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Upcoming Events

Today

City of Coahoma offices close early at 1 p.m. for the Easter weekend.

Candidate Forum

7 p.m.
 BSHS Library
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Good Friday

Coahoma, Big Spring, Forsan schools, and Howard College, are out.

Cities of Big Spring and Coahoma, and Howard County offices are closed, Landfill is closed.

Sunday

Easter

Keep an eye out for Easter Service times

Monday

Early Voting Begins

Trash Off rescheduled for May 18

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CISD 8th graders research concussions in youth



By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Eighth grade students in the Leadership Class of The Academy of Coahoma ISD chose their Action Research Proposal this year to be about youth concussions. Unfortunately, several of the students in this class have personally been affected by concussions or know someone who has suffered one.

"This year, what is so exciting to me is I told the students they needed to find an issue that not necessarily needs to be solved, but you need to bring awareness to it," states Charlotte Stovall, Coahoma ISD Executive Director of C&I and teacher of this

class. "The students came up with several ideas, but would hit a brick wall and realize it was not a good topic to cover. After one of their classmates suffered a concussion, they started discussing and realizing they all know people who have had concussions. That's when they started digging and researching and realized there are no rules or laws in Texas that will protect athletes in little league sports."

During their research, the students discovered not only how to protect themselves, but also how to recognize the signs of a concussion in others. One student in particular, Christian Everett, has personal experience with

and was able to recognize the signs of a concussion in a teammate.

"A girl was going up for a lay-up, and I was the only one who could stop her," says Everett. "I stood right in front of her, put my hands up, and when she came down, she landed on top of me, and my head hit the floor."

Everett says she didn't even realize the extent of her injury until she found herself crying on the sidelines. The coaches did have protocols in place, and she did receive medical treatment.

In another game, Everett was able to recognize the signs of a concussion in a teammate.

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Commissioners end burn ban, approve name for new road



By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners approved ending the county's burn ban, and adopted a name for a new road, at their regular bi-

weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The commissioners voted unanimously to withdraw the burn ban order, at the request of Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mitchell Hooper.

"It's the recommendation of Volunteer Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper that we withdraw the current ban based on the recent rains and the amount of green vegetation," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Craig Bailey. "The immediate fire danger is slim."

The ban was enacted Dec. 12, 2018, for three months, set to expire March 12; but

was then extended for an additional three months. Had the commissioners not withdrawn it, it would have expired June 12.

The council also heard a request to name a new road in the unincorporated area of Howard County.

"I have a request from Jacoby Hopper of Jacoby Hopper Homes to name a road in a new subdivision that he is building 'Hill Country Drive,'" Howard County Road Administrator Brian Klinksiek told the commissioners. "This is the first reading. Both I and Cherrie (Burcham), who's the inter-

im 9-1-1 coordinator looked at it and neither one of us has a problem with it."

Klinksiek said the road would be off of Ranch Road 33 in Howard County's Precinct 3.

"He has a tract of property that extends between 33 and Rockhouse," he said.

Commissioners expressed concern about whether the county would be responsible for administering the road, and about whether Hopper had filed the proper plans and plats for the road. Klinksiek told the

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Holiday schedules announced

Local schools, governmental offices announce early release and closures

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Local schools and governmental offices have announced their holiday schedule for the Easter weekend.

- All local public schools and Howard College will be closed on Good Friday, April 19. In addition, Big Spring ISD and Coahoma ISD will be closed on Monday, April 22. Forsan ISD and Howard College will meet as normal on Monday. All schools will run regular schedules Thursday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 23.
- Big Spring city offices will close

offices and the landfill on Friday. This week's sanitation pickup is different than usual: Thursday's sanitation routes were picked up today, while Friday sanitation routes will be picked up Thursday. There will be no sanitation pickup on Friday.

The landfill will reopen Saturday with regular hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City offices will reopen Monday at 8 a.m.

Emergency services – including police, fire, and emergency medical services – will continue to operate as normal during the holiday. Emergency utility services will continue as normal

and can be contacted at 264-2392.

- Coahoma city offices will close Thursday at 1 p.m. and remain closed Friday and the weekend, reopening at 8 a.m. Monday morning.

- Howard County offices will close all day Friday. The Sheriff's administrative office will also close Friday; however, emergency and law enforcement services will continue to operate as normal.

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Obituaries

Juan Solis



Juan Solis, 81, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, April 15, 2019, at his residence. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Joe Torres, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan was born Jan. 17, 1938, in Mercedes, Texas to Marcela Tovar.

He married Angelita Reyes on Jan. 17, 1958, in Mercedes.

Juan is survived by his children, Ismael Solis and wife, Sandy, of Coahoma, Josephine Santana of Big Spring, Norma Rodriguez of Midland, Rickey Solis and wife, Linda, of Big Spring, George Solis and wife, Ronetta, of Big Spring, and Amanda Solis of San Angelo. He is also survived by his siblings, Ruth Soto and husband, Tommy, of Sand Springs, Mary Weeks and husband, Steve, of Ft. Worth, Rafael Luevanos of Ft. Worth, and Noe Luevanos of California; 25 grandkids; 52 great grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one child, Oscar Solis, Sr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Marcus McVae



Marcus McVae, 34, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away, Thursday, April 11, 2019, in San Antonio. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Marcus was born June 26, 1984, in Big Spring, Texas to Laverne McVae and Wiley West.

He is survived by his mother, Laverne McVae of San Angelo; and his father, Wiley West of Sweetwater; his siblings, Naketha McVae of Chicago, Illinois, Angie McVae of Lubbock, Toma McVae of Arizona, Taresa Williams of Sweetwater, Yolanda Spencer of Austin, Chris Taylor of Lubbock, Chuck Lemon of California, Tyrone Amos of Sweetwater, Kentay Bender of Sweetwater, Cynthia West of Abilene, Shaunte Ray and Timothy Walker; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT CASTANEDA**, 29, of 909 S. Runnels St., was arrested on outstanding warrants from another agency.
- **MARC ANTHONY GONZALES**, 26, of 3203 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a warrant for harassment.
- **CALEB JEREMIAH GONZALES**, 26, of 15906 Seven Springs Dr., Houston, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle.
- **KARI LARKIN BJORNSEN**, 24, transient, was arrested on a

charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle.

- **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 26, of 510 State St., was arrested on a charge of driving with suspended or invalid license.
- **JUAN MANUEL TORRES**, 34, of 2029 Dayton St., Apt. 85, Haltom City, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICTORIA MAE ALEXANDRIA HANNABASS**, 30, of the 1800 block of S. Monticello, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 40, of 2005 Hwy 176,

was arrested on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100-\$750), bail jumping/failure to appear, and criminal trespass.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of S. Runnels St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 900 block of S. 1st St.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood St.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Runnels St.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 100 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JAMES KEVIN BAILEY**, 54, was arrested by GCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KARI LARKIN BJORNSEN**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ROBERT CASTANEDA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on war-

rants for motion to revoke-unauthorized use of vehicle, and motion to revoke-theft of property (greater than \$2,500) with 2 or more previous convictions.

