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**Upcoming Events**

*Sept. 20*  
**Big Spring Homecoming Game vs. Pecos Eagles**  
 Memorial Stadium  
 7:30 p.m.

*Sept. 20-22*  
**Howard County Fair**  
 Gates open at 5 p.m.  
 Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday.

*Sept. 23*  
**Bowl Making for Empty Bowls**  
 Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College  
 5:30 p.m.

*Sept. 28*  
**Bikes Across Big Spring**  
 2 p.m. Registration  
 4 p.m. Bike run begins

**Crossroads Young Marines Barbecue Brisket Burrito Fundraiser**  
 9 a.m.  
 Wal-Mart

*Sept. 30*  
**Pumpkin and Wine United Way fundraiser**  
 Moss Creek Ranch  
 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Oct. 5-6*  
**Cowboys and Heels Trade Show**  
 Downtown Big Spring

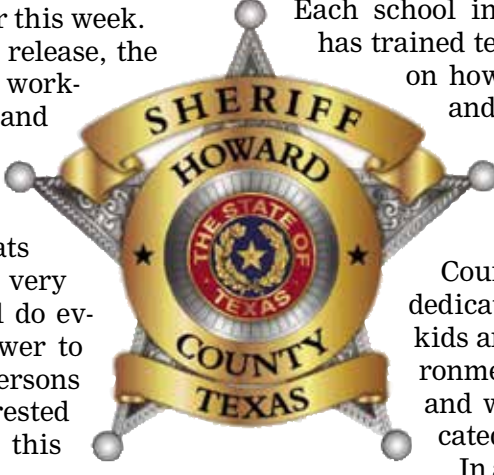
## HCSO provides update and safety tips

### Advice for violent situations: Avoid, Deny, Defend

**Special to the Herald**

The Howard County Sheriff's Office issued the following update regarding the reported threat at Coahoma High School earlier this week. According to the release, the department is still working the threat, and will continue to do so. The Sheriff's Office takes any and all threats toward any school very seriously, and will do everything in its power to see the person or persons responsible are arrested and charged with this crime.

"We would also like for each of you to know that we are living in a society today that has forced schools to become more secure than they ever



have been. All three school districts in Howard County have taken security to a higher level and each has involved all Law Enforcement in their training. Each school in Howard County now has trained teams from every school on how to respond to threats and how to best protect our school kids," HCSO said in a press release. "We the members of the Howard County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to ensuring that our kids are provided a safe environment to learn and play, and we will always be dedicated to their protection."

In addition to the press release regarding the update on the Coahoma threat, The Howard County Sheriff's Department issued a few tips regarding an act of violence scenario.

The tips focused on how people should react if they find themselves caught up in a violent situation, such as a robbery, hostage situation, workplace violence or an active shooter. The following "Avoid, Deny, Defend" actions are recommended:

**AVOID** starts with a state of mind; it's important to pay attention to your surroundings, have an exit plan, move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible and remember, the more distance and barriers between you and the threat the better.

**DENY** is best when getting away is difficult or even impossible; keep distance between you and the source of the threat. Creating barriers to prevent or slow down a threat from getting to you. Turning off lights and remain out of sight, remain quiet and hide behind larger objects and silence your cell

See **HCSO**, Page 3

## Sands CISD announces Homecoming Court



Courtesy photo

Sands CISD has announced this year's Homecoming Court. Nominees are as follows, pictured left to right: Freshman Elysa Martinez, Sophomore Charli Snell, Junior Kylie Barnes, Senior Kaylee French.

## Funding potential and a future Little Learners parents band together to support renovations

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Banding together for a common goal and for the benefit of the children, is what parents with Little Learners have decided to do. A couple of weeks ago, a fundraiser link popped up on Facebook requesting help for a new roof at Little Learners Daycare. An effort pushed out by a parent that caused a spark of support amongst other parents and the community.

