats right on the curb side and offer that totally free to the public. We want them to know that it's another place the public can come and watch the parade

## TRAINING

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on Dec. 3, and that the temporary appointment is simply to allow the county to pay for her training conference starting Dec. 9.

Griffin, a 10-year veteran in the office of County Attorney Josh Hamby, has been selected to take over the JP post for Precinct 1, Place 1 when incumbent Bennie Green retires at the end of the year.

Green has served in the post since 1999, when he was appointed after an 18-year career with the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

In other business, commissioners:

- Voted to approve donations to the Friends of the Howard County Library in the amount of \$4,851 and to the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$5,350.

- Approved an agreement with the County Information Resources Agency for maintenance of the county's

website. CIRA maintained the county's presence on the internet this past year, and prices have increased from \$550 to \$800 for the website hosting service and from \$500 to \$725 for the website content management service.

- Approved a change in the fee for online auction service GovDeal.

- Approved invoices, purchase requests, and the monthly financial report.

- Approved the county's payroll, personnel considerations, and the treasurer's monthly payroll report.

- Heard from Road Administrator Brian Klinksiek on progress of county road projects.

Commissioners will meet next Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman for more information.

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

for free," said Johnson. "They can park down the block and don't have to worry about bringing lawn chairs, and to also have the added benefit of not having your vehicle blocked by other cars."

The annual community lighted Christmas parade begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at 24th and Scurry. The parade will head North towards 4th and Scurry. The theme for this year's parade is "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," and currently the Herald has over 40 floats and trailers in this year's line up.

Those still wishing to have a float may either call the Herald at 263-7331 or just show up at 4:30 p.m. at 24th and Johnson St.. Late floats will not be eligible for prizes and will not receive an entry number, but are still more than welcome to participate. The more the merrier!

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@big-springherald.com.

## BSSO

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Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens; all students, kindergarten through college, receive free admission, although students under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased at Karat Patch, H-E-B, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Heritage Museum of Big Spring; as well as at the door the night of the performance.

For more information visit the Big Spring Symphony Association on Facebook or at their website, www.bigspringsymphony.org.

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## KOC

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The Christmas Bazaar is open to the public this Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's Bazaar will be again located at Our Lady Guadalupe Family Center at 1009 Hearn St. There are a few spaces available for vendors with a choice of a small space at 12 ft. x 12 ft., and includes one table and two chairs. There is also a large space available at 12 ft. x 15 ft., and that includes two tables and four chairs.

"The Knights host and run the Bazaar with a goal to help out the local people with small businesses. Also, all lot of the money made from the Bazaar will go to putting Christmas baskets together for those families and individuals who are

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in need," said Torres. "The Knights are dedicated to the church and helping them and the people who are in need of assistance, and the Bazaar is just one way that helps us achieve our goals."

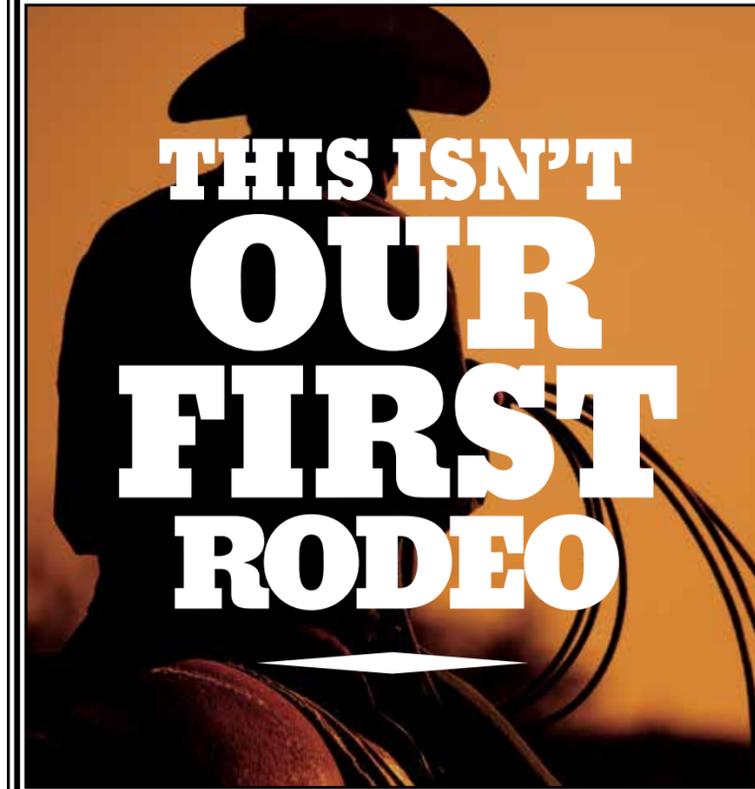
The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. For more information about the Knights of Columbus or their Christmas Bazaar, or to rent a space in the Christmas Bazaar, please call Victor Torres at 432-263-6112.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Geneva Honeycutt, 85, died Wednesday. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Martin Maurice "Bub" Gutierrez, 25, of Austin, formerly of Coahoma, died Monday. Services are pending.



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## Woman charged with killing ex-boyfriend and his girlfriend

SODUS, N.Y. (AP) — Murder charges have been filed against a Texas woman accused along with her husband of killing two people in upstate New York.

Charlene Childers was arraigned Wednesday in Wayne County, New York court on second-degree murder charges.

She has been held in jail since being charged with conspiracy and weapon possession in last month's fatal shootings of Amber Washburn and Joshua Niles, Childers' ex-boyfriend.

Childers' husband, for-

mer Sunray, Texas police chief Timothy Dean, was also be arraigned on murder charges in the same court Wednesday afternoon.

Childers and Dean pleaded not guilty to murder.

Messages left with Childers' and Dean's lawyers were not returned.

Washburn and Niles were shot Oct. 22 outside the home they shared in Sodus.

Bron Bohlar, a former Sunray police officer, is jailed in Wayne County on conspiracy charges.

## Number of Texas teacher misconduct cases increases again

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State officials say the number of Texas teachers accused of engaging in romantic relationships with students has increased for the 10th consecutive year.

The Texas Education Agency in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 1 opened 429 cases of improper relationships, a number representing a 42 percent increase from the previous year and the largest one-year jump in at least a decade.

Doug Phillips, head of teacher investigations for TEA, told a legislative panel Tuesday that the significant increase is largely due to a new state law that expands the requirements for who must report misconduct.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the law also requires school districts to set policies for students and teachers when it comes to texting, emailing and using social media and other electronic communication.

## GOP leaders in Texas consider removal of Muslim member

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Republican leaders in one of the most populous counties in Texas want to remove a party vice chairman because he's Muslim, according to emails between party leaders.

The emails delivered anonymously to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram indicate the Tarrant County GOP executive committee plans to vote Jan. 10 on whether to remove Shahid Shafi from his leadership position.

Some in the party say Shafi, a surgeon and city council member in a Fort Worth suburb, may be more loyal to Islamic law or not supportive enough of the party's pro-Israel platform.

Shafi counters that he supports American laws and the court system, and says he has no affiliation to "any terrorist organization," as some have alleged. Shafi, who became a U.S. citizen in 2009 and shortly after joined the Republican Party, says he supports the Second Amendment and has never promoted Sharia, or Islamic, law.

He's one of four GOP leaders in the county that some party members are trying to unseat. Another being targeted is a GOP precinct chairwoman who's married to a Muslim.

The emails expressed alarm with party leaders after Democrat Beto O'Rourke won the county in his bid to unseat

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who ultimately won re-election. Tarrant County is the third most populous in Texas with more than 2 million residents, trailing only Harris and Dallas counties. O'Rourke's showing was the first time in decades that a Democrat running for federal office has won the county.

One email by a Republican activist said, "We have become overly lax."

Lisa Grimaldi Abdulkareem, the precinct chairwoman who's married to a Muslim, told the Star-Telegram that it will be the downfall of the Republican Party if it "doesn't stand up against those who want to discriminate against others."

"Where does the discrimination end? I believe people need to speak up loudly and let the few know that this is not right and it won't be tolerated," she said.

# Trump dismantling US climate efforts as warnings grow dire

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has moved steadily to dismantle Obama administration efforts to rein in coal, oil and gas emissions, even as warnings grow — from his own administration and others — about the devastating impact of climate change on the U.S. economy as well as the Earth.

Trump has dismissed his administration's warnings about the impact of climate change, including a forecast released Friday that it could lead to economic losses of hundreds of billions of dollars a year by the end of the century.

"As to whether or not it's man-made and whether or not the effects that you're talking about are there, I don't see it," he said in an interview Tuesday with The Washington Post.

Trump's position has been that efforts to combat



AP photo

In this Nov. 26, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump speaks to members of the media before boarding Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

the emissions that cause climate change have hurt the U.S. economy.

Announcing the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris global climate accord in June 2017, he said, "The Paris Climate Accord is simply the latest example of Washington entering into an agreement that disadvantages the United States to the exclusive benefit of other countries, leaving American workers — who I love — and taxpayers to absorb the cost in terms of lost jobs, lower wages, shuttered factories, and vastly diminished economic production."

An email obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act shows the administration withdrew from the Paris agreement with no clear climate policy in place.

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## Clash with migrants spotlights force at the border

By COLLEEN LONG

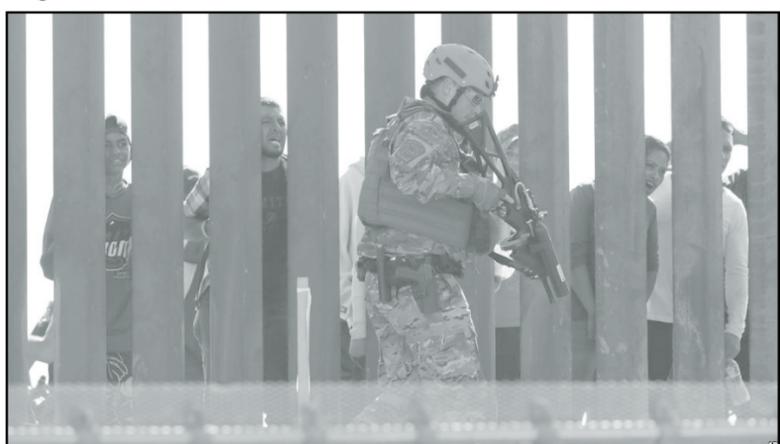
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — U.S. Border Patrol agents near Tijuana, Mexico, faced a choice as they looked out over the chaos at a crowd of migrants that included rock-throwing men as well as barefoot children: Do they respond with force — and, if so, what kind?

The circumstances at the San Ysidro border crossing Sunday were exceptional, but the question facing the agents was not. It's a split-second choice more often made in the remote desert, far from cameras, where agents are likely working alone and encountering groups of people crossing illegally.

The agents' response — firing tear gas into the crowd — triggered widespread outrage and rekindled complaints that the Border Patrol, bolstered by President Donald Trump's tough talk, is too quick to use force, particularly when responding to people throwing rocks.

But use of force by Customs and Border Protection officers and agents is declining from a high during the 2013 bud-



AP photo

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers walks along a wall at the border between Mexico and the United States, as seen from San Diego on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

get year, government statistics show. There are high-profile exceptions, like the shooting death by agents of a 19-year-old Guatemalan woman who crossed the border near Laredo in May.

Still, experts say policies have improved following a major audit five years ago.

"There has been progress made — especially in getting officers better training and better equipment," said Josiah Heyman, a professor with University of

Texas at El Paso and director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies. "When I first started studying this, most agents had a gun and a baton. They didn't have the choice to use anything else."

Firearms were used 45 times in budget year 2013 compared with 17 in 2017, according to data from Customs and Border Protection. For the first 11 months of the 2018

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## Texas Tech, New Mexico Junior College sign transfer deal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Texas Tech University and New Mexico Junior College have signed a new agreement that officials say will make it easier for students to transfer.

The Albuquerque Journal reports the deal between the Lubbock, Texas, school and the Hobbs, New Mexico, college will allow New Mexico transfer students to qualify for Texas in-state tuition.

Another agreement will allow junior college students to feed into the animal science program at Texas Tech and eventually the new School of Veterinary Medicine.

Officials say Texas Tech will advise New

Mexico Junior College students on courses they should take to make the transition "seamless."