- **MARC ANTHONY GONZALES**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for harassment.
- **CALEB GONZALES**, 26, was arrested by bSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **VICTORIA HANNABASS**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$750-\$2,500).
- **MARCOS MENDEZ**, 26, was

arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for bondman off bond-criminal mischief (\$100-\$750), bondman off bond-bail jumping or failure to appear, bondman off bond-criminal mischief (\$100-\$750), and criminal trespass.
- **JUAN MANUEL TORRES**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at N. Hwy 87 and CR 54. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Mt Vernon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported-

ed in the 1800 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Ramesy. One person 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.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 179 on I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of S. Bell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **DUMPSTER/OUTSIDE TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 1200 block of Benton. Fire was contained.

Take Note

• Big Spring Centennial Lions Club will be having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Howard College Cafeteria located in the Student Union Building. Come out and eat breakfast before "A Joyful Season" trade show that is being held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk or tea will be served for a donation of \$6 per person. First responders, police and firemen all eat free. All proceeds will be used in our community for Lion charities. Presale tickets are available from any Lions Club member.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18 +) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• A fund has been set up to assist Debbye Salazar-ValVerde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye ValVerde".

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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.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

WEDNESDAY

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

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 75. North wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 77. North wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 53. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Monday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76.

Tuesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Wednesday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

CISD

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“About two months ago, we were in a softball tournament,” says Everett. “My friend who plays shortstop, who had her face mask on, was hit by a hard ground ball in the spot where her face mask didn’t protect her. Because we’ve been working on this project since around November, I could tell something wasn’t right with her. So, I decided to take things into my own hands and gave her a concussion test in the middle of the game. The sad thing was that she didn’t know the answers to any of the questions I asked, so she had to be taken out of the game.”

Another student, James Bandy, suffered a concussion while playing football. He explained the protocol he went through after sustaining the injury. His symptoms didn’t stop for about two weeks and wound up missing about a month of sports.

“First, you have to get checked out by the doctor,” says Bandy. “Once the symptoms go away, on your first day back you can only do light stretches and ride the bike for 15 minutes. On the second day, you can jog a little bit and 15 minutes on the bike. You increase your activity a little bit every day, and if during this time you feel any dizziness, then you have to start over again at day one.”

The students are planning a trip to Philadelphia to visit the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, a leader in the field of brain injuries. Stovall says the facility was very welcoming when contacted about the students visiting. While there, the students will make their presentation to a team of doctors and nurses and get a tour of the facility.

The students will also get to visit the Franklin Institute, which is a museum that has an entire hands-on exhibit dedicated to the brain, along with visiting some of the historical sites. In addition,

the students will perform a community service project, but the details of that are still being worked out.

“Our athletic director came and talked to the students. We’ve had guests come in from Scenic Mountain and other places just to speak to the students,” says Stovall. “They’ve gained so much knowledge, not only how to protect themselves, but also what to look for. They’re very excited to talk to someone who can make a change in Texas, so we’re hoping they can get to make their presentation to a state representative.”

Stovall wants to thank everyone who has donated to help send the students on their trip. They are still a little short of their goal. If you would like to support the kids, please contact The Academy of Coahoma ISD by calling 432-394-5000.

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

COUNTY

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commissioners that a plat was in place.

Commissioners approved the new name for the road on first reading – meaning it will require a second reading with a vote in order to be fully approved – but told Klinksiek to speak with Hopper to make sure all the correct procedures are followed and paperwork is filed with the county regarding the road’s creation.

Klinksiek also reported that the road providing access to the new landfill is nearly complete. When County Judge Kathryn Wiseman asked whether the landfill road would have a name, Klinksiek said the City of Big Spring had researched the issue and discovered that no name is required.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, and the Monthly Financial report.
- Approved payroll, personnel considerations, and County Treasurer Sharon Adams’ Monthly and Quarterly reports.

• Heard a report from Commissioner Bailey regarding progress on locating radio towers for the joint City of Big Spring/Howard County radio project. Bailey said that a tower north of Coahoma has been located and suggested the county consider purchasing it for \$100,000 rather than attempting to lease the required space on the tower from its current owner.

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Robert Martinez, 50, died Monday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan Solis, 81, died Monday. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Marcus McVae, 34, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Take Note

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- 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, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child’s school. The next sacking event will be May 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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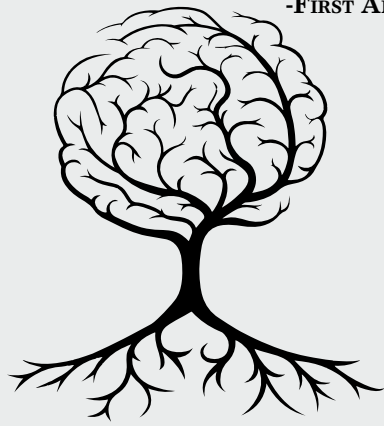
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Opinion

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-FIRST AMENDMENT



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The Map of Time - A Book Review

What if the tales crafted by H.G. Wells were not fiction, as we have been led to believe, but rather, based on his reality? Or perhaps, what if his stories came to life after he created them? These are the questions explored in Felix J. Palma's *Map of Time*. The novel is divided into three acts filled with brilliantly crafted characters who come to life among the pages.

Map of Time is the first in a trilogy that follows the events of H.G. Wells' classic tales as they unfold in the reality of his world. In this first installment, the city of London is enthralled by Gilliam Murray and his amazing time machine. For those willing to pay the right price, Gilliam Murray offers a trip to the year 2000. A year at the height of the great war fought by humans and automotons. Posing the question of: who between the two will rise victorious? He invites Londoners to witness the chaos and destruction, and then return to the safety of Victorian London.

When Andrew Harrington is persuaded to journey to the future with his cousin Charles, he soon realizes that his heart was not ready for the journey. Charles proposes that he might convince Gilliam Murray to let

him travel eight years into the past. A frenzy is stirred within Andrew's heart and he becomes obsessed with finding a way to travel into the past to protect the woman he loved at the thought of being able to stop her murderer, Jack the Ripper.

Along the way, the narrator breaks the fourth wall to warn the reader of impending doom, or to sum up rather uneventful periods of time. These slight interruptions to the overall narration are, in general, amusing and add yet another layer of depth to the story. As the story progresses and the plot begins to move beyond the experiences of Andrew Harrington, Felix J. Palma introduces H.G. Wells himself, as well as a complete cast of characters with motives and perspectives that can't always be trusted. All of which culminate into a fantastical, world ending, life giving finale.

The ending of the *Map of Time* is breathtaking and shocking, leaving the reader racing to read the second book in the series. This book (and the rest of the series) is an absolute must read for anyone who loves fantasy and science fiction. Felix J. Palma has perfectly married the two genres in order to create a world that is both rich in detail and

steeped in the traditional lore of H.G. Wells' classic novels.