"I simply let the parents know I was going to start remodeling and simply asked if they had any ideas for fundraising," Leslie Fernandez, Owner and Director of Little Learners Daycare, said.

The main portion of the project – the roof repair – is estimated around \$20,000. According to Fernandez, this will include air conditioner units as well.

"I honestly don't know when the building was last updated, but it is in need of updating," she said. "It's an old building with lots of potential."

The current daycare, in operation since 2009, was once a church building, according to Fernandez. Now, the building is serving as a place for parents to bring their newborns through school aged children.

"We have a great staff that loves kids as our own," she said. "Daycares are very much needed, and we just want our establishment to be a reflection of our hard work and great families we serve."

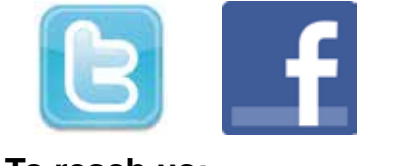
There will be several fundraisers planned, Fernandez said, and volunteers are also being accepted. Some of the upcoming fundraisers include: car washes, bake sales, T-shirt sales, Date Nights and auctions featuring student-created art. More information and dates will be released as each of the fundraising events gets closer.

According to parents of Little Learners students, as well as Fernandez, any and all help will be appreciated, from monetary donations to time, materials and more.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).

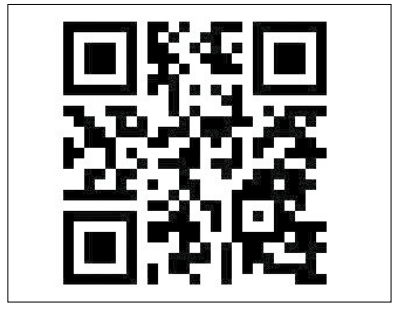
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## Water main repairs underway; possible low water pressure

**Special to the Herald**

On Sept. 17, contractors for the City of Big Spring began the first phase of a 20" water line replacement project. Repairs are currently underway on Donley Street from East 11th Place to East 15th Street. The second phase of the 20" water line replacement will take place from on East 15th Street from Donley Street to Virginia Avenue. The third phase of the 20" water line replacement will take place from Virginia Avenue from East 15th Street to East 16th Street.

The listed areas could possible experience low pressure and/or total water interruption during repairs. During these times, drivers may also encounter a single lane closure where work is being performed.

We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience while this project is completed. Please direct any questions or concerns to the office of Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, at 432-264-2501.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAMIE LEOS MONTES**, 42, of 1009 S. Scurry St., was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 60, transient, was arrested on charges of public intoxication

with three prior convictions, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **DOMINGO CASTILLO**, 48, of 1602 Harding St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of N. Hwy 350.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DOMINGO CASTILLO**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a

charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with vehicle or watercraft with previous conviction.
- **JAMIE LEOS MONTES**,

42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication with three prior convictions, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Adams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Main. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

## Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will be selling brisket and sausage plates with all the fixings on Saturday, Sept. 21 for \$10. Serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at 3203 W. Hwy 80, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 263-2084.

• A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just

a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday Oct. 8, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• 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

ter.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• 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.

• 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.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

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

• **Celebrate Recovery** meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

### 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. at 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); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### 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.

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Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 95. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8am. Sunny, with a high near 93. East wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. East wind around 5 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 8am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 91.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 93.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

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

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phones.

DEFEND because you have the right to protect yourself. There are some instances where you will not be able to avoid or deny and in those instances

you should be ready to defend yourself. Be aggressive and committed to your actions. Do not fight fairly; this is about survival.

When you have reached a safe place call 911 and when law enforcement arrives, show your hands and follow their commands. Remember that failure to plan is planning to fail.

Iran tells US retaliation looms if targeted for Saudi attack

By NASSER KARIMI and JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran has warned the U.S. it will retaliate "immediately" if Tehran is targeted over a weekend attack on Saudi oil installations, its state-run news agency reported Wednesday, further raising Mideast tensions.