The distance between Hobbs and Lubbock is about 110 miles (177 kilometers), less than a two-hour drive.

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Chloe Dunn  
Robert Evans  
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Adalynn Flarity  
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Xoiey Gutierrez  
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Rylee Lara  
Jaime Lopez  
Mia Marquez  
Keegan McKoy  
Joslyn Mireles  
Landon New  
Kadin Oxford  
Maverick Paige  
Leiora Paxton  
Ariana Pena  
Jordan Phillips  
Kameryn Rawls  
Baylee Rios  
Braelynn Rivera  
Abel Rodriguez  
Sofia Rueda  
Annaliyah Ruiz  
Nicole Shugart  
Jessica Sosa  
Yoselin Torres  
Marley Valdez  
Atticus Vincent  
Kylie Williams  
Quay'shaun Williams

#### A Honor roll

##### 2nd Grade

Shi Qi Chen  
Tahmid Rayid  
Tristan Trinidad

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 1st Grade

Tristan Arpin  
Jayden Barrientos  
Abby Bedell  
Nathan Brito  
Eian Brockman  
Blaine Browne  
Obrie Buentello  
CJ Burchett  
Zaren Castillo  
Carmyn Carbojal  
Evelyn Chambers  
Emily Chavera  
Bryson Chavez  
Ian Cullison  
Joseph Delgado  
Kazia Ehret  
Thomas Farris  
Noah Flores  
Rylan Foster  
Abigail Friddle  
Maribel Galvan  
Marilu Galvan  
Brooklynn Garcia  
Kailani Garcia  
Douglass Greene  
Nikole Gutierrez  
Zoey Hale  
Riley Haube  
Elvira Hernandez  
Parker Joy  
Aliyana Juarez  
Brentlee King  
Travis Laplante  
Christopher Ledesma  
Patricio Lozano  
Misa Magallanes  
Faith Mrtinez  
Natanial Artinez  
Jason Mays  
Lillie McDonald  
Ashlyn McPherson  
Matthew Mesta  
Jesus Nuno  
Gavin Ochoa  
David Pillow  
Arianna Rios  
Partick Rios  
Camilla Rockwell  
Ivan Rodriguez  
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Rodriguez  
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Peyton Ruiz  
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Maria Valencia  
Lilianaa Varena  
Aleeah Vasquez  
Anthony Vasquez  
Lilith Welch  
Jordan Williams  
Khloe Yates  
Zay'd Young

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 2nd Grade

George Bancroft  
Allie Basden  
Brianna Cofferen  
Jacklynn Contreras  
Eli Crain  
Kaitlyn Flores  
Zachary Folsom  
Kaitlin Kirkham  
Syeed Leos  
Aleena Mata  
Violanda Mendoza  
Lucille Montilla  
Maddon Padron  
Makeo Roberts  
Dustin Thompson  
Aleah Vargas  
Nathan Varga  
Lisette Viera  
Waylon Wallace  
D'Kazhanae Ward  
Zofia Woodruff  
Adrian Yanez

### Moss Elementary

#### A Honor Roll

##### 1st Grade

Ayden Barnes  
Aubrey Blackstock  
Brody Bretz  
Sebastian Burciaga  
Covan Elder  
Tifa Fancher  
Ashlynn Frederick  
Audrey Freeman  
Alexander Gomez  
Jaelyn Gonzales  
Romeo Gonzales  
Aryana Gonzalez  
Dylan Gray  
Lynleigh Harrison  
Ryleigh Harrison  
Adrian Hernandez  
Randall Hernandez  
Ryan Jeffery  
Carson Lathem  
Adalyn Martinez  
Jacob McPeak  
Jaxon Mendoza  
Cristobal Mondragon  
Jonah Moore  
Maurice Neal  
Jace Necaize  
Jaxson Necaize  
Jsaiah Ortega  
Gabryel Pittman  
Celine Ramos  
Tristen Roberts  
Aden Rodriguez  
Creidence Sanders  
Isaac Valle  
Aubrianna Yanez  
Ebany Yanez

#### A Honor roll

##### 2nd Grade

Evangelyna Acosta  
Beaudyn Amador  
April Campos  
Allyson Casares  
Alexander Chavez  
Graciee Coble  
Jordan Diaz  
John Doll  
Makayla Dominguez  
Bella Edmondson  
Ysenia Fuentes  
Aiden Gonzales  
Ashton Gray  
Ashley Greenlee  
Sophie Greenlee  
Kendelyn Gusman  
Ashlynn Hebbard  
Madilynn Hernandez  
Austin Hill  
Ryder Hughes  
Anabelle Lloyd  
Larry Martinez  
Serenity Martinez  
Heaven Mathis  
Emelia McCoy  
Hayden McNally  
Jesus Medina  
Chance Monks  
Evony Moreno  
Alize Ortiz  
Jeremiah Ramos  
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Ciana Rivera  
Khloe Roberts  
Isabella Robles  
Andyn Rodriguez  
Hayden Rodriguez  
Jayden Rodriguez  
Robert Ross  
Landon Skeen

Bethany Smith  
Ellie Valbuena  
Eric Wingo  
Addison Woodard

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 1st Grade

K'Leen Baird  
Hunter Barfield  
Christopher Berry  
Remi Billingsley  
Keragan Caldwell  
Jordynn Canales  
Myranda Chancellor  
Stephanie Diaz  
Jovanni Dominguez  
Kyeane Fontanez  
Andrew Garza  
Alejandro Gonzales  
Brianna Gonzales  
Jaxson Gonzales  
Trey Gonzales  
Elana Granados  
Noah Hadlock  
E'Lysia Hernandez  
Karlie Hernandez  
Leilani Hernandez  
Aubrey Hilario  
Peyton Kesler  
Larry Luna  
Jashad McGruder  
Brynna  
McGuffey  
Victor Ornelas  
Nidhi Patel  
Adrian Porche  
Adrianna Quesenberry  
Hector Quintana  
Julianna Rios  
Zayla Rivera  
Juan Robles  
Davian Saiz  
Kyler Sharpe  
Justin Solis  
Lillian Thomas  
Kyler Weaver  
Rylan Willard

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 2nd Grade

Daniel Aguilar  
Diosmary De Los Santos  
Jazmine Babrak  
Alyssa Beserra  
Presley Brorman  
Jacob Caldwell  
Elijah Carson-High  
Conner Colegrove  
Ethan Covey  
Guadalupe Cruz  
Angel Dodd  
Layla Escovedo  
Hannah French  
Madison Garrison  
Jacob Garza  
Jacob Gilmour  
Alexa Gomez  
Paola Gonzalez  
Evianna Gutierrez  
Emmalee Hebbard  
Kaitlynn Heffington  
Juliette Heffle  
Alexa Hernandez  
Alysa Hinojosa  
Rylan Hodnett  
Amelia Islas  
Jenavy Lopez  
Elida Martinez  
Hayden McDaniel  
Braxton McGuffey  
Kevin McKelvy  
Mackenzie Medina  
Tyler Mendoza  
Valori Mize  
Alesana Norman  
Alexia Olivarez  
David Ovalle  
Hudson Paradez  
Sahmyia Parker  
Jayden Parnell  
Juan Pina  
Townsend Porras  
Gabriel Reyes Cotto  
Marty Richter  
Aalijah Huerta-Rodriguez  
Ezekiel Rodriguez  
Jannavae Romero  
Jalynn Rushin  
Makayla Smith  
Ayden Starr  
Hailey Sundry  
Audrinna Vigil  
Kalianna Wheeler-Olivares  
William Whitfield  
Ja'Torionna Winters  
Brown  
William  
Wooten  
Zachary Ybarra  
Khloe Zapata

### Washington Elementary

#### A Honor Roll

##### 3rd Grade

Jack Cross  
Ryan Deel  
Sarah Martinez  
Melanie Rodriguez

Jaslynn Williams

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 3rd Grade

Gabriel Arguello  
Gabriella Balcazar  
Allen Bratcher  
Riley Burnham  
Madison Castaneda,  
Amberlea Chamblee  
Jesse Dorame Chavez  
Isabella Chavez

Desteny Becerra  
Brandon Berry  
Bishop Blanco  
Eileen Borunda  
Dacion Bouston  
Raeslynn Burger  
Joshua Calixto  
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Lilliana Contreras  
Sophie Deleon  
Keiosha Foremar-Bridges  
Alyssa Gaitan  
Alexis Garcia



Angela Cofferen  
Baleigh Denton  
Avery Edwards  
Laiza Fuentes  
Jazel Galarza Alvarez  
Kenley Garcia  
Liliana Garcia  
Ehren Garza  
Alayna Gonzales  
Jason Gonzales  
Payton Gore  
Kayden Griffin  
Jacob Grissom  
Brathan Harrell  
Landon Harrison  
Adrian Herrera  
Jaxson Jeffrey  
Maddison Johnson  
Aaliyah Jones  
Turner Lathem  
Avani Limaye  
Jacob Lively  
Adan Martinez  
Jensen McNew  
Allison Mesta  
Lexi Mondragon  
Laura Noble  
Richard Ojo  
Brianna Partlow  
Ivan Pina Rodriquez  
Zacharias Ramos  
Jason Rios  
Natalie Rivera  
Braelyn Huerta Rodriguez  
Ricky Rodriguez  
Heaven Rose  
Aliyaha Ruiz  
Gabriella Salazar  
Nevaeh Salgado  
Trenton Sandridge  
Layla Saracho  
Edward Tino  
Nia Vanderbilt  
Ziasia Vanderbilt  
Yancey Viera  
Damien Whitaker  
Carmen White  
Aleah Wierman  
Ashlyn Yanez  
Nika Yanez  
Damian Young

Brayden Garrett  
Nathan Gibson  
Natalie Gomez  
Braxton Gonzales  
Rilee Gonzales Janinah  
Gonzalez  
Cameron Gordon  
Isaiah Granados  
Nahum Guillory  
Breanna Harden  
Monserrath Holguin  
Erick Izquierdo Gonzalez  
Urijah Jasso  
James Johnson  
An'Drea Jones  
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Trinity Laplante  
Malori Lara  
Lillianna Lively  
Angel Llanez  
Jonas Lopez  
Julisa Lopez  
Yadira Luna  
Armando Martinez  
Caprice Mathews  
Elijah McCoy  
Zane McCoy  
Brooklyn McGuffey  
Kaylee McNally  
Sofia Mendoza  
Summer Miller  
Reyna Montez  
Chloeigh Moore  
Jeremy Morales Vicencio  
Genesis Olivares  
Christopher Olivarez  
Aleena Ortega  
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Brynn Rios  
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Joselyn Verdugo  
Brianna Villa  
Sophia Wegner  
Reqaee Yanez  
Alexis Ybarra  
Brooklyn Ybarra

### Goliad Elementary

#### A Honor Roll

##### 4th Grade

Keifer Carrillo  
Nahomi Chavez  
Santiago De Santiago  
Norma Delacruz  
Cobi Dodson  
Roberto Gonzalez  
Joshua Harrington  
Hailey Hawkins  
Jimmie Hawkins  
Cristian Montanez  
Keila Reyes  
Adam Rubio  
Jeremiah Sanchez  
Gavin Terry  
Kaiden Walker

#### AB Honor Roll

##### 4th Grade

James Abernathy  
Ny'Ran'Ja Allen  
Danica Alvarado  
Robert Armstrong

Reese  
Baloga  
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Barreras  
Ella  
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Mier Ellanii  
Miller Cerenady  
Mitchell Dilan  
Moreno Caliana  
New Josiah  
Noble Payden  
Ornelas Karisa  
Ornelas Mason  
Owens Milly  
Parras Addison  
Partlow Jennifer  
Payne Summer  
Phillips Jayleigh

Ramirez Loc  
Ramirez Horton Leah  
Ramos Michael  
Regino Olivia  
Reyes Audrie  
Reyes Joshua  
Rios Joshua  
Rios Marcus  
Rivera Maricela  
Rodriguez Annalise  
Rose Lillianna  
Rosenberry Kenneth  
Silva Nissa  
Smith Ethen  
Snyder Elise  
Sosa Arianna  
Stack Kai  
Stokes Raider  
Threats Eithan  
Threats Jeanette  
Vanderbilt Akeilan  
Verde Marisa  
Viera Arielle  
Wells Mallorie  
Wiggins Evan  
Wood Ava  
Wooten Draven  
Yarbrough Emma