In the second book in the series, *Map of the Sky*, Felix J. Palma explores Wells' War of the Worlds and sets aliens loose on unsuspecting London town once more. The third book in the trilogy, *Map of Chaos*, Palma explores Wells' The Invisible Man, in which he receives help from famous authors Lewis Carroll and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Felix J. Palma lives in Spain. He has published several books and short stories since beginning his writing career over 20 years ago. His short stories include *El vigilante de la salamandra*, *Las interioudades* (awarded the Prize Tiflos), *Los aracnidos* (awarded Iberoamerican Prize for relations Cortes de Cadiz), and *El menor espectáculo del mundo*. His novels include *La hormiga que guiso ser astronauta*, *Las corrientes oceanicas* (awarded Prize of novel Luis Berenguer), *El Mapa Trilogy*, *El amor no es nada del otro mundo*, and most recently *El abrazo del monstruo* (published in February 2019). In addition to writing novels and short stories, Felix J. Palma is also a literary coach, helping other writers learn and become better at their craft.

For more information on Felix J. Palma, visit his website www.felixjpalmaescritor.com. Or follow him on social media. Twitter: @FelixJPalma. Facebook: Felix J. Palma. Or Instagram: felix_j_palma.



A place I can call home

Everyone has their own journey, their own path that leads them home.

While they travel this journey, they should never forget the beginning, or the end.

On my journey through life, I met a veteran from Big Spring, Texas who loved to talk and tell me stories. I took care of him when I was a medical student at the VA hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, along with a whole other team of doctors.

One day as I was getting his vitals and trying to draw his blood, he told me about Big Spring, Texas and the life, he lived there. He told me Big Spring is not anything fancy, but it's what he calls home and that it's a good place to live and work. I don't think I ever had a friendlier patient cross my path during my training.

As time went on and my training to be pediatrician was complete, I came upon an opportunity in Big Spring. I was very reluctant to move there because I was young; Big Spring is a small town, and well, there is nothing

to do there.

My best friend at the time, who happened to be from Texas, told me the people from West Texas are some of the most genuinely friendly people he had ever met, and I should give it a chance.

I remembered that veteran who loved to tell me his story. The next thing I knew I was on my way to Big Spring.

After a few interviews that had me scratching my head around New Mexico and Arizona, the interview for the position in Big Spring was with the one and only Dr. Owen. Dr. Owen said the same thing my veteran patient said - Big Spring is not anything fancy. It is not the beach, although, there is plenty of sand, and all you have to do is open your eyes and your heart to know that it is a place to call home.

Now looking back, I have to admit I actually had fun during that interview. After 20 years of living here in Big Spring, I have been to the most thrilling Steer, Coahoma, Forsan, and even

Sands high school football games I have ever seen.

When I moved here, being from New Mexico, I laughed at "The Mountain," and said it was more like a hill until the first time I tried to run around it. Quickly, I found out why they call it a mountain.

I have swam the lake at Comanche Trail Park at triathlons. I have ran and walked around and gone to numerous birthday parties and barbecues at Comanche Trail Park. At the amphitheater, I always look forward to one of the most thrilling firework displays I have ever seen. I brag and admire, with pride, the newly renovated Settles Hotel, which when I moved here was an abandoned building.

My point - Big Spring and West Texas is a place that requires you to open your eyes and seek to find the good.

As many have told me, it is not a fancy place, but it is a place where I found my wife, my soulmate.

It is a place where journeys begin and where my path continues. Most of all, after many destinations, after many sites that I have seen, it is the place where I can always return.

It is a place I call home.

DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to have a willingness to trust in You with all our hearts. Amen

Career & Technical Education info fair draws attention

Special to the Herald

Big Spring High School's Career and Technical Education Department hosted a CTE Info Fair Tuesday for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Aimed at informing students about the number and depth of CTE programs available, the fair provided prospective CTE students with a list of available courses, and allowed them to select the courses they're interested in, on a rotating basis throughout the school day.

Each student who attended the event had the opportunity to express areas of study that interested them; by organizing their thoughts about CTE in advance, students will have an easier time completing their schedule forms when the time comes.

Each booth at the Info Fair was manned by the program's instructor, accompanied by a few students that have participated in the program. Serving as the voice for the various CTE study areas, these students were able to communicate with their peers their enjoyment of the program and the benefits it provides.

The event drew a crowd, and was marked successful by BSHS staff. They said seeing the proud faces of the students as they showed off their projects and shared their love for the programs was the icing on the cake.

Programs and courses represented at the CTE



Courtesy photo

The Welding Crew solidified their projects by promoting the welding program to their peers at the welding booth.

Info Fair were Welding, Auto Tech, Construction Tech, Interior Design, Child Development, Child Guidance, Hospitality and Tourism, Culinary Arts, Fashion Design, Robotics, Forensic Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Oil and Gas Production,

Ag Mech Tech, Wildlife Management, Professional Communications, Business Information Management, Accounting, Digital Media, Money Matters, Audio/Visual Communications, Debate, and Career Prep.



Courtesy photos

Pictured above: Alex Cantu and Megan Lloyd represented the Child Guidance program with their displays depicting appropriate lessons for young children.

Pictured below: Auto Tech students Malakah Kriessl, Stephanie Young, and Marcus Cano represented the Auto Tech program booth.



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Mrs. Shirley Beal and Interior Design students (McKenna Alsobrooks, Jerzy Andrae, De'Asiah Lacour, and Karen Martinez Valadez) had amazing design projects on display.



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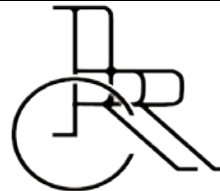
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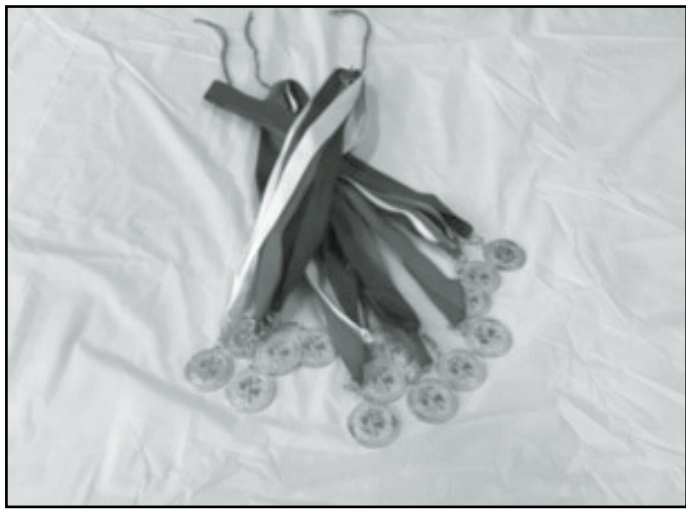
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Sophomore students at Forsan ISD put together the first annual talent show, in hopes of raising funds for prom next year. More information and photos can be found on the Education Page.



Marantha Baptist Academy students bring home medals in 14 events

Special to the Herald



Marantha Baptist Academy attended the Regional Student Convention in Cedar Hill, last week. Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment hosted about 200 students between 13 and 18, from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Local competitors included, Yadhira, Sahan, and Skyler.