Iran's president and foreign minister also may not be able to attend next week's high-level meetings at the United Nations as the U.S. has yet to issue them visas, IRNA reported.

The U.N. meeting had been considered as an opportunity for direct talks between Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and President Donald Trump amid a summer of heightened tensions and attacks in the wake of America's unilateral withdrawal from Iran's nuclear deal with world powers a year ago.

However, such talks are increasingly unlikely in the wake of the recent attack in Saudi Arabia, U.S. accusations that Tehran was behind it and hardening comments from Iran. Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels have claimed the attack in response to the Saudi-led war in Yemen, which has sparked the world's worst humanitarian crisis and killed tens of thousands of people.

Iran sent a note through Swiss diplomats in Tehran on Monday, reiterating that Tehran denies being involved in the Saudi attack, IRNA reported. The Swiss have looked after American interests in Tehran for decades.

"If any action takes place against Iran, the action will be faced by Iran's answer immediately," IRNA quoted the note as saying. It added that Iran's response wouldn't be limited to the source of the threat, suggesting it would inflict damage beyond what it had suffered.

IRNA separately reported Wednesday that Iran's first delegation for the annual U.N. event had not left Iran due to not having visas. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was to travel to New York on Friday, with Rouhani following Monday, according to the agency.

As the host of the U.N.'s headquarters, the U.S. is mandated to offer world leaders and diplomats visas to attend meetings there. But as tensions have risen, the U.S. has put increasing restrictions on Iranians like Zarif. Since becoming Iran's president in 2013, Rouhani has spoken each year at the General Assembly.

The U.S. State Department did not respond to requests for comment Wednesday. Trump separately tweeted: "I have just instructed the Secretary of the Treasury to substantially increase Sanctions on the country of Iran!" He did not elaborate, and Treasury officials could not immediately be reached.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is traveling to Saudi Arabia for meetings after Saturday's attack, which hit a Saudi oil field and the world's largest crude oil processing plant. The Saudi military planned to speak to journalists Wednesday in Riyadh to discuss their investigation "and present material evidence and Iranian weapons proving the Iranian regime's involvement."

"Almost certainly it's Iranian-backed," Prince Khalid bin Bandar, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United Kingdom, told the BBC. "We are trying not to react too quickly because the last thing we need is more conflict in the region."

Meanwhile, the state-run Saudi Press Agency carried a statement Wednesday saying the kingdom had joined a U.S.-led naval coalition to secure the Mideast's waterways. Australia, Bahrain and the United Kingdom already have joined the mission.

Cmdr. Joshua Frey, a spokesman for the U.S.

Navy's 5th Fleet, declined to comment on the Saudi announcement, saying it "would be inappropriate to comment on the status of individual nations and the nature of any potential support."

The coalition aims to secure the broader Persian Gulf region. It includes surveillance of the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of the world's oil travels, and the Bab el-Mandeb, another narrow strait that connects the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden off Yemen and East Africa.

The U.S. blames Iran for the apparent limpet mine explosions on four vessels in May and another two in June sailing in the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz, something Iran denies being behind. Iran also seized a British-flagged oil tanker and another based in the United Arab Emirates after the British seized a tanker carrying Iranian oil.

In Tehran, Rouhani told his Cabinet that Saudi Arabia should see the weekend attack as a warning to end its war in Yemen, where it has fought the Houthi rebels since 2015 and sought to restore the internationally recognized government.

Rouhani said Yemenis "did not hit hospitals, they did not hit schools or the Sanaa bazaar," referring to the Saudi-led coalition's widely criticized airstrikes on civilian targets.

He added that Iran does not want conflict in the region, but it was the Saudi-led coalition that "waged the war in the region and ruined Yemen." Saying the Houthis were responsible for the drone strikes, he said: "They attacked an industrial center to warn you. Learn the lesson from the warning."

Iran's defense minister, Gen. Amir Hatami, also denied his country launched the attack, saying the Houthis had the capability to launch the assault.