#### AB Honor Roll

**6th Grade**  
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Armstrong Douglas  
Barnett Gavin  
Batterton Aki  
Bravo Armando  
Bustamante Natalie  
Calderon Destiny  
Canales Kloe  
Carter Docker  
Castro Brooklyn  
Contreras Julicia  
Cuellar Juanita  
Fierro Cassidy  
Franco Lillian  
Galloway Tarynn  
Garza Jayson  
Gomez Olivia  
Gonzales Destiny  
Gonzales Michelle  
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Jones Jenna  
Juarez Audrina  
Kirk Jennifer  
Lopez Elena  
Loudermill Aiden  
Martinez Nina  
Martinez Rolando  
Melton Nienna  
Mendoza Santos  
Pearson Mason  
Pina Narely  
Rios Joshua  
Rodriguez-Anderson  
Zackery  
Rutledge CarNesha  
Thompson Ariel  
Yanez Adrian

### Big Spring Junior High

#### A Honor Roll

**7th Grade**  
Kaegan Baker  
Ceejai Bedford-Sanders  
Lauren Bryans  
Gabiella Carter  
Zuleimy Castillo  
Ian Cortez  
Arely Cruz-Garcia  
Joseph Gonzales  
Dylan Gonzalez  
Reaghan Heffle  
Donavyn Hilario

Rasean Jones  
Christian Martinez  
Delaney Moreno-Ulibarri  
Steffany Pina Armenta  
Matthew Salazar  
Ethan Urias  
David Villagrana  
Wood Samuel

#### A Honor Roll

#### 8th Grade

Andrae Connor  
Arredondo Elaina  
Atrisco-Sandi Juan  
Bedinger Genevieve  
Berry A'Kalie  
Carrasco Gabrianna  
Castillo Ismael  
Castillo Zareth  
Cobos Eli  
Cornish Brian  
Galvan Galicia Lizbeth  
Garcia-Marquez Itzel  
Greenlee Dylan  
Griffith Morgan  
Hernandez Adali  
Hernandez Catirina  
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Martinez Michael  
Martinez Viviana  
Matthews Emily  
Miracle Emma  
Moore Kortney  
Olivera Paredes Kellyn  
Partlow Taylor  
Pedroza Hernandez Brenda  
Reagan Rachel  
Rivera Skylyn  
Roberts Jaysena  
Rocha Mya M  
Salazar Matthew  
Summers David  
Tan Soo-Wen  
Vaughn Malaki  
Wislar Hugo  
Young Miranada  
Zubiate Kelcey

#### AB Honor Roll

**7th Grade**  
Zachary Conner  
Olivia Davidson  
Joshua Dominguez  
Leila Franco  
Katherine Greene  
Tyler Grove  
Hailey Harrington  
Hodges Tyson  
Huffstutler Abigail  
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Woodruff McKenzie  
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Billingsley Laine  
Brooks Kendall  
Cavazos Talon  
Corley Adrianna  
De La Cruz Alysandra  
Estes Faith  
Flannagan Kambri  
French Ethan  
Gomez Miranda  
Horton Andrew  
Lopez Nevaeh  
Martinez Natalie  
Mendoza Erin  
Overton Jayden  
Padron Gavin  
Pena Joseph  
Rivera Briana  
Wilson Landon  
Wood Freyja  
Amador Kael  
Balios Jordan  
Bernal Alyssa  
DeLeon Samuel  
Hamm Maddison  
Hodnett Destiny  
James Kierra  
Mehan Alexa

Rincon-Mesta Leslie  
Uribe Timothy  
Varena Luis  
Williams Caleb  
Aguilar Serina  
Barreras Brandon  
Bretz Christopher  
Cardenas George  
Dehoyos Antonito  
Guerra Adryen  
Hamby Jack  
Johnson Jimmy  
Maniyali John  
Monje Scarlett  
Zaccardo Jaxon  
Arriaga Elijah  
Carreon Ezekiel  
Chavez Lucas  
Davila Abigail  
Garza Mayna  
Gibson Tainessa  
Jones Dorcas  
Llanas Ruben  
Ortega Bethany  
Paredes Marcos  
Cisneros Caleb  
Lane Maddox  
Lewis QBen

#### AB Honor Roll

#### 8th Grade

Allen Austin  
Castaneda Alyson  
Chairez Jocelyn  
Cook Branne  
Corley Kylin  
Ervin Toby  
Fierro Emma  
Fierro Kailie  
Gonzales Yasmin  
Guillory Olive  
Jimenez Alia  
Kennedy Marlie  
Martinez Phillip  
Mendez Anaeli  
Mendoza Ava  
Middleton Joshua  
Norman Walter  
Olivares Jahzail  
Posey Chloe  
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Rios Teresa  
Saenz Isabella Elena  
Schwab Kaitlyn  
Solis Adrian  
Spears Terriirene  
Sykes Jalen  
Vela Celestina  
Aguero Josiah  
Baca Aislynn  
Baca Orianna  
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Chaney Aiden  
Cox Robert  
De La Torre Leane  
Franco Alexa  
Glendenning John  
Gonzales Isaac  
Horton Cheyanne  
Landin Eric  
LeBarre Tristan  
Mijares Alondra  
Prieto Miranda  
Reyes Naomi  
Rios Nathan  
Rodriguez Isador  
Rodriguez Juan  
Threats Jaylon  
Urias Zabian  
Yanez Felicity  
Zavala Joshua  
Aiyanyo Zemariah  
Arroyo Eileen  
Brown Johnny  
Butts Jonathan  
Contreras Aiden  
Diaz Diego  
Garza Antonio  
Hernandez Markus  
Lobaton Marissa  
Mlenak Autumn  
Otto Lora  
Phillips Jaylon  
Rodriguez Natalie  
Salazar David  
Vazquez Abraham

Davis Alexia  
Ferro Gazquez Maria  
Heffle Brooklynne  
Wert Dakota  
Canales Kaydence

## Big Spring High School

#### A Honor Roll

#### 9th Grade

A Honor Roll  
Cerda, Emily  
Cerda Lana  
Diaz, Ernesto  
Scott, Diondre

#### A Honor Roll

#### 10th grade

Alanis, Mario  
Colette, Ransom  
Cortez, Ethan  
Dahya, Felicia  
DeLeon, Jackie  
Evans, Mattox  
Garcia, Sadie  
Hernandez, Belicia  
Johnson, Isaiah  
Mendez, Arali  
Mitchell, Destiny  
Ontiveros, Evan  
Ortiz Torres, Gloriann  
Saenz, Lisa  
Seymore, Kyler  
Tredaway, Averi  
Vela, Zachary  
Young, Stephanie  
Zavala, Graciella

#### A Honor Roll

#### 11th grade

Chavez, Celeste  
LanFranco Corona,  
Yudelmis  
Martiarena, Kevin  
Sanchez, Mark  
Trevino, Baylor  
Valbuena, Ramon

#### A Honor Roll

#### 12th grade

Arview, Arthur  
Banks Mikal  
Cooley, Jeremiah  
Davila, Leah  
Deel, Kamri  
Goad, Megan  
Gonzales, Chaside  
Ibanez, Christopher  
LanFranco Corona,  
Yadelin  
Letz, Nathaniel  
Lewis Montajh  
Moore, Karleigh  
Rios, Haley  
Rivera, Bobbie

#### AB Honor Roll

#### 9th Grade

Carrillo, Jonathon  
Echeverry, Daphne  
Fierro, Steven  
Gallegos-Camacho,  
Jaqueline  
Howard, Derek  
Mitchell, Kaegen  
Rios, Marco  
Stevens, Dontavion  
Vanderbilt, Ka'Vontae

#### AB Honor Roll

#### 10th grade

Alaksin, Isabella  
Bancroft, Olivia  
Belew, Jacqueline  
Blount, Daniel  
Calvio, Ashlin  
Castillo, Manuel  
Cervantes, Rogelio  
Cervantez, Jordan  
Cole, Cienga  
Davidson, Gage  
Diosdado, Evelyn  
Erwin, Anna  
Fierro, Joseph  
Flores, Elijah  
Frenzel, Malaiki  
Garcia-Susaita, Isai  
Gomez, Mia  
Gonzales, Jocelyn  
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Munoz, Damian  
Murphy, Hannah  
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Olivarez, Jocelyn  
Paredes, Mikayla  
Perkins, Taralynn  
Prieto, Marc  
Pullins, Alyssa  
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Rogers, Brandon  
Salgado, Heather  
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Thibeault, Luke  
Thomas, Dalton  
Thomas, Reagan  
Trevino-Richardson, Owen  
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Valencia, Valerie  
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Villatoro, Carlos  
Voight, Breeann  
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Wolfley, Benjamin  
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**AB Honor Roll**

**11th grade**  
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Carrillo, Abigale  
Davis, Daelyn  
Diez, Raven  
Duenez, Diego  
Evans, Robyn  
Gomez, Gabriel  
Gomez, Nicholas A  
Gonzales, Michaela  
Hand, Katelynn  
Hernandez, Ylana  
Humphries, Katie  
Jaha, Dorentina  
Morales, Nathan  
Morelion, Alondra  
Navarro, Tera  
Ruiz, Jasmine  
Salazar, Nayha  
Sandoval, Yessenia  
Shook, Zachory  
Smith, Julia  
Talamantez, Kailynn  
Taylor, Jarrod  
Wilson, Davin

**AB Honor Roll**

**12th grade**  
Bermea, Juan  
Brown, Chloe  
Carroll, Brian  
Crawford, Hayley  
Cruz, Alexis  
DeLa Cruz, Ariaiah  
Doll, Joseph  
Dunnam, Chloe  
Garcia, Carlos P  
Gonzales, Abraham  
Gonzales, Jeremy  
Gruis, Alexis

Gutierrez, Kobe  
London, Hans  
Lopez Olivias, Jesus  
Marshall, Blake  
Martinez, Marivel  
Molina, David  
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Munoz, Sarah  
Perez, Fe  
Ramirez, Sady  
Rios, Zachery  
Roberts, Jayden  
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Saldana, Eugene  
Sanchez, Jerry  
Sarmiento, Alenna  
Soliz, Ehren  
Starr, Alexis  
Valencia, Kalie  
Van Vleet, Bryson  
Vanderbilt, Janeigh  
Ward, Jacarra  
William, Katie  
Woodruff, Kayli

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**A Honor Roll**

**1st Grade**  
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Davis, Elliana  
De Los Santos, Aiden  
Dennis, Kendal  
Elliott, Haylea  
Ellis, Natilee  
Flores, Tyler  
Gaston, Maddie  
Giant, David  
Godwin-Sicard, Blake  
Gonzalez, Yamir  
Greer, Sydnee  
Kinsey, Peyton  
Lasater, Linken  
Love, Justen  
Magby, Easton  
Mendoza, Juan  
Petrovski, Laila  
Pineda, K'Son  
Preciado, Alyssa  
Richardson, Kameron  
Tufts, Chance  
Ward, Addison  
Wash, Autumn  
Wash, Carter  
Wash, Kinsler  
Williams, Colt

**A Honor Roll**

**2nd Grade**  
Cates, Koby  
Flores, Feliz  
Fulgham, Deegan  
Gato, Janine  
Gonzalez, Adrian  
Grigg, Barrett  
Hefner, Camden  
Long, Summer  
Medrano, Isabella  
Mims, Brynlee  
Olson, Allie  
Pickett, Matthew  
Rigdon, Finn  
Strickland, Finley  
Wilson, Rylie  
Woodall, Maggie  
Worley, Taelor

**A Honor Roll**

**3rd Grade**  
Amaro, Elyssa  
Bias, Oliver  
Foust, Kaelyn  
Jackson, Paislee  
Phillips, Hadley  
Sedberry, Cooper  
Skaggs, Paxton  
Theis, Travis  
Wooldridge, Karli  
Wright, Britton

**A Honor Roll**

**4th Grade**  
Arzate, Dadrian  
Blakeney, Matthew

Buske, Elise  
Crenshaw, Hannah  
Howell, Marin  
Orn, Emily  
Raffini, Elizabeth  
Richardson, Kristian  
Roberts, Bryson  
Roman, Aaralyn  
Sayles, Sydni  
Wash, Brennan