Yadhira won medals in scrapbooking, counted cross stitch, table tennis and illustrated story telling. Sahan won medals in scrapbooking, photography, archery and table tennis. Skyler won medals in short story writing, pastels, scrapbooking, archery, table tennis, tennis and counted cross stitch. The three young ladies competed as a team in Bible Bowl and placed eighth out of 17 teams.

The students put lots of effort into their events. They brought home first through sixth place medals in 14 events and will advance to the International Student Convention at the University of Central Missouri, in Warrensburg, Missouri. They will compete against 3,000 students from all over the world.

According to a Marantha Baptist Academy representative, these conventions compel students to be leaders of their schools and give them a better idea of what they can do with their talents for the Lord.



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Coahoma Schedule

As school begins to come to an end, Coahoma has issued a calendar of events:

Friday, April 19
Student and Staff holiday
Monday, April 22
Student holiday
April 26
Sixth Grade Band at Clyde Beginner Band Festival
May 1
District FFA for CTE events
May 4
Junior High tennis meet at Colorado City
May 6-7
EOC testing
May 14-15
Area FFA CTE event
May 16-17
CHS band trip
May 16
6 p.m., CISD board of trustees meeting, elementary board room
May 20
10 a.m., CHS Awards Ceremony, auditorium



Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School sophomore Grayson Glidewell earned a bronze medal in current issues at the UIL regional academic contest and qualified for state. The 2019 UIL Academic State Meet will be held on the University of Texas campus in Austin at the end of May.

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BSHS's weekly update

Career Technology Fair at Big Spring High Proves That You Can Get There From Steer!

By COLONEL ALLEN M. MORRIS

Communications Director Big Spring High School

The Poet Ogden Nash wrote a book called, "You Can't Get There From Here," but Big Spring High is proving him wrong. You can "Get There From Steer!" Recently BSHS's Career Tech Department held its first fair and showcased all of the many options that are available to the students. Underclassmen paraded through the midway as they learned from upperclassmen about all of the options that are available to them next school year.

More than just academic classes, students at Big Spring High can take classes where the "Rubber really does meet the road." For example, Andrew Roberts, class of 2020, is in an Audio Visual class and he's already working with KBYG and Noah White, class of 2022, is already working for KBST. Students in Milton Woody's welding class are already gainfully employed in the welding industry.

Just a few other classes in the Ca-

reer Tech Department include: Family and Consumer Sciences, Automotive Technologies, Construction, Culinary Arts, and Forensics Science.

Career Tech programs show the students how the academics are used in the real world. For example, in a Forensics class, students don't learn how to write reports, they have to use that skill. It's the same with mathematics too. Even computer skills are needed and things must be done well. No one wants one-half of a case solved just like in Culinary Arts, no one wants a half-baked



Col. Allen M. Morris

cake. Principal Mike Ritchey said, "Students who attended the fair got to see what programs they could participate in next year and they got to see some of the fantastic activities and projects the students from this year did! It was amazing work by our students, and superb leadership and instruction from our Career Tech Teachers!"

Photos are available on the Big Spring High's CTE Facebook page as well as on the Facebook page of "You Can Get There From Steer."

Academic Star Student of the Week *Emily Krabill, Coahoma High School*

Emily Krabill is a senior at Coahoma High School and balances her academic work and her extra-curricular activities very well. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. She attends classes at Howard College and served as both the football and basketball team manager.

This year, she was selected to the THSCA's (Texas High School Coaches Association) Academic All State Football second team.

Following graduation, Emily plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo to study for a career in health services. She is the daughter of Emma Krabill.



Congratulations, Emily!

The Buffalo Bulletin

Forsan holds showcase for local talent



Courtesy photos

The Forsan High School Sophomore Class recently held a talent show to raise money for next year's Junior Prom. See more performers on Page 6.

by **ALLY AGUILAR**
Forsan High School
Class of 2021

On Thursday, April 11, 2019, Forsan ISD had their first ever Talent Show. The function was run by some of the sophomore students, in hope to gain some money for their Junior Prom next school year. Mason Hillger was the main sophomore who was operating the Talent Show. The class decided that anyone could tryout for the talent show that went to Forsan ISD, as long as they were Kindergarten through twelfth grade. When asked Mrs. Medina if this would become an annual function she said, "I think so because involving K-12 brings the two campuses and communities together. The kids came together and decided that people who came to the talent show could make a donation, instead of paying a certain amount to get in. They ended up raising nine-hundred dollars.

There were so many kids who wanted to be in the talent show that the sophomore class had to gather a few judges to decide who would be in the real thing. The judges consisted of Jonathon Gabeheart, Kyn-del Lawdermilk, Rylee Evans, Nathaniel Whitmore, and their class sponsors, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Rainy. I asked Jonathon Gabeheart how they made such a tough decision choosing who would be in it. Gabeheart stated, "We

chose based off things like originality, their performance, skill, and the time they took".

After the tryouts there were 20 acts left.

Elementary
Act 1- Gizelle Phillips & Aislyn Wallis (Kinder)

Act 2- Aiden DeLos-Santos (1st)

Act 3- Gavin Phelps

Act 4- Reese Woodfin

Act 5- Eliana Zuniga, Karli Woodridge, & Kyla Holloway (3rd)

Act 6- Jarren Wright (3rd)

Act 7- Kennedy Johnson (4th)

Act 8- Emily Austin & Kyleigh Woodgin (4th/5th)

Act 9- Kendall Jones (5th)

Act 10- Nate Long (5th)

Act 11- Paxton McCormick (5th)

Act 12- Caylee Meyers, Avery Williams, & Emma Buske (7th)

Act 13- Chloe Gillihan & Madry Bagwell (7th)

Act 14- Ethan Barker (7th)

Act 15- Victor Martin (7th)

Act 16- Kalell Wen-nick-Smith (9th)

Act 17- William Cole (10th)

Act 18- Hailei Cotton (10th)

Act 19- Curtis Munsey (11th)

Act 20- Gabe Moorman (12th)

The final judges for the main event were Mrs. Medina, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Fuldgem. I asked Mrs. Medina how excited she was to judge and she mentioned how she was MC her senior year for their talent show. This years hosts were Jonathon Gabehart & Cameron Allen.

There were first, second, and third places for elementary and high school, along with most unique. The competition was really competitive and the judges had a hard time choosing who was the "best".

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THE BULLDOG REPORT

Coahoma happenings



Courtesy photos

C o a h o m a Academy (top) and Coahoma Elementary Top Dogs for the third 9 weeks were announced recently. Top Dogs are selected each grading period based on attendance and behavior.

and helped with the balloon release. Participating were: Julia Mashburn, Dana Montanez, Bruiser (Austyn Montgomery), Kayla Lacefield, Christian Everette and sponsors Joni Lacefield and Kalea Hubbard.

And last week, the CHS National Honor Society inducted 24 new members in a ceremony in front of family and fellow students in the high school auditorium. A reception was held following the ceremony in the high school library.

The following new members were inducted into the Honos Hapet Onus Chapter: seniors Paige Atkins and Gary Hernandez; juniors Garrett Anderson, Brant Gartman, Anthony Hill, Marcus Martinez, Madison Ramirez, Jonathon Schneider, and Hunter White.