**A Honor Roll**

**5th Grade**  
Baker, Radon  
Barker, Abigail  
Bravo, Giuliana  
Calvert, Makenna  
Cornish, Collin  
Dawson, Kennadee  
Flores, Jasiah  
Flores, Natalie  
Greer, Harleigh  
Griffith, Llana  
Hart, Addison  
Holt, Corey  
Hugo, Abigail  
Joy, Kadynce  
Mealing, Ary'anna  
Mendez, Michaela  
Mims, Huntley  
Paredes, Layla  
Phillips, Ilianna  
Posey, Nikole  
Richter, Kaine  
Roach, Madison  
Self, McKenna  
Tarbet, Taylor  
Trinidad, Carmen  
Tubb, Brelyn  
Vidal, Kaitlin  
Ward, Jovi  
Weber, Camilla

**AB Honor Roll**

**1st Grade**  
Acosta, Aubree  
Adams, Austin  
Boudreau, Tyler  
Calvio, August  
Deleon, Xaiden  
Evertt, Alaina  
Gutierrez, Noah  
Harbour, Crystin  
Hart, Angelique  
Higginbotham, Laurel  
Hofacket, Kytier  
Lloyd, Haiden  
Lopez, Arybell  
Moore, Kalyb  
Richardson, Gage  
Rodriguez, Silas  
Stilwell, Miah  
Tilley, Kynzie  
Williams, Jayden

**AB Honor Roll**

**2nd Grade**  
Andrews, Liam  
Austin, Joshua  
Barker, Alizabeth  
Colomo, Luisa  
Dunlap, Ryan  
Gonzales, Emilee  
Hernandez, Adrian  
Holder, Kristopher  
Johnson, Toby  
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**3rd Grade**  
Carlile, Paisleigh  
Gaston, Caleigh  
Hardin, Kameron  
Lefever, Triton  
Leonard, Khylyn  
Lucio, Sophie

Lugo, Josiah  
Myers, Max  
Nichols, Jules  
O'Neal, Jayden  
Pritchard, Kyndall  
Reaves, Madilynn  
Solis, Kiarieh  
Stilwell, Harley  
Tucker, Kade  
Walker, Marley  
Webb, Trysten  
Wright, Jarren  
Wright, Kolbi

**AB Honor Roll**

**4th Grade**  
Austin, Emily  
Calvio, Adlae  
Cunningham, Cade  
Eubanks, Brayden  
Evans, Coy  
Evertt, Kole  
Garza, Makayla  
Green, William  
Janssen, Brady  
Johnson, Kennedy  
Kemper, Halen  
Lee, Kyndal  
Magby, Kenlei  
Marlow, Gavin  
McWilliams, Lexie  
Medina, Madison  
Melton, Carlie  
Myers, Catherine  
Pena, Brandyn  
Rodgers, Rachael  
Rodriquez, Tristian  
Rossiter, Amanda  
Smith, Hayden  
Stockton, Colt  
Subia, Zoe  
Teston, Zoe  
Webb, Tyce  
Zuniga, Zuriel

**AB Honor Roll**

**5th Grade**  
Bowlin, Hayden  
Bryant, Brayden  
Burchett, Jestin  
Calvio, Atticus  
Caudill, Kenzli  
Coursey, Kimberly  
Fryar, Dagan  
Hernandez, Nathalia  
Jones, Kendal  
Layman, Kade  
Long, Len  
Lozano, Avren  
Marquez, Kaylen  
Masawiestewa, Alyssa  
McCormick, Paxton  
Mendoza, Jonathyn  
Newton, Hailey  
Nichols, Jack  
Patton, Amariah  
Phillips, Jackson  
Reed, Ava  
Rogers, Izac  
Schumpert, Kayden  
Smith, McKenna  
Speck, K'Dynce  
Spivey, Harley  
Spivey, Jayce  
Theis, Maggie  
Thomason, Ylee  
Tilley, Keeley  
Valdez, Matthew  
Woodfin, Kyleigh

**Forsan Junior**

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**A Honor Roll**

**6th Grade**  
Buske, Ethan  
Fernandez, Emma  
Gabehart, Mary  
Holder, William  
Leonardi, Chance  
Marquez, Eric  
Melendez, Aracellie  
Moore, Amberlea



Neel, Tatum  
Olson, Abigail  
Pascual, James Elan  
Phelps, Jaystin  
Raine, Garrett  
Summers, Juliana  
Trinidad, Marc  
Woodall, James  
Wooldridge, Kenzi  
Yabes, Patricia Sue

**A Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**  
Beall, Addison M  
Buske, Emma G  
Hoff, Lilly A  
Miller, Morgan C  
Myers, Caylee M  
Myers, Jake E  
Rice, Emily A  
Richardson, Seth K  
Roman, Lyssa L  
Stone, Jaci L  
Thompson, Hilary B

**A Honor Roll**

**8th Grade**  
Barclay, Blake S  
Cole, Trevor B  
Couch, McKenna G  
Ezell, Nolan W  
Gato, Joanna Pauline A  
Hale, Jazzmin A  
Hillger, Hannah R  
Holguin, Autumn S  
Hopper, Jackson R  
Huff, Charles A  
Moore, Ashlee I  
Nichols, Kade D  
Raine, Paige M  
Schafer, Kristen F  
Sedberry, Mason R  
Wallis, Stephen C  
Woodall, Kaeli B

**AB Honor Roll**

**6th Grade**  
Hallford, Amber N  
Kendrick, Toryn L  
Mayes, Jaxon D  
Stockton, Madelyn S  
Wagner, Jalyynn B  
Lee, Kaedyn M  
Patterson, Spencer F  
Rosenbaum, Kaylie R  
Whitmill, Destiny E  
Yanez, Jesse G  
Ellis, Emilee A  
Lefever, Trustin L  
Lofton, Jacauri L  
Martinez, Anthony T  
Miller, Hannah G  
Stockton, Huston C  
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Nichols, Colt A  
Teston, Tyler J

**AB Honor Roll****7th Grade**

Brown, Carsyn A  
Byerly, Connor G  
MacKenzie, Jacy R  
Matthies, Krislynn D  
Peffer, Emma K  
Williams, Avery R  
Williams, K'Leigh L  
Briseno, Nicholas A  
Gillihan, Chloe M  
Heckler, Kyleigh E  
Rodriguez, Lybertee L  
Smith, Torah J  
Tigert, Kouper K  
Williams, Hailey D  
Alvarez, Jon A  
Bagwell, Madry C  
Byerly, Erich B  
Byerly, Kaitlyn R  
Fierro, Daniella L  
Huitt, Braden L  
Sarmiento, Aurianna R  
Clarkson, Heather M  
Garza, Maegan M  
Henry, Logan M  
Hess, Ezekiel A  
Isbell, Toby S  
Reed, Logan B  
Shockley, Paryse M  
Smith, Rylan C  
Sutton, Abby L

**AB Honor Roll****8th Grade**

Baucum, Ella G  
Dawson, Katcher J  
Fulgham, Taelyn R  
Patterson, Mason L  
Richbourg, Kadie N  
Tidwell, David L  
Bartlett, Robert N  
Castro, Aiden M  
Claxton, Cadence H  
Hogue, Kalli B  
Kirkland, Anson R  
Layman, Weston A  
Park, Nolan T  
Rodgers, Malaki C  
Thomas, Weston G  
Tollison, Jayden D  
Whitmore, Nicolas A  
East, Grayson W  
Gonzalez, Graciella S  
Sandoval, Mason T  
Nichols, Koby J

**Forsan High School****A Honor Roll****9th Grade**

Averette, Caylor W  
Beall, Hailey L  
Cervantes, Joshua R  
Everett, Libby J  
Gabehart, Thomas L  
Gonzalez, Gabriella L  
Hillger, Mikayla J  
Hoff, Ella C  
Lin, Orion  
Morgan, Cayden S  
Morin, Lindsey M  
Orn, Elliot D  
Phillips, Reagan D  
Schumpert, Dylan T  
Smith-Wennik, Kalell M  
Smith, Aubrie N  
Stallings, Sawyer K  
Stockton, Major R  
Yanez, Maverick G

**A Honor Roll****10th Grade**

Allen, Cameron  
Andrews, Zadie  
Bowman, Alyssa

Cevallos, Hunter  
Cole, William  
Elliott, Brianna  
Evans, Rylee  
Henson, Kacie  
Hillger, Mason  
Luna, Celestiana  
Speck, Parker  
Tant, John

**A Honor Roll****11th Grade**

Averette, Katie  
Baucum, Emma  
Buske, Ryan  
Carter, Hunter  
Freeman, Ty  
Gabehart, Jonathon  
Igneczi, Chloe  
Knox, Lila  
Lorenz, Ilona  
Peffer, Keira  
Still, Taylyn  
Whitmore, Nathaniel

**A Honor Roll****12th Grade**

Arzate, Mikayla  
Bailey, Zachary  
Brown, Jaidyn  
East, Brennan  
Evans, Macey  
Freitag, Brandon  
Garcia, Emily  
Guidry, Autumn  
Hamblin, Aeryn  
Lindsey, Brenna  
Moorman, Gabriel  
Morgan, Kaylee  
Munsell, Montie  
Ormsby, Hannah  
Pearson, Ashtyn  
Richardson, Kobe  
Tarbet, Price  
Torvik, Jacquelyn  
Williams, Caden  
Yanez, Razyl

**AB Honor Roll****9th Grade**

Bagwell, Mason C  
Juarez, Adrian  
White, Breann R  
Claxton, Fellicity R  
Hair, Connor C  
Jenkins, Riley J  
Johnson, Emma R  
Massingill, Michael W  
Yanez, Rylee R  
Hawkes, Enjolina B  
Patel, Eshan B  
Valdez, Brandon I  
Golleher, Jayden J

**AB Honor Roll****10th Grade**

Bailey, Patrick  
Cordova, Tiana  
Evans, Paul  
Hallford, Destiny  
Harbour, Ethan  
Lin, Oscar  
McCafferty, Angel  
Paredes, Nayeli  
Raspe, Faith  
Rice, Elyse  
Spivey, Taryn  
Tarbet, Sara  
Thomas, Kendra  
Williams, Hannah  
Wright, Andre

**AB Honor Roll****11th Grade**

Aguilar, Allison  
Arzate, Micah  
Colvin, Katelin  
Gilbert, Aries  
Huitt, Cody  
Moorman, Ty  
Norman, Marli  
Parks, Paige  
Patterson, Haley  
Patterson, Jacob

Seo, Steven  
Smith, Madison  
Smith, Dylan  
Vasquez, Selena  
Vierus, Hanna  
Zollner, Eva  
Hernandez, Nevaeh L

**AB Honor Roll****12th Grade**

Enriquez, Christopher  
Evertt, Britney  
Fuller, Sterling  
Kligora, Dylon  
Miller, Tatum  
Morin, Kayla  
Willard, Mikahaela

**Sands Elementary****A Honor Roll****1st Grade**

Layne Hataway  
Donovan Herm  
Kaleb Hinton  
Johnny Klassen  
Rebecca Loewen  
Blevin Miller  
Francisco Neufeld  
Max Rodriguez  
Kade Rubio  
Agatha Wolf

**A Honor Roll****2nd Grade**

Maddix Brownfield  
Kinsey Gillespie  
Draven Lindero  
Caleb Mathis  
Noah Mathis  
Ryan Wall

**A Honor Roll****3rd Grade**

Brandon Enns  
Easton Sandlin  
David Wolf

**A Honor roll****4th Grade**

Cali Howard  
Carlos Plata  
Ryan Turner

**A Honor Roll****5th Grade**

Hayley Connell  
Chole Gillespie  
Chayson Vitte  
Taylor Wall

**AB Honor Roll****1st Grade**

Mia Conell  
Marissa Delarosa  
Kinley Gaskins  
Lyleigh Higgins  
Jolee Jordan  
Kamilah Mendoza  
Brittanie Rogers  
Kendyl Wilson

**AB Honor Roll****2nd Grade**

Bella Baker  
Issac Bracamonte  
Arizona Bryant  
Jaylen Cooper  
Leah Garza  
Juan Gonzalez  
Mia Murrieta  
Nylei Rogers  
Emily Wright

**AB Honor Roll****3rd Grade**

David Friesen  
Tate Henderson

Paziley Higgins  
Zoe Murrieta

**AB Honor roll****4th Grade**

Colby Hinton  
Blue McMorris  
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Stetson Sharp  
Jesse Tarin  
Colby Walker

**AB Honor Roll****5th Grade**

Myah Annallla  
Chole Deanda  
Joseph Friesen  
Madison Hataway  
Wyatt Herm  
Santiago Morales  
Cole Rich  
Mason Rodriguez  
Nate Ybarra

**Sands Junior High****A Honor Roll****6th Grade**

Karlo Arellano  
Wiley Gaskins

**A Honor Roll****7th Grade**

Landon Kelley  
Katharina Klassen  
Bianca Plata

**A Honor Roll****8th Grade**

Landry Morrow  
Madlyn Nichols  
Laykn Sandlin  
Cash Walker

**AB Honor Roll****6th Grade**

Austin Archuleta  
Cyanne Compton  
Kirby Huffman  
Virginer Jerotich  
Erynn Kelley  
David Klassen  
Madison segundo  
Aleigha Webb Hilburn  
Henry Wolf  
J'Lyn Ybarra

**AB Honor Roll****7th Grade**

Trayven Archuleta  
Zane Clare  
Trandon Edmondson  
Jaden Flentge  
Genaro Gonzalez  
Zack Grumbles

**AB Honor Roll****8th Grade**

Melanie Cervantes  
Gaabriella Cisneros  
Gabby Franco  
Reagan Gonzales  
Alexa Plata  
Lilli Porras  
Yesenia Reyna  
Adien walker

**Sands High School****A Honor Roll****9th Grade**

Kyle Arellano  
Karina Gonzalez  
Nancy Rempel  
Malachi Walker

**A Honor Roll****10th Grade**

Bryce Hamlin  
Cody Staggs

**A Honor Roll****11th Grade**

Ryston Archuleta  
Janessa Aguirre  
Marcos Garcia  
Landon Morrow  
Jacob Spivey  
Aaron Thomas  
Will Thomas

**A Honor Roll****12th Grade**

Cassandra Brooks  
Layne French  
Landry Connell  
Caleb Gillespie  
Mattie Grumbles  
Noah Wigington

**AB Honor Roll****9th Grade**

Niall Connell  
Victoria Franco  
MeA Gonzalez  
Gracie King  
Del Rae Miller  
Monica Quiroz  
Riley Webb  
Jeb Worthly

**AB Honor Roll****10th Grade**

Mayra Diaz  
Maria Gonzalez  
Kaylee French

**AB Honor Roll****11th Grade**

Alycia Cisneros  
Alexis Gonzalez

**AB Honor Roll****12th Grade**

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# Officials: Inmates ran \$560K online dating extortion scheme



AP photo

This April 16, 2018 file photo shows the Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville, S.C.

By MEG KINNARD

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Five inmates in the Carolinas extorted more than half a million dollars from military personnel throughout the country, using illegal cellphones to pose as women on dating sites, authorities said Wednesday.

Standing in front of a state prison in Columbia, South Carolina, U.S. Attorney Sherri Lydon told reporters that five inmates had been indicted on federal charges including extortion and wire fraud. Ten others throughout the Carolinas have been charged with helping inmates collect extortion payments via services including Western Union or PayPal.

According to court documents, inmates used contraband phones to join dating websites, contacting and exchanging nude images with service members across the country.

Once the targets had been reeled in, Drew Goodridge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service said, inmates then posed as an authority figure, like a father or police officer, claiming the girl with whom the victim had been communicating was underage and demanding money to keep the exchanges private.

Fearful they'd be accused of disseminating child pornography, possibly losing their military careers, more than 442 service members handed

over more than \$560,000 total, authorities said.

Lydon said the victims come from all branches and ranks of the military. According to Goodridge, more than 250 other cases were being investigated for potential extortion as part of "Operation Surprise Party," which his agency began in January 2017.

"This operation will continue until we break the back of these criminal networks," he said.

Inmates aren't allowed to have cellphones behind bars, although thousands are smuggled inside each year. Corrections Director Bryan Stirling has long called illegally obtained cellphones the No. 1 security threat inside his institutions, as they allow inmates the unmonitored ability to communicate and potentially continue their criminal endeavors.

Officials have said a deadly riot earlier this year at Lee Correctional Institution was in part a turf war over contraband including cellphones.

"We do not lock up criminals only to have them go to prison and continue their criminal conduct," Lydon said. "It is the unfettered use of contraband cellphones that allows inmates to continue harming the citizens of South Carolina."

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"All, the purpose of this meeting is to explore whether, post Paris, we need to develop, or simply piece together from what already exists, a policy proposal that can be characterized as the "Trump climate policy," Michael Catanzaro, a former oil and gas lobbyist then serving as Trump's energy and environment consultant, wrote to White House and Environmental Protection Agency officials days after the president's announcement.

The EPA did not respond to requests for details on the meeting, or on any subsequent Trump climate policy.

In an email Wednesday, the State Department noted that the United States is still taking part in global climate talks, despite pulling out of the Paris accord.

That includes a State Department delegation to U.N. climate talks starting next week in Poland, in follow-up to the Paris talks.

"The United States continues to participate in ongoing international climate negotiations including those related to guidance for implementing the Paris Agreement to ensure a level playing field that benefits the United States, its workers, and its taxpayers," the department said in a statement.

The initial shock of the abrupt U.S. retreat from the Paris accord galvanized international support for climate efforts, said Nigel Purvis, who worked on climate issues in the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

It "brought other nations even closer together and they're even more committed," Purvis said. In the longer term, though, the Trump administration's retreat on climate change may hurt, showing governments and companies they can flout global concerns about coal, oil and gas emissions and not be held accountable, he said.

has initiated a rollback of a complex Obama-era effort to power the nation's electrical grid with more renewable energy and less climate-altering coal.

"We are putting our great coal miners back to work!" Trump told a cheering crowd in West Virginia this summer, touting that rollback. Many economists challenge his claim, arguing that cheaper natural gas and other market forces will mean the continued downward slump of the U.S. coal industry.

The Obama plan had aimed at cutting U.S. emissions of climate-changing carbon dioxide about one-third by 2030.

Separately, the country's auto industry already is adjusting to the Trump administration's announcement in August that it would ease Obama-era mileage standards.

Auto experts say the Trump administration's relaxing of mileage standards will deepen American drivers' devotion to heavier, fuel-gulping sports utility vehicles over more fuel efficient cars.

In October, almost 65 percent of new vehicles sold in the U.S. were trucks or SUVs.

Reporters asked General Motors CEO Mary Barra this week if the Trump administration's relaxation of the fuel economy standards played into the automaker's announcement that it may close up to five North American car plants. "We intend on meeting the standards whatever they are," Barra responded.

California and more than a dozen other states have sued to try to stop the relaxation of mileage standards.

In September, the Trump administration proposed relaxing 2016 rules that would have required companies to do more to detect and plug methane leaks at oil and gas installations.

Methane is the primary component of natural gas, and one of the most potent pollutants when it comes to trapping heat in the atmosphere.

# BORDER

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budget year, firearms were used 14 times. The data includes Border Patrol agents that patrol between the ports of entry, and officers who police border crossings.

Over those 11 months, there were 743 cases of agents and officers using less-lethal force, like batons, stun guns, tear gas and pepper spray. These included 29 cases in which tear gas was used and 43 incidents of pepper spray.

Though the final numbers are unavailable, those figures represent a drop from 2013, during the Obama administration, when there were 1,168 incidents of less-lethal force, including 27 instances of tear gas and 151 of pepper spray, according to the data. Less-lethal force has increased over the past two years but is still lower than 2013.

Complaints about excessive force prompted Customs and Border Protection to commission an investigation by the Police Executive Research Forum, a policing research and policy group. The 2013 audit highlighted problems that included foot-patrol agents without access to less-lethal options. It recommended law enforcement not be allowed to use deadly force when people throw rocks — a suggestion that was rejected.

Following those reviews, Customs and Border Protection revised policies and made major changes to training. Agents now undergo scenario-based drills at the academy and learn how to de-escalate tense situations. They get 64 hours of

on-the-job training on use of force.

Some sectors, like El Paso, have a virtual reality simulator. The octagonal giant screens mounted on a platform mimic a desert encounter where agents must decide whether to fire their weapons. The scenario is designed to cause stress, and agents are forced to think quickly or face being shot, run over or hit with rocks. After the simulation, they discuss reactions with training officers and work on how to better respond in the future.

"The desert is a very difficult, dangerous unstructured environment," said Aaron Hull, Border Patrol chief for the El Paso Sector. "We're trying to keep our agents safe. We're trying to protect the safety of our communities, and all the people involved."

Chuck Wexler, head of the police research forum, credited the agency with taking the recommendations seriously. "Also when they do have an incident, they have a better review process," he said.

Trump defended the use of tear gas on children — claiming it was "very safe," a "very minor form" of irritant. But Customs and Border Protection officials still plan to conduct a review to determine whether it was justified and what — if anything — could be done better, according to Commissioner Kevin McAleenan.

Agents are authorized to use deadly force when there is reasonable belief that there is an imminent danger of serious physical injury or death to the officer or another person.

They have discretion on how to deploy less-than-lethal force: It must be both "objectively reasonable

and necessary in order to carry out law enforcement duties" — and used when other "empty hand" techniques are not sufficient to control disorderly or violent subjects.

Officials say they deploy the lowest form of force necessary to take control of a situation — but critics of the Sunday clash say gas never should've been used near small children.

The chaos began after a peaceful protest by some of the thousands of migrants marooned in Mexico. It was unusual in part because of the large number trying to cross illegally — officials said it was between 500 and 1,000. U.S. authorities shut down the nation's busiest border crossing for several hours.

San Diego Border Patrol Sector chief Rodney Scott said 42 people were arrested and some children inhaled the tear gas, but they were not intended targets.

But images of crying children in diapers and bare feet running from plumes of gas struck a nerve again — not unlike the images of weeping, frightened children who had been separated from their parents over the summer.

"Any border security and immigration policy that results in mothers and children being gassed is not only cruel and morally reprehensible, but also an abject failure," said Rep. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, the top Democrat on the House Committee on Homeland Security. "The administration should be preparing itself to finally face real oversight of its failed border and immigration policies."

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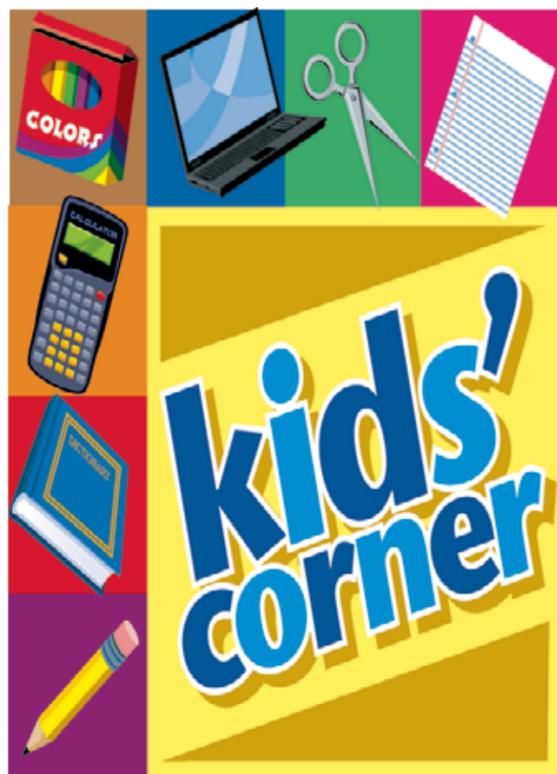
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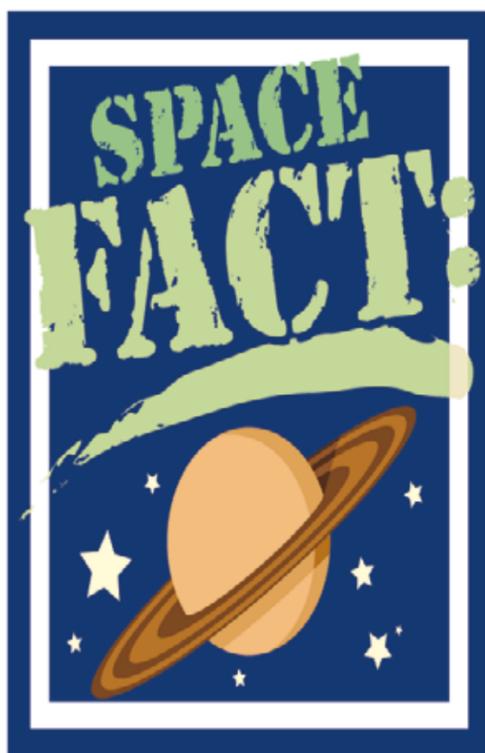
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ANSWER: BALLOONS

### Covington scores 21 as Timberwolves romp past Spurs 128-89

By ANDRES YBARRA

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves showed off their improved defense Wednesday night against the San Antonio Spurs.