Also inducted were sophomores Sarah Bandy, Nicolas Biddison, Julia Cox, Noah Dials, Bryden Fontana, Grayson Glidewell, Cailey Glover, Rosario Gonzalez, Aubrey Green, D'Kota Harrison, Victoria Harrison, Kaylee Kernick, Ashleigh Mull, MaKynlee Overton, and Richard Thurman.

In sports, three CHS tennis players head to Regional competition today. They are are Patrick Gutierrez, Bryson Cline, and Juan Gariby. They qualifying by placing second in their events at the District 5-3A match held last week.

Gutierrez and Cline competed in boys doubles and Gariby in the boys singles. CHS tennis players who are alternates to Regional contest are Cara Wilson, girls singles; and Pedro Paixao and Hartlie Smithie, mixed doubles.

The Bulldog/Bulldogette baseball and softball teams will wrap up their regular season today with home games against Merkel. The varsity softball team will head into the playoffs for the 25 straight year in a row.

Special to the Herald

Civic service and honoring academic achievements were just some of the exciting activities that happened at Coahoma ISD recently.

At the elementary school, the Top Dogs for the third 9-weeks have been announced. Students are named Top Dogs based on their attendance and behavior.

The Academy Top Dogs are Harley Stewart, Trevor Hipp, Kinzlyn Kemper, Gabby Cox, Andrea Rochelle, Bree Lewis, Boyd Cox, Sophia Martin, Iker Martinez, Gia Wright, Bailee Rizo, Gentry Barnes, Trayce Hipp, and Kaedyn Wegner.

Top Dogs at the Coahoma Elementary School are: Nora Loya, Kandyce Islas-Rodriguez, Caden Cole, Olivia Mimms, Katie Cox, William Ayers, Kaleb Rodriguez, Ty Young, Isabella Escobedo, Kinsley Kirby, Kalan Mansfield, Alynna Sanchez, and Chasity Bermea.

At the high school, Grayson Glidewell is heading to state academic contest in current events and issues. He placed third in the event at regional UIL held on Saturday. Also competing well from the CHS academic team on Saturday were Julia Mashburn, Julia Cox, Brianna Coskey, and Amy Guo.

Taking a evening to perform a civic service, members of the cheerleading squad and Bruiser took part in Scenic Mountain Medical Center's annual Stand Up, Howard County on Thursday. April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

The students read statics to the crowd

Bulldogettes win big against Lady Wolves

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogette varsity softball team captured second place in District 5-3A on Tuesday night with a decisive win against the Colorado City Lady Wolves, 13-0.

MaKynlee Overton pitched five scoreless innings for the Bulldogettes, struck out three and only gave up two hits. The Bulldogettes got on the scoreboard early and often to ensure the win in five innings.

The first batter of the day for Coahoma was Madison Rodgers, who was also the first person to score a run after she stole home off of a wild pitch in the first inning. Jaydan Mann soon followed on another steal from home.

However, it was a big six-run second inning that broke open the game for the Bulldogettes. Rodgers, Mann, and Caitlyn Corley all batted in runs. Bulldogette batters earned five more runs total in the third and fourth innings.

Coahoma's big bats were not the only arsenal on display. The Bulldogettes made some outstanding defensive plays to cut short any Colorado City rally. In the first inning, outfielder Kaylor Green made a diving catch for a hard hit fly ball by Colorado

City's Riley Johnson for the third out. Third baseman Lexi Montelongo went airborne to stop a fast moving line drive to prevent a base hit and end the third inning for the Lady Wolves.

Rodgers went 2-for-2 at the plate with four runs, one RBI and two steals. Montelongo was 2-for-3 with one run, one RBI and two steals. Jaydan Mann was 1-for-2 with two runs and three RBIs. The Bulldogettes ran wild on the base paths stealing 14 for the night. Cassie Grant led Coahoma with four stolen bases.

Following the game, the Bulldogette JV team continued their undefeated district run by winning against Colorado City 16-0.

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W — MaKynlee Overton. L — Riley Johnson. SB: Colorado — Harlee Hagg. Coahoma — Cassie Grant 4, Lexi Montelongo 2, Jaydan Mann 2, Sydney Rinard, Madison Rodgers 2, Alex Bailey, Macee Grant 2. Pitches-Strikes: Colorado — Johnson 117-52; Coahoma — Overton 71-51



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Lexi Montelongo gives a congratulatory slap on the helmet to teammate Kenzi Canales, No. 3, after Canales crossed home plate, during the Coahoma Bulldogette/Colorado City Lady Wolf varsity softball game on Tuesday, April 16.

Bulldogs fall to Wolves in hard fought game

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs couldn't recover from falling behind early to the Colorado City Wolves on Tuesday night despite some fine defense and pitching and lost the district game 5-3.

The Wolves had their best inning in the first against Bulldog pitcher Avry Burgans getting three hits and three runs from the Coahoma High School junior. However, Burgans regrouped on the mound and settled in for a long fight against the Wolves.

He allowed only four more hits and two more runs for the rest of the game and struck out 10 batters for the night. In fact, Burgans, who stayed through seven innings on the hill, ended the match with five straight strikes outs.

The Bulldog offense started to get rolling in the second inning after an intentional walk placed Gage Hill on base. Hill walked to get into scoring position by stealing second and ended at third base after a Wolf error on the throw.

With two outs, Taylor Barnes walked up to the plate and blasted a hard grounder to center field on the first pitch for a single and brought



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

The Coahoma High School baseball team honored senior Chris Castillo on Tuesday night before the varsity baseball game for his dedication to Bulldog sports.

Hill across home plate.

The Bulldogs had their best inning in the fourth earning two runs and getting three hits. The first run came when Barnes once again hammered a single ground ball to bring in Bur-

gans for his second RBI of the night.

A little shaken, Wolf pitcher Joey Gutierrez accidentally hit Chris Castillo with a pitch to load the bases and then Gutierrez walked Kobe Cervantes earning the Bulldogs last score

of the night. However, Gutierrez then ended the inning by striking out the next batter.

Both pitchers were stingy at best, allowing hits for the rest of the game. Gutierrez was pulled in the seventh after the first strike out and Jacob Munoz ended the game for the Wolves by striking out the last two batters.

Barnes went 3-for-3 at bat with two RBIs. Brant Gartman and Burgans both went 1-for-3 with a run each. Hill and Cervantes collected an RBI each. Bryn Kerby hit a double in the third inning.

Early in the evening, the Bulldog JV team came back after trailing early to win against Colorado City, 14-5.

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W — Joey Gutierrez. L — Avry Burgans. 2B: Colorado — Bracken Hargrave; Coahoma — Brysen Kerby. SB: Colorado City — Reid Harris, Ashton Brisend; Coahoma — Gage Hill. Pitches-Strikes: Colorado — J. Gutierrez 108-76, J. Munoz 8-6; Coahoma — Burgans 108-69.

CHS Tennis ready for regionals



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma High School tennis players pictured from left are Patrick Gutierrez, Bryson Cline, and Juan Gariby. All three will be heading to Regional UIL Tennis competition in Abilene on Thursday after qualifying at the District 5-3A match held last week. Gutierrez and Cline placed second in the boys doubles competition and Gariby placed second in the boys singles competition. CHS tennis players who are alternates to Regional contest are Cara Wilson, girls singles; and Pedro Paixao and Hartlie Smithie, mixed doubles.

Hawks' Jeremiah Maxfield receives American Legion Citizenship award



Courtesy photo

Jeremiah Maxfield receiving his American Legion Citizenship Award from Administrative Dean Erin MacKenzie. Maxfield is a United States Veteran having served three tours of duty in the U.S. Army. He reached out to Howard College two years ago seeking an opportunity to play in the Hawk baseball program. Since the fall of 2017, he has brought his work ethic and dedication to the baseball team as well as the classroom and has also earned a scholarship to South Eastern University in Florida where he will continue his baseball career.



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CONSTRUCTION OF COAHOMA COMMUNITY CENTER

The City of Coahoma ("City") and the Board of Directors of the Coahoma Development Corporation ("CDC"), jointly ("Coahoma") are soliciting sealed proposals for a contractor to construct a new community center for the City of Coahoma to be constructed at 306 North St., Coahoma, Texas 79511, as more fully set out in the Statement of Work included in the City of Coahoma and Coahoma Development Corporation Request for Proposals - Coahoma Community Center ("RFP") which is available during normal business hours at the Coahoma Development Corporation Office/Coahoma City Hall, 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, Texas and online at <http://coahomatx-ed.org/> and <http://www.cityof-coahoma.tx.citygovt.org/> An original and at least two (2) copies of each responsive proposal must be submitted in accordance with the instructions set out herein as follows:

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Coahoma Development Corporation Attention: Chris Mulkey,

Public Notice

President 122 N. First Street Coahoma, TX 79511-0912

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Prelude to a Full Moon

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Motivation is an unreliable fuel source, so don't count on it today. Get started and a half-hour later, motivation may kick in, though it probably won't stay. You don't need it. You can work without it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Prevention isn't glamorous or dramatic. It's the opposite of a story, since you don't really ever know the extent of what you're preventing. Still, you sense it's the better

option, and it is. **CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It may not be as clear to you as it really should be, but you need a break. You're like that frog in the pot of water being incrementally raised one degree at a time, so you hardly notice when the cooking starts. Get free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What if you forgive someone and the person does the exact same thing again? Maybe what's needed is something other than forgiveness. Maybe what's needed is to learn a person's nature and design your part of the relationship accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like spotty cellphone service, you'll get moments of clarity and plenty of blanks to fill in, which you're perfectly

capable of. Look at this like a puzzle or a game and you'll have some fun with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll do what you can. It's good enough. It's more than good enough -- it's reality. So you may as well accept yourself and feel positively about your contribution. With that mindset, growth will come naturally.

By HOLIDAY MATHIS SCORPIO



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To better understand what's going on, you'll slip into a state that's neither logical nor illogical, both of the body and beyond it. You'll do what the spiritual guru calls "entura," meaning "entering the aura."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It won't be enough to face, or even to embrace, your fear. Snug-

gle it instead. Get very vulnerable. Curl up. Let it envelope you, and do the same back. You are, after all, in this together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stay connected to the group even though the project seems to be taking forever. It won't take forever. In a finite amount of time, you will reach the end and reap well-deserved benefits. Keep chipping away at it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can learn something from almost anyone today. You'll use some people as role models and others as reverse role models, as their lives play out like cautionary tales.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just as a change in music can

switch a movie scene from funny to scary, or create a mood that's epic, folksy or any number of tones, music can also do this in your life. Today it will lighten, lift and inspire you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 18). This year's sense of forward motion is unparalleled -- it's like a theme park ride. You're always on trend or leading the trend. An upgrade to your domestic life leads to more improvements. New relationships have a positive influence on your work and will set you on an adventure in August. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 30, 22 and 19.

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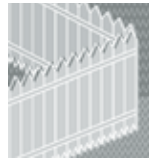
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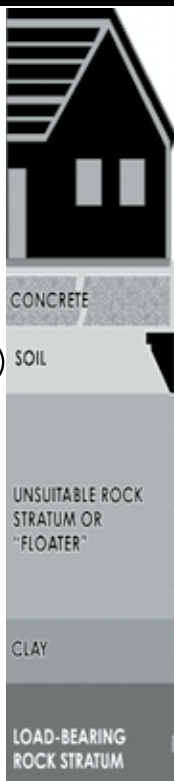
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Annie's Mailbox

Shark on the Hunt

Dear Annie: My husband has a friend, "Ralph," who is half his age and was recently married. Ralph's wife, "Katherine," is always texting my husband, and not me, to make plans to go out to eat. I have asked my husband several times to text Ralph back instead of his wife, but he has not. When we go out to eat, Ralph's wife always wants to sample my husband's food and taste his drink; she never samples mine. She never asks if she can taste test. She just does it. She also likes to sit beside my hus-

band.

The other night, she stood at the bar talking to both of us with her arm on the back of my husband's chair and not mine. One time, I got back to the table just in time to hear her say that she wouldn't be getting any love from Ralph tonight. My husband replied that he wouldn't be getting any from me either. That's because my husband falls asleep as soon as he gets home. Her reply was that my husband should leave with her and I should leave with Ralph.

She once told me that she and a girlfriend had read that they could

make \$7,000 a month if they worked for a sugar daddy. She has been married 10 months and is already complaining about Ralph. I see no love between them when they are together. My husband feels that his relationship with her is more like a father/daughter relationship and does not see anything wrong with it. My husband tells me nothing would ever happen between them and it's all in my head. I think she is looking for a sugar daddy. What are your thoughts?
-- Am I Right to Be Suspicious?

Dear Suspicious:

Trust your instincts on this one. She sounds like a shark circling your marriage. Picking food off your husband's plate, texting him instead of you and placing her arm on the back of your husband's chair are all signs that she is going in for the kill. The question is how to put an end to this shark and not allow your marriage to be swallowed up by her.

Don't continue to be put in a situation where you are accusing and complaining about her while your husband rushes to her defense. Instead, trust your instincts and insist that the friendship ends.

The alternative is that she continues to drive a wedge through your marriage, and that is not OK. You and your husband should be a unified front protecting your marriage from circling predators.

Dear Annie: I'll never forget my mother's comments about a co-worker who was over 50. There was talk for years about this person's flawless complexion but nobody bothered to ask about her "secret."

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Opening lead — jack of hearts.

There are times when declarer is forced to do something that, to the casual observer, might appear absurd. On closer analysis, however, it may later be seen that the play in question actually offered the best chance for success.

Take this deal where South reached four spades on the bidding shown and West led the jack of hearts. East won with the ace and returned a heart to South's king, ruffed by West. West then shifted to a diamond, taken by dummy's king.