It was quite a performance by Robert Covington and company.

Covington scored 21 points, Karl-Anthony Towns and Derrick Rose each had 16 and the Timberwolves shut down the Spurs for a 128-89 victory.

"It's a big time when you get a team like that and play an organization like that, and we come out and play defense the way we did," Towns said. "It's a wonderful sight and it shows the hard work we're putting in day-in and day-out."

Minnesota (11-11) earned its fourth straight win to get to .500 for the first time since Oct. 31. Taj Gibson scored 13 points, and rookie Josh Okogie made three 3-pointers on his way to 12 points.

Minnesota had dropped 14 of its last 15 against shooting.

These aren't the Spurs of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, but the much-improved Timberwolves defense isn't the same, either.

"We're finally taking pride in it each and every night and not for a quarter, not for a few minutes, not for one possession," guard Tyus Jones said.



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs' Rudy Gay, right, tries to control the ball as Minnesota Timberwolves' Robert Covington defends in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, in Minneapolis.

San Antonio's lowest-scoring half this season.

#### SPUTTERING SPURS

Jakob Poeltl led the Spurs with 14 points, and Marco Belinelli added 11. LaMarcus Aldridge and DeMar DeRozan each scored 10 and were the only starters in double figures.

San Antonio closed out a 2-2 road trip, but that didn't mean very much to the Spurs after

"We're staying locked in on that end of the floor and I think we're starting to see it makes a difference when you're locked in on defense."

Minnesota led by as many as 48 before settling for its largest margin of victory against San Antonio in team history. The Timberwolves limited the Spurs to nine second-quarter points in the 15th single-digit defensive quarter in team history.

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Minnesota improved to 7-2 since trading disgruntled star Jimmy Butler to Philadelphia in exchange for Covington, Dario Saric, Jerryd Bayless and a second-round draft pick.

The Wolves broke the game open with a 17-2 run to start the second quarter, mostly with their second unit on the floor. Minnesota led 57-34 at halftime, marking

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### New Mexico State holds off UTEP 62-58

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Ivan Aurrecochea scored 15 points, including a go-ahead free throw, and New Mexico State pulled away in the second half and held on to beat UTEP 62-58 on Wednesday night.

UTEP led 33-31 on Paul Thomas' 3 early in the second half, but Aurrecochea's 3-point play sparked a 13-0 run for an 11-point lead. The Miners closed to within two points three times, the latest at 60-58 on Efe Odigie's jumper with six seconds left, but Terrell Brown iced it with two free throws and Odigie missed 3-point attempt with two seconds to go.

Clayton Henry scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds and Aurrecochea had six boards for the Aggies (5-1), who were outshot 48 percent to 44 percent, but made 11 of 14 free throws.

Evan Gilyard scored 18 points with nine rebounds and four assists for the Miners (2-4), who trailed 28-26 at halftime. Odigie added 12 points.

### Pearson scores 25 points, leads Texas State past Rice 74-60

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Nijal Pearson made five 3-pointers and scored 25 points to help Texas State roll to a 74-60 victory over Rice on Wednesday night.

Pearson was 9 of 16 from the floor. Eric Terry added 11 points and Tre'Larenz Nottingham had 10 for Texas State (6-1), which has won four in a row.

Chris Mullins scored 12 points and Quentin Milora-Brown had 10 for Rice (3-5). The freshmen duo combined for 8-of-13 shooting from the field while the rest of the team shot 11 of 40 (27.5 percent).

Nottingham's 3-point give the Bobcats a double-digit lead with about five minutes left before the break, and they built a 36-26 halftime advantage. Ako Adams and Jack Williams made back-to-back 3s to pull the Owls to 53-42 with 12 minutes remaining but they didn't get closer. Alex Peacock and Pearson's consecutive 3s made it 70-49 with five minutes to play.

### Austin's 23-points leads C.

### Michigan past Sam Houston St.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Larry Austin Jr. scored 23 points, distributed seven assists and collected six rebounds and Central Michigan turned it on in the second half to beat Sam Houston State 81-65 on Wednesday.

Austin filled the state line shooting 8 of 12 from the floor and 7 of 8 from the foul line despite seven turnovers.

Sam Houston State outscored the Chippewas 19-9 in a little more than the last eight minutes of the first half for a 39-30 lead. After halftime, Central Michigan (6-1) put together a 15-5 run and took a 45-44 lead on Kevin McKay's layup with 12:16 left.

## Doncic helps Mavs rout Rockets 128-108

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks had struggled on the road this season. They had come up empty against the Houston Rockets for the last couple years.

So this one was pretty big.

Rookie Luka Doncic and Devin Harris each scored 20 points, and Dallas beat Houston 128-108 on Wednesday night despite a triple-double by Rockets star James Harden.

It's the third straight win for the Mavericks and just their second victory on the road this season after dropping seven of their first eight games away from home. They had dropped their last eight regular-season games against the Rockets.

"We're just improving," Harris said. "Obviously we've got a long way to go. Defensively I think we're playing better, offensively I think there's still room for improvement. We're trending in the up direction. We got off to a slow start but now we're starting to play catch up."

Harden had 25 points, 17 assists and 11 rebounds, but it wasn't nearly enough for a team missing Chris Paul because of an injury. Houston dropped its fourth in a row after winning a season-high five straight.

"Obviously nobody's happy and everyone is searching for answers and talking to ourselves and running into walls and everything else," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We did see a glimpse of when we could be really good and we've got to get back to there."

Harden knows the Rockets have to get better, but pointed out it's still

early in the season.

"We went through a tough stretch and then we regrouped and won five in a row," he said. "So we've just got to figure it out. We've got a lot of new guys and it's only 20 games into the season so we've got 60 more to go."

The 19-year-old Doncic, who was the third overall pick in the draft, has scored 20 or more points in 10 of 18 games this season. He is encouraged with the Mavs' improvement since starting the season 3-8.

"We just needed time," he said. "From the beginning I said I wanted to go to the playoffs and we're doing a great job."

Houston trailed for most of the night but used a 33-point third quarter to trim a huge deficit to seven heading into the fourth. The Mavericks got going again in the final period, opening with a 10-2 run highlighted by back-to-back reverse layups by J.J. Barea.

Clint Capela made a layup for Houston before the Mavericks used an 11-2 spurt to push their lead to 117-95 with seven minutes remaining, prompting D'Antoni to clear the bench.

Paul sat out for the third straight game after resting the first game and missing the last two with a sore left hamstring. Capela and James Ennis had 18 points apiece for the Rockets, who are in 13th place in the Western Conference.

The Mavericks led by 18 entering the



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks forward Luka Doncic (77) dunks the ball over Houston Rockets guard James Harden, left, and Danuel House Jr., right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, in Houston.

third quarter after scoring 74 points in the first half behind 15 points from Doncic. The Rockets opened the second half with a 13-5 run to cut the lead to 79-69 with about eight minutes left in the third. Ennis led the way, scoring nine points.

Dallas pushed its lead back out to 13 before Danuel House and Harden made back-to-back 3-pointers to get Houston within seven at 86-79. The Mavericks' advantage was down to five when a layup by Dwight Powell

made it 96-89 entering the fourth.

#### HARDEN'S NIGHT

It was Harden's first triple-double this season and No. 36 for his career. The reigning NBA MVP also had six steals to join Magic Johnson as the only players in NBA history with at least 25 points, 17 assists, 11 rebounds and six steals in a single game since steals became an official statistic in 1973-74, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Johnson did it on March 29, 1981.

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The purpose of this advertisement is to notify a group of qualified contractors that the **Colorado River Municipal Water District (the "District" or "CRMWD")** is requesting competitive sealed proposals for the construction of the following project:

E.V. Spence Gate Hoist Rehabilitation Project

This project consists of the removal and rehabilitation of the 12 gate hoists, 1 traveling stop gate hoist, 1 service outlet (valve) hoist, and 1 pump hoist (15 total), limit switches, and brakes, and replacement of the existing electrical branch circuitry, enclosed conductor system and control wiring associated with the fixed gate hoists and the traveling hoist. The replacement of the service entrance disconnect and the 480V distribution panelboard serving the hoists. The replacement of the existing control stations and ancillary electrical devices for the fixed gate hoists, traveling hoist and pump hoists. The addition of a grounding system, grounding electrodes and conductors and a lightning protection system for the deck structure and control building. Work also includes an alternate bid for replacement of stainless steel cables on the gates and pump hoist, and an alternate bid on the replacement of the

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hoist motors and gear boxes.

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Beginning on Thursday November 15, 2018 at 12:00 pm all potential proposers may obtain a copy of the Contract documents from <http://construction.freese.com> or from **CIVCAST**. Contract documents for submitting a proposal for this project may also be obtained at the following website: [www.construction.freese.com](http://www.construction.freese.com). Any changes to the Contract documents shall be issued by formal addenda and the addenda shall be published **http://construction.freese.com** and **CIVCAST** prior to the deadline for submission of the proposals.

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John Manning, P.E. 817-735-7342 [jwm@freese.com](mailto:jwm@freese.com)

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### Colorado River Municipal Water District

**John Grant General Manager**

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The sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of **Mr. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD** and will be received and accepted at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until the deadline for submission which is **3:00 p.m., December 13, 2018**. The bids once received will be publicly opened and shall be read aloud at the time and place indicated for acceptance of the bids. Only the name of each bidder and the monetary amount of their bid and any alternates shall be

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All portions of the project are scheduled to be substantially complete by **November 14, 2019.**

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### Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**Uranus and Venus Prepare for a Face-Off**

The same idea can have a very different life depending on the mind in which it chooses to roost. One might tuck the idea in the back of a drawer while another props the idea on a shelf or uses it to decorate a parade float. With Venus and Uranus lining up for a game of cosmic tug o' war, what you do with an idea is more important than the idea itself.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It can take courage to live even the most ordinary daily existence. But it shouldn't be that way all of the time. There's so much good that will happen naturally today. It's safe to go forward with defenses low, mind calm.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Not all discomfort is good, but since discomfort is also the

price of admission to a worthwhile and interesting life, it can't be all bad. Today, everything in the "worthwhile and interesting" category will be outside the comfort zone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When you taste happiness it makes you want more and more happiness, but happiness doesn't work that way. Strange things happen when happiness compounds on itself. Savor sweet moments sans greed. Greed is ruinous.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There's a gentle rage simmering in you today. This has to do with setting something right, not only for you, but for the others and for everyone after. Until there is justice for all, there is justice for none.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It can take a very long time to form the foundation, products and

momentum necessary to become an "overnight" success. Keep building, little by little, day by day, every single day -- no skipping.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Tell people about your interests and hobbies because letting people know what you're all about is a form of self-love. It allows for the world to mold to you a bit instead of you always having to mold to the world.