At this point, declarer paused to

take stock of the situation. The ace of spades was the only remaining sure loser, but if West got to ruff another heart, the contract would go down one.

East's vulnerable overall strongly suggested that he held the ace of spades. And, since West had started with only one heart, he was likely to have at least three spades. If so, a trump lead at this stage would allow East to take the ace and give West the killing heart ruff.

South therefore decided that desperate measures were called for. So at trick three, he crossed to the club king, returned a club and finessed the jack! When this held, he cashed the club ace, discarded the heart queen and then led the queen of spades. East rose with the ace and returned a heart, but declarer ruffed high and drew trumps to make his contract.

To get home safely, South had to take a finesse that risked losing a trick he didn't have to lose, and then discard a winner in another suit — all before he led a trump. But, under the circumstances, he felt this offered the best chance, and what might have seemed absurd at the start proved to be absolutely necessary.

Note that if West had returned a spade at trick three, he would have defeated the contract, but this would have been a very difficult play to find.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Thursday, April 18, the 108th day of 2019. There are 257 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On April 18, 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.
On this date:
In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.
In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.
In 1923, the first game was played at the original Yankee Stadium in New York; the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-1.
In 1934, the first laundromat (called a "washateria") opened in Fort Worth, Texas.
In 1938, Superman, AKA "The Man of Steel," made his debut as the first issue of Action Comics (bearing a cover date of June) went on sale for 10 cents a copy. (In 2014, a nearly flawless original copy was sold on eBay for \$3.2 million.)
In 1943, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet, was shot down and killed by U.S. fighters while approaching Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.
In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima (ee-EH' shee-MAH'), off Okinawa.
In 1956, American actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier (ren-YAY') of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)
In 1978, the Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.
In 1988, an Israeli court convicted John Demjanjuk (dem-YAHN'-yuk), a retired auto worker from Cleveland, of committing war crimes at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. (However, Israel's Supreme Court later overturned Demjanjuk's conviction.)
In 1995, quarterback Joe Montana retired from professional football. The Houston Post closed after more than a century.

In 2013, the FBI released surveillance camera images of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing and asked for the public's help in identifying them, hours after President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended an interfaith service at a Roman Catholic cathedral.
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama offered a spirit of cooperation to America's hemispheric neighbors at the Summit of the Americas in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. The White House said Obama was "deeply disappointed" at news Iran had convicted American journalist Roxana Saberi of spying for the United States and sentenced her to eight years in prison. (Saberi was released on appeal the following month.)
Five years ago: An avalanche swept down a climbing route on Mount Everest, killing 16 Sherpa guides in the deadliest disaster on the world's highest peak.
One year ago: Cuba's government selected 57-year-old First Vice President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez as the sole candidate to succeed President Raul Castro, a move that would install someone from outside the Castro family in the country's highest office for the first time in nearly six decades; the 86-year-old Castro would remain head of the Communist Party. Amid a blackout that affected much of the rest of Puerto Rico, generators helped keep the lights on at a stadium in San Juan for the second of two games between the Cleveland Indians and the Minnesota Twins.
Bruno Sammartino, who had once been one of the longest-reigning champions in professional wrestling, died at the age of 82.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Clive Revill is 89. Actor James Drury is 85. Actor Robert Hooks is 82. Actress Hayley Mills is 73. Actor James Woods is 72. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 72. Actress Cindy Pickett is 72. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 72. Country musician Jim Scholten (Sawyer Brown) is 67. Actor Rick Moranis is 66. Actress Melody Thomas

Scott is 63. Actor Eric Roberts is 63. Actor John James is 63. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 61. Author-journalist Susan Faludi is 60. Actress Jane Leeves is 58. Ventriloquist-comedian Jeff Dunham is 57. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 56. Bluegrass singer-musician Terry Eldredge is 56. Actor Eric McCormack is 56. Actress Maria Bello is 52. Actress Mary Birdsong is 51. Actor David Hewlett is 51. Rock musician Greg Eklund (The Oolahs) is 49. Actress Lisa Locicero is 49. Actress Tamara Braun is 48. TV chef Ludovic Lefebvre is 48. Actor Fedro Starr is 48. Actor David Tennant is 48. Country musician Marvin Evans (EH'-veh) is 45. Rock musician Mark Tremonti is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Trina (Trina and Tamara) is 45. Actress Melissa Joan Hart is 43. Actor Sean Maguire is 43. Actor Kevin Rankin is 43. Actor Bryce Johnson is 42. Reality TV star Kourtney Kardashian (kar-DASH'-ee-uhn) is 40. Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera is 36. Actress America Ferrera is 35. Actor Tom Hughes is 34. Actress Ellen Woglom (TV: "Marvel's Inhumans") is 32. Actress Vanessa Kirby is 31. Actress Alia Shawkat is 30. Actress Britt Robertson is 29. Actress Chloe Bennet is 27. Rock singer Nathan Sykes (The Wanted) is 26. Actor Moises Arias is 25.
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ACROSS

- 1 Late October decorations
- 5 Hogwarts mail carriers
- 9 Steamed
- 14 Color close to turquoise
- 15 Any Porgy and Bess solo
- 16 Lost cause
- 17 Modest abodes
- 18 Small peak
- 19 Out-and-out
- 20 Leaving no clues behind
- 23 Of hives and honey
- 24 Printer's primary color
- 25 Sailor's back
- 28 QVC competitor
- 29 Dict. label
- 32 Turnover, e.g.
- 34 YouTube uploads
- 37 Datebook spread
- 38 Bought courses individually
- 43 Gas used in lasers
- 44 Kind of patch
- 45 Arizona bloomer
- 48 Volleyball venue
- 49 QB's successes
- 52 Yosemite herd
- 53 New Horizons launcher
- 56 Trap by freezing
- 58 Forklift's burden
- 62 Recoils

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- 5 Aloha Tower locale
- 6 Legal order
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- 10 MIT marchers
- 11 Termite hunter
- 12 Accessory for driving
- 13 Go off course
- 21 Televising at present
- 22 Criticism
- 26 Lose sleep (over)
- 27 Preschooler
- 30 WWII commander
- 31 Sci-fi knight
- 33 Duck cousin
- 34 Let it all out
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- 63 "Little Miss Muffet" pronoun

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11th annual Blackburn Sports Medicine Clinic



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Left: John Overton addressing the visiting athletic trainers, during the 11th annual Blackburn Sports Medicine Clinic at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this past weekend. Mr. Overton talked about the importance of trainers and the impact they can have. Right: John Overton and Tony Vandeputte award Megan Schrader an honorary buckle, in memory of Everett Blackburn, for her excellence, her commitment and service to their team.

Harden's triple-double helps Rockets rout Jazz again

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON— James Harden and the Houston Rockets didn't talk about their defeat at home by the Utah Jazz in the second game of their second-round playoff series last season before Game 2 of their first-round matchup on Wednesday night.

The Beard and his teammates were certainly thinking about it though.

Harden put on an MVP performance with 32 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists to lead the Rockets to a second straight rout of the Utah Jazz, 118-98, for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Rockets also won Game 1 of last year's series easily before losing that second game in Houston. They ended up winning the series in five games, but talked about the importance of maintaining focus after their 32-point win in Game 1 this season to avoid another such letdown.

It was clear early that they wouldn't have that problem this time around.

"It was important for us to come out aggressive," Harden said. "I think it was our defensive effort."

Harden, who recorded his third career playoff triple-double, had 25 points by halftime in a game the Jazz were all but out of after the first two quarters.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Utah.

Harden controlled the game from the start as the Rockets raced out to a 39-19 lead after a first quarter where he scored just two points fewer than the Jazz.

"What he did in that first quarter was ridiculous," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "Just dicing everybody up. When he gets it rolling nobody's better."

Houston made 6 of 13 3-pointers in the first and Utah hit just one of its 14 tries. The Rockets didn't let up in the second quarter and had pushed their advantage to 70-44 at halftime.

Ricky Rubio was the man tasked with guarding him most of the night. "He's hard but I'm not going to quit,"



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives against Utah Jazz forward Royce O'Neale (23) during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Houston, Wednesday, April 17.

he said. "He's one of the best scorers of all time and we're going to keep trying to find ways to make his scoring hard."

The Jazz got 17 points each from Rubio and Royce O'Neale. Second-year star Donovan Mitchell vowed to do more after scoring 19 points in Game 1, finishing with five turnovers and no assists. He did have more assists, dishing out six, but managed just 11 points on 5-of-19 shooting and had four turnovers as the Jazz head home needing to turn things around quickly to avoid a series that looks to be headed for a sweep.

"We didn't show up," Mitchell said. "Simply put. And that can't happen."

Houston's big early lead was also helped by 4-of-5 3-point shooting in the first half by P.J. Tucker and 16 points from Eric Gordon, who made three 3-pointers. Gordon didn't score after halftime and Tucker added four points.

The Rockets had a 15-point lead midway through the second quarter when Harden made a 3-pointer, and on the next possession banked in another one as he was knocked to the court on a foul by Thabo Sefolosha. Harden watched the ball go in as he sat on the court and did a little shimmy with his shoulders. The play drew a roar from the crowd and the video boards flashed to a fan holding a sign that read: 'unguardable.' before panning to former Rocket star and Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon, who raised his arms and smiled.

Harden missed the free throw but he'd still helped the Rockets push the lead to 52-31.

The Jazz got within 17 on a tip-in by Jae Crowder with about four minutes left in the third, but Houston made the next seven points, highlighted by a 3 from Harden, to make it 90-66 about 90 seconds later.

The Rockets were up by 28 entering

the fourth quarter and had a 97-73 lead when Harden entered the game for the first time in the fourth quarter with eight minutes left. His 10th assist came with about 3 1/2 minutes to go when he found a wide-open Kenneth Faried, who finished with a dunk to make it 107-87.

TIP-INS

Jazz: Rudy Gobert had 11 points and 12 rebounds. ... Utah shot just 39.8 percent after shooting 39 percent in Game 1. ... Jazz finished 8 of 38 on 3-pointers. ... Derrick Favors scored 14 points and had 12 rebounds.

Rockets: Houston, which had 17 3s, has made at least 15 3-pointers in 11 straight games. ... Clint Capela had seven points and 10 rebounds. ... Chris Paul added 17 points.

REMEMBERING NIPSEY

Harden wore a medallion with a picture of rapper and activist Nipsey Hussle, who was murdered last month, to Wednesday's game. He shared a heartfelt answer when asked why it's important to remember him.

"I'm just here because he's one of my close friends," Harden said. "This journey that I'm on is for him. It's plain and simple. That name Nip. Everybody knows that name now. So I'm just another person that's just helping that name live on."

THEY SAID IT

Tucker on the team's focus: "When we do what we do, I don't think anybody can beat us. And that's a fact, I don't care. If we come out and communicate and when our guys get going and are aggressive, we're tough."

ODDS AND ENDS

Houston is 8-0 at home in the first round since D'Antoni took over for the 2016-17 season. ... The Jazz have lost eight of their last 10 playoff games on the road since 2017 including four of five at Houston. ... It's the first time the Rockets have won consecutive playoff games by 20 points or more.

UP NEXT

After Game 3 on Saturday, the series stays in Utah for Game 4 on Monday night.

Warriors, Spurs try to forget blown chances for 2-0 leads

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

The Golden State Warriors are trying to regain the lead in a series they probably still can't believe is tied.

Same with the San Antonio Spurs, who like the Warriors know they are facing an opponent who won't stay down no matter how far they fall down.

The Clippers' historic comeback against the Warriors, followed by Denver's potential season-saving surge against the Spurs, made that clear.

So things are all even in those two Western Conference first-round series, which resume with a pair of Game 3s on Thursday night.

Philadelphia and Brooklyn play the other Game 3 of the night in an East series that also is tied at a game apiece.

Golden State would be up 2-0 if not for the Clippers' colossal comeback — or the Warriors' colossal collapse — on Monday night in Game 2. The Warriors led by 31 in the third quarter before Los Angeles charged back to win 135-131 after the biggest rally in NBA postseason history.

The Warriors won Game 1 by 17, appeared headed toward an even easier win in Game 2, and yet go into Game 3 basically starting from scratch.

"If you were up 30 with a quarter and a half to go, you just lose out of nowhere, it's like somebody ran up to you and punched you in the guy and ran away," Kevin Durant said. "It's shock. I don't even know how to explain it."

The seventh-seeded Spurs took the series opener against a Denver team that was an NBA-best 34-7 at home during the regular season. San Antonio then was up 78-59 late in the third quarter of Game 2 be-

fore Jamal Murray's 21-point fourth quarter carried the Nuggets to a 114-105 victory.

At least the Spurs, unlike the Warriors, can regroup in their home building, where the Nuggets haven't won since 2012.

"It's definitely not ideal to have a lead and then blow it like that," Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge said. "We came in and definitely played a pretty good first half, but you know when you come on the road in the playoffs and you win one game on the road, that's great. So we've got to go home and try to take care of business."

A look at Thursday's games:

76ERS AT NETS

Tied 1-1. Game 3, 8 p.m. EDT, TNT

NEED TO KNOW: After dropping the opener and leading by only one at halftime of Game 2, the 76ers finally looked like favorites by pouring in 51 points in the third quarter to roll to a 145-123 victory. Now they go to the home of the Nets, who have won Game 3 in their last three playoff series dating to the first round in 2014.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Joel Embiid. Even limited by knee soreness, he has double-doubles in both games to give him nine in his first 10 postseason games. Only Hall of Famers Wilt Chamberlain and Oscar Robertson had more.

INJURY WATCH: The Nets are listing veteran forward Jared Dudley as probable. His defense played a key role in the opener but he missed Game 2 with right calf tightness.

PRESSURE IS ON: Brooklyn's starters. The bench helped carry the Nets after a slow start in Game 1, but the hole was too big to climb after the dismal beginning to the second half of Game 2.

NUGGETS AT SPURS

Series tied at 1. Game 3, 9 p.m. EDT, NBATV

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