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

You're culling from all these different inspirations and resources and nothing is really fitting together to point you in a particular direction. That's OK. This won't be a linear path. Zig now, zag later.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Attraction can happen naturally, or can be created through careful calculations and applied formulas intended to create specific results. Just know which kind of

attraction you're dealing with.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're thinking of going to the next level with an endeavor. Would you still do it if no one else in the world knew about your expertise? That's how you know it's worth your time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You don't have to apologize for taking care of someone you love, especially if that person is you. Anyone who stands in the way of your self-care is being unloving. Don't be guilted into neglecting what matters to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Feeling special isn't about owning the best things, getting the attention of a lot of people or having the love of one person. It's about believing in your own specialness.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Should you display your solidarity or your independent thought? Yes to both. Timing is the thing. Pay attention to sense when to meld with the group and when to enhance it through your uniqueness.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29).** Many parts of your life have been defined by your pioneering spirit, but this year will be counted among your most exploratory. The best adventures will be accessible within a few hours of travel time. Also notable: You'll be given an important key, there's a chance to repair some history, and a new financial stream will open. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 40, 7 and 18.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## The so-called educated guess

West dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 9  
♥ K J 8 3  
♦ A J 10  
♣ 9 7 4  
**WEST**  
♠ 8 5 3  
♥ 9  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A K Q 10 6 5 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ Q 7 6 5 2  
♦ 9 8 5 3 2  
♣ J 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 7 4 2  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ 8

The bidding:  
**West** 3♣ **North** Dble **East** Pass **South** 4NT  
Pass 5♥ Pass 6♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.  
**Declarer is often faced** with the problem of which way to finesse for a missing queen. Mathematically, this appears to be essentially a 50-50 proposition, but in fact a skillful declarer will "guess" correctly much more than half the time.

**One way of improving** the success ratio is for declarer to try to learn as much as possible about the opposing distribution before committing himself one way or the other. How he goes about doing this is shown in

today's hand.  
**West led the K-A of clubs.** South ruffed the second club, drew three rounds of trump, West following to all three, and then ruffed dummy's last club. East's diamond discard confirmed that West had started with seven clubs.  
**One more piece of information** about West's distribution remained to be uncovered, and South quickly resolved it by cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds. When West showed out on the third round, the picture of West's hand became complete. He had started with seven clubs, three spades, two diamonds and therefore only one heart.  
**Declarer was now ready** to tackle the heart suit, but the location of the queen was no longer a guess. Either East had the missing damsel or West had it singleton. So at trick 10, South led a heart to dummy's king. When the queen did not appear, South next led a heart to the ten to bring in the slam.  
**Admittedly,** there are deals where declarer, despite diligent efforts, will be unable to significantly increase his chances of locating a missing queen. But in the present case, by simply adding up to 13, South was able to raise his chances from 50 to 100 percent.

**Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz.  
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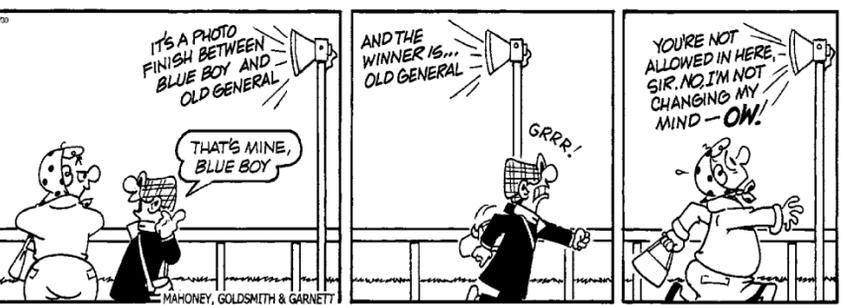
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9	2	3	8	7	6	5	1	4
6	4	7	1	5	3	2	9	8
5	8	1	2	4	9	3	6	7
8	6	5	7	2	4	9	3	1
7	3	4	6	9	1	8	2	5
2	1	9	5	3	8	7	4	6
4	5	8	3	1	2	6	7	9
1	7	2	9	6	5	4	8	3
3	9	6	4	8	7	1	5	2

ANSWER:

	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWWT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)
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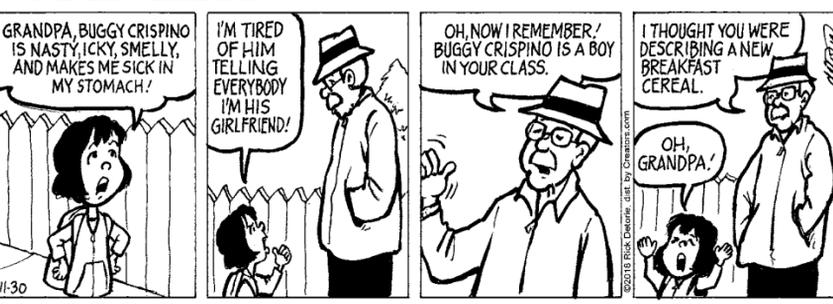
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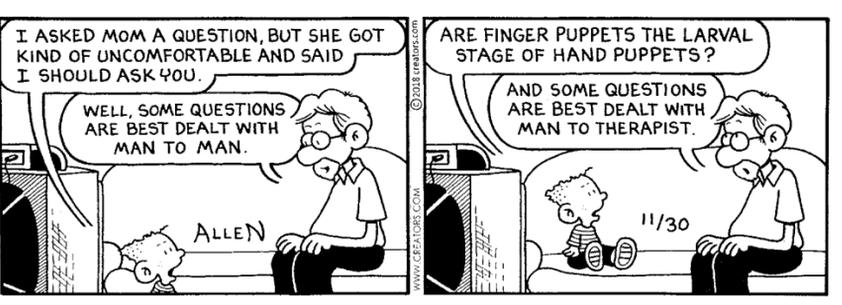
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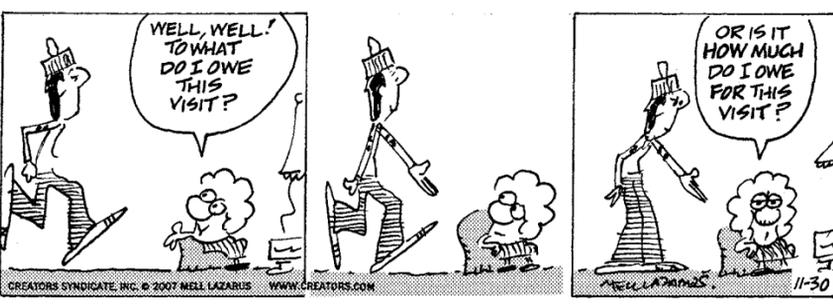
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2018. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 30, 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

On this date: In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in Sept. 1783.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Missouri.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1939, the Winter War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland. (The conflict ended the following March with a Soviet victory.)

In 1960, the last DeSoto was built by Chrysler, which had decided to retire the brand after 32 years.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

In 1982, the Michael Jackson album "Thriller" was released by Epic Records. The motion picture "Gandhi," starring Ben Kingsley as the Indian nationalist leader, had its world premiere in New Delhi.

In 1988, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co. was declared the winner of the corporate free-for-all to take over RJR Nabisco Inc. with a bid of \$24.53 billion.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

In 2000, Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors.

In 2004, "Jeopardy!" fans saw Ken Jennings end his 74-game winning streak as he lost to real estate agent Nancy Zerg.

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth after a nearly 16-day mission to repair and upgrade the international space station. The world's most comprehensive legalized heroin program became permanent with over-

whelming approval from Swiss voters who simultaneously rejected the decriminalization of marijuana.

Five years ago: Paul Walker, 40, the star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, died with his friend, Roger W. Rodas, who was at the wheel of a Porsche sports car that crashed and burned north of Los Angeles. Paul Crouch, 79, an American televangelist who'd built what has been called the world's largest Christian broadcasting network, died in Orange, California.

One year ago: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called on veteran Democratic congressman John Conyers to resign in the face of multiple accusations of sexual misconduct. (Conyers resigned five days later.) A jury found a Mexican man not guilty in the killing of a woman on a San Francisco pier, a shooting that touched off a fierce national immigration debate. (Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, who had been deported five times, did not deny shooting Kate Steinle but said it was an accident. He was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm.) Rapper DMX pleaded guilty to tax fraud, admitting he concealed millions of dollars in revenue to dodge \$1.7 million in taxes. (The rapper was sentenced in March to a year in prison.) Actor Jim Nabors, best known as TV's "Gomer Pyle," died at the age of 87.

Today's Birthdays: G. Gordon Liddy is 887. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 81. Movie director Ridley Scott is 81. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 75. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 73. Playwright David Mamet (MA-mehnt) is 71. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 66. Musician Shuggie Otis is 65.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Minor anomaly
  - 5 CD or LP
  - 10 Religious leader
  - 14 Steakhouse option
  - 15 Fairy tale staple
  - 16 Exodus locale
  - 17 Hagging
  - 18 Not at all familiar
  - 19 Put \_\_\_ on (suppress)
  - 20 ... in Italy
  - 22 Stop for the Bounty
  - 24 Where events unfold
  - 25 ... in Indonesia
  - 27 Ancient llama herder
  - 30 Pygmalion role
  - 31 County bordering Sonoma
  - 34 Predicament
  - 36 Torn places
  - 39 Prez in Annie
  - 40 ... in Hawaii
  - 42 Excessively
  - 43 Velcro-like
  - 45 Edible pod
  - 46 "Life Needs Sports" sloganeer
  - 47 Melancholy
  - 49 Bits in some brownies
  - 51 ... in the Philippines
  - 54 Separately
  - 58 Emphatic denial
  - 59 ... in Hawaii
  - 62 Subdue with a charge
  - 63 Disconcert
  - 65 Ends of pens
  - 66 IOU
- DOWN**
- 1 Cheer for a diva
  - 2 As time passed
  - 3 And Still \_\_\_ (Angelou book)
  - 4 Funnel-shaped flower
  - 5 Berry in some yogurts
  - 6 Eye-popper
  - 7 A bit cool
  - 8 Practical purpose
  - 9 Cognitive
  - 10 Quite confused
  - 11 Aggressive activists
  - 12 O'Connor's successor
  - 13 Artistic materials
  - 21 Big family's wheels
  - 23 Director Kurosawa
  - 26 Investment yield
  - 28 CBS forensic franchise
  - 29 Cool composure
  - 31 Org. with Falcons and Ravens
  - 32 Hustle and bustle
  - 33 Likely outcome
  - 35 Lumber source
  - 37 Most important
  - 38 Address like "my boy"
  - 40 Former Japanese capital
  - 41 The Seine, essentially
  - 44 Astronomy studies
  - 46 Lengua en Lima
  - 48 Loss of power
  - 50 Earth tone
  - 51 Note sung
  - 52 British Columbia neighbor
  - 53 Sultan's subject
  - 55 More or less the same
  - 56 Unpaid worker
  - 57 Assigns to, with "with"
  - 60 Jr. employee
  - 61 "Forget it"
  - 64 What a raised hand might signify

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**Thought for Today:**

"The real problem is what to do with the problem solvers after the problems are solved."

Gay Talese  
American author and journalist.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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11/30/18

# Charlie Johnston's single-school win record still atop Panhandle records

By GINGER WILSON

The Childress Index

When Charlie Johnston took over as the head coach in Childress in 1967, the Bobcats were coming off a 4-33 four-year record with as many different coaches. Change was needed and it was needed fast.

The young man from the small farming community of Paducah didn't fare too well his first season with the Bobcats, as they ended the season 0-10. Johnston quickly turned the program around and over the next 34 years, reeled out a single school win record of 315 wins, 94 losses and 8 ties. Amassing a win/loss record like that is impressive at any level, but to do it at a single school, makes the record more impressive.

Widely known across the entire state, Johnston's Bobcats were a dominant force in the 70's. In fact, their 113-17-3 record from 1970-79 set them as the all time winningest team in that decade, regardless of classification. Johnston led his teams to nine district championships and back to back state finals appearances in 1975 and 76.

Throughout his stint as the head coach in Childress, Johnston only recorded three losing seasons, 1967, 1982 and 1996. In 2001, he hung up his hat, retiring as one of the winningest coaches in the state of Texas and has remained the only coach in the Texas panhandle to amass 315 wins at the same school.

He is currently the 8th winningest coach in Texas high school football history.

Johnston was revered by many of his colleagues during his career. In 2012, former

Texas Longhorn head coach Mack Brown said of Johnston,

Brown ended saying, "When he spoke at one of our first high school coaching clinics in Austin, it didn't take long to see how much other coaches thought of him. He understood the game and cared about the kids. That's why he was a great coach and better person."

Johnston continued to earn admiration on and off the field during his career and was presented the first ever Tom Landry Award. He's also a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in Waco and the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

In an interview with The Childress Index in 2012, Johnston talked about his career.

Johnston was courted many times during his 35 years at Childress, from larger high schools to colleges. He never left Childress for "the big time" because in his words, "Childress was the big-time. I'm just a country boy and the big cities never impressed me."

He continued saying, "I loved coaching the kids and knew if I were to go to a bigger school, I would be coaching coaches on how to coach kids."

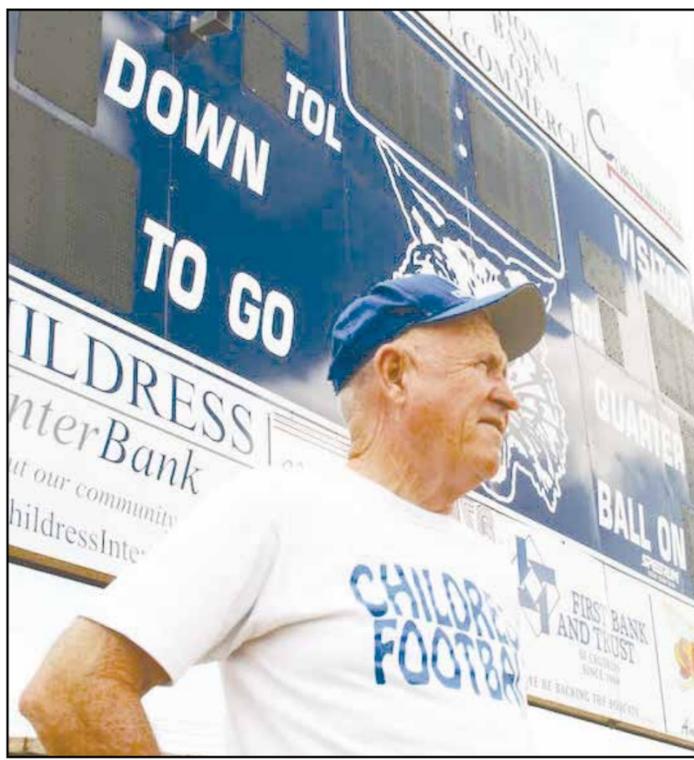
Although he made it to the big dance two times in his career, a state championship eluded Johnston, but looking back, it wasn't

the biggest regret of his time on the sidelines.

Those who know Johnston know he would not trade a single moment of his career for a state championship. Trophies gather dust and eventually get moved out of the way to make room for new ones. They are a sign of success, a moment in time where you were one of the best.

For Johnston, his career was not about the number of trophies he collected while at the helm of the Bobcats, it was about the people, players and the game. A extremely humble man, he doesn't like talking about his coaching record.

Johnston still resides in Childress and can be found in the stands on Friday nights, watching his former player, Jason Sims, coach the Bobcats and walk the same sidelines he did for 35 years.



Courtesy photo

## SPURS

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the blowout loss.

"You don't want to go out there and get embarrassed," DeRoazan said.

Aldridge placed more of the blame on San Antonio's inability to protect the ball, rather than Minnesota's defense. The Spurs turned it over a season-high 19 times.

"No, same defense," Aldridge said of Minnesota. "We just didn't take care of the ball. They doubled me as they always do, so I didn't see anything different."

WAITING ON OKOGIE

Okogie made the most of his 10:22 of playing time. He opened the fourth quarter with a soaring dunk that brought the crowd and the Wolves bench to its feet.

"I was telling them, 'Ya'll better not let this lead down, 'cause I'm trying to get in there as soon as possible,'" he said with a laugh.

TIP-INS

Spurs: F Pau Gasol is out indefinitely with a stress fracture in his left foot. The 17th-year veteran missed his 12th straight game; he had been getting some work on the court recently despite soreness. "Then they took him off because he got a second opinion that it was a stress fracture," coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's what they told me so it's not a secret I guess. So they put him back in the boot." Gasol has played sparingly off the bench, averaging 6.6 points and 6.1 rebounds.

Timberwolves: The Wolves' previous largest margin of victory against San Antonio was 24 twice, last done in 2013. The 39-point win also matches the Wolves' third-largest in franchise history. ... Minnesota also had a season-high 33 assists. Jeff Teague led the way with nine while Jones had eight.



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## Academic Star Student of the Week *Brennan East, Forsan High School*

Forsan ISD's student of the week is Brennan East. Brennan is a senior who wears many hats for the Buffs.

She is the Buffalo Mascot, worked Friday nights as a trainer for the varsity football team and was nominated Buffalo sweetheart on Senior night. Brennan is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, in which she was nominated President for the senior class. She is a Drum major for the Forsan Buffalo Band as well as a band officer as Woodwind Lieutenant.

Just recently, Brennan participated in her 3rd State Marching contest where she helped lead the band to a Finals appearance and 5th place finish. Brennan will be a trainer for the boys' basketball team, then she will participate in Softball and Powerlifting this



spring. Next year, Brennan plans to attend Howard College as an Athletic Trainer and major in Sports Medicine.

Brennan is the daughter of Stephen and Angie East.

### *Congratulations, Brennan!*

## Academic Star Student of the Week *Cooper Miller, Big Spring High School*

Cooper C. Miller is this week's Star Student from Big Spring High. He's in the class of 2019 and the son of Will and Melissa Miller and has attended Big Spring schools since Kindergarten. Cooper is an officer in the National Honor Society, Student Council, First Priority, and serves as Class President. His peers elected him to represent them in the Homecoming Court. He also runs cross country and track.

Cooper says that "Being a leader and example to others is important. Showing others my faith through my actions, where there is never a doubt to others where I stand. It is also important to give 100% in everything I do - academics, athletics, socially and at work."

Exemplary Physics teacher Dr. Mo Seghier couldn't agree more about Cooper and said, "He's Exemplary in all that he does. He's hard-working and very dedicated. Cooper conducts himself well."

Regarding his future, Cooper says, "My goal is to attend college and run both cross country and track while majoring in biology to enter into the medical field - either being a physician's assistant in or-



thopedics, an orthopedic surgeon, or maybe physical therapy."

As of right now, Cooper plans to attend college at either A&M at Commerce or Dallas Baptist University. Also, he is currently working at a pharmacy, and while working there, he has really formed a love for the field of medicine.

Cooper seeks guidance from his parents and from the Holy Bible. His favorite quote is "Be strong in the Lord and power of His might." Ephesians 6:10.

### *Congratulations, Cooper!*

# THE LASSO

## *BSHS's weekly update*

### Veterans Enjoy Choral Music from BSHS

By **JULIA SMITH**

BSISD Journalist

The Big Spring High School Choral Department honored local veterans on Veterans Day. The students were accompanied by Choir Director Gershom Garcia and pianist Beth Spence; they visited the Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home and the local VA Hospital. The Big Spring High School Choir sang The Star-spangled Banner, God Bless America, Armed Forces Salute, Who Are The Brave, America, and God Bless The USA.

Jordan Womack, a senior in the choir, recited a "Veterans Day" poem by Cheryl Dyson, which said, "On Veterans Day we honor all, Who answered to a service call. Soldiers young, soldiers old, fought for freedom, brave and bold. Some have lived, while others died, and all of them deserve our pride. We're proud of all soldiers, who kept thinking of the red white and blue. They fought for us and all our rights, they fought through many days and nights. And though we

may not know each name, we thank ALL veterans just the same."

The veterans were truly brought to tears of joy. Director Gershom Garcia explained how he and Beth Spence felt taking the Choir to perform for the veterans, he said, "It was with complete pride that our wonderful BSHS choir could pay tribute to our awesome Veterans... and it was with gratitude for their service!"

The BSHS students truly embraced the smiles, tears, and kind words received from each one of the veterans. The students could easily see that each of the veterans had a story to tell and the emotions on their faces spoke true words of wisdom. Once a soldier always a soldier, their title is earned not given and what is earned is theirs, forever. Through their times apart from family and friends, their hearts stay with each loved one, wherever they may go or have gone.

All Americans should be proud, stand tall and acknowledge the sacrifices that each veteran has made as they have protected our country, hon-



Julia Smith



Courtesy photo

Big Spring High School choir members pose for a photo after performing for local veterans this past veterans day.

## The Buffalo Bulletin

### Give back this Christmas through Operation Christmas Child

By **MALLORY EZELL**

FISD Journalist

Operation Christmas Child is a fundraiser held by a Christian organization known as Samaritan's Purse. Participants will pack a shoebox full of goodies to give to children who are less fortunate and do not get to celebrate Christmas with gifts.

"From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world." The Samaritan's Purse website said. "Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country."

First, choose whether you want a boy or a girl, then choose what age group you want to buy for. For example, some of the age groups are, 2 - 4, 5 - 9, and 10 - 14. Gift suggestions that are the "Wow" gifts are dolls, soccer balls, a stuffed animal, or even a small musical instrument.

Samaritan's Purse suggests providing hygiene items such as a toothbrush, compact mirror, flashlight, or other similar items.

Some shoebox packers even include a personal note to the child with the hope that they may be able to reply back. According to The Samaritan's Purse, shoebox donors cannot choose where their shoebox is sent. "Our goal is to collect and distribute millions of shoebox gifts in over 100 countries this year," said the Samaritan's Purse website. "Because of the tremendous growth of Operation Christmas Child, the logistics involved in collecting, processing, and distributing this many boxes prevent us from designating specific boxes for certain countries or climates according to the contents. We can assure you, however, that whoever receives your box will need and appreciate your gift."

The Operation Christmas Child website

## THE BULLDOG REPORT

### Four Coahoma FFA members return to state contest

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

CISD Media Specialist

Julia Cox, Micah Worley, Emilee Custer, and Aubrey Green, members of the Coahoma FFA chapter, will make a return to state Leadership Development Events (LDE) contest set for this Friday and Saturday at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

The four make up the Coahoma FFA Public Relations team. Cox, the 2017 state champion in Junior Creed, is also competing individually this time in the senior division. In October, the Coahoma High School sophomore placed in the top 16 at national competition in Junior Creed.

Teams participating in the Public Relations competition are tasked to create a 5 to 8 minute informational program about FFA (Future Farmers of America), according to the Texas FFA Association's website. The pro-

gram is created for an audience with no knowledge about the program. Following the presentation, the team answers questions from the judges.

In FFA Creed, competitors are required to recite by memory the FFA Creed, which outlines the organization's beliefs on the agriculture industry, and then answer questions directly related to the creed.

In order to qualify for state competition, competitors placed first or second in their events at area contest. The Coahoma FFA Public Relations team placed first at area contest held at Howard College on Nov. 17. Individually, Cox came in second in Senior Creed.

FFA is a national, student-run program designed to bring about personal growth, leadership skills, and community mindedness in young people through agricultural education. The Coahoma Chapter has 126 members this year.

Courtesy photo

Pictured are members of the Coahoma FFA Chapter Public Relations team. They are pictured from left, Julia Cox, Micah Worley, Emilee Custer, and Aubrey Green. The team will be competing at state FFA LDE contest this weekend. Cox will be competing individually in the Senior Creed event.



Mallory Ezell

also allows givers to add "follow your box" labels. This allows all shoebox donors to track their packages and discover which country their shoebox and the message of Christ's love is delivered.

It is important to also include \$9.00 to cover the shipping and ministry expenses.

This year, First Baptist Church of Big Spring is in charge of collecting all of the boxes around West Texas. Please check out the Samaritan's Purse website for additional information at [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org).

National Collection Week has passed but donations are always encouraged year round, and the Operation Christmas Child headquarters is always collecting completed boxes. These can be mailed to:

**Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse**  
P.O. Box 3000  
801 Bamboo Road  
Boone, NC 28607

## Upcoming activities at CISD:

**Today**  
6 p.m., CISD Board of Trustees Meeting  
**Friday-Saturday**  
FFA LDE State Contest at Sam Houston State  
**Monday**  
EOC retests. Monday-Friday  
JH Basketball vs. Colorado City  
Girls at home  
Boys away  
**Tuesday**  
Bulldogettes vs Reagan County at home  
4 p.m., JV girls  
6 p.m., varsity  
Bulldogs vs Reagan County at home  
5:15 p.m., JV boys  
6:30 p.m., freshman boys (high school gym)  
8 p.m., varsity  
Dec. 13  
CHS Band Concert