Wednesday's announcements come after Saudi Arabia's energy minister said late Tuesday that more than half of the country's daily crude oil production that was knocked out by an attack had been recovered. He said production capacity at the targeted plants would be fully restored by the end of the month, in part by drawing from Saudi reserves of crude oil.

Pompeo was due to land in the Red Sea city of Jiddah, where he was scheduled to meet with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Pompeo will later travel to the United Arab Emirates on Thursday to meet with Abu Dhabi's powerful crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Both nations are U.S. allies and have been fighting against the Houthis in Yemen.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday that U.S. military experts were in Saudi Arabia working with their counterparts to "do the forensics on the attack" — gleaning evidence that could help build a convincing case for where the weapons originated.

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Juanita Vega, 60, died Thursday. Grave-side services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

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## Patriotism in the classroom at BSI



5th grade social studies teacher, Mr. Natividad and his student, Chloeigh Moore, look at the finished decorated door in remembrance of 911.

## Worker who herded people out before explosion is called hero

FARMINGTON, Maine (AP) — A maintenance manager was credited Tuesday with saving lives by evacuating a building before an explosion that gravely injured him, while investigators began examining the rubble to determine the cause and the firefighter who died was saluted.

Larry Lord emptied the building of "at least a dozen or so employees" when the odor of propane gas was detected just minutes before the powerful blast destroyed the building and killed a firefighter, Police Chief Jack Peck said Tuesday.

"Without his quick actions, I think it would've been a much more horrific tragedy," Peck told reporters.

Lisa Charles, who worked with LEAP but was not there at the time of the blast, said she is grateful Lord got her colleagues to safety.

"They got a warning from the maintenance guy," she said Monday, calling him a hero.

Her colleagues told her that they were taken

to a safe area but that Lord went back inside with firefighters before the blast occurred.

In addition to the death of Fire Capt. Michael Bell, Lord and seven other people were injured when Monday's explosion leveled the two-story building that housed LEAP, a nonprofit that serves people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities.

Investigators from the Maine Fire Marshal's Office and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives began digging Tuesday through concrete, wood and debris for clues.

Part of the focus is on propane gas, which either caused the blast or must be ruled out, said Ken Grimes of the marshal's office.

He predicted the work will take about a week.

Firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers paused Tuesday to salute the fallen Bell, who was 68, as his body was returned from the state medical examiner's office with an escort.

## House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety Holds Organizational Hearing

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety met to hear testimony from the Texas Department of Public Safety on the agency's implementation of Governor Greg Abbott's executive orders aimed at bolstering public safety systems in Texas. The new Select Committee will work alongside its Senate counterpart and Governor Abbott's Domestic Terrorism Task Force to develop legislative proposals for combatting mass violence and improving community safety in Texas.

"I want to thank members of the House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety for their genuine commitment to exploring public safety policy that makes sense for Texas," said Chairman Drew Darby. "Texans are hurting and deserve our earnest work in delivering sensible so-

lutions that protect and respect the fundamental rights of all citizens."

In addition to hearings in Austin, Chairman Darby announced plans for the Select Committee to conduct field hearings over the next several months in five other cities: Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, and Odessa. The Select Committee will post notice of these public meetings, with details on the times and locations of hearings forthcoming. Each field hearing will focus on the duties outlined by Speaker Dennis Bonnen:

- Evaluate options for strengthening enforcement measures to prevent the transfer of firearms to persons prohibited by law from possessing firearms;

- Assess challenges in reporting relevant criminal history information and other threat indicators to state and federal databases;

- Examine the role of digital media and technology in threat detection, assessment, reporting, and prevention;

- Consider state workforce needs related to cybersecurity, mental health, law enforcement; and

- Evaluate current protocols and extreme risk indicators used to identify potential threats, and consider options for improving the dissemination of information.

The House Select Committee will submit a preliminary assessment to the Speaker in December 2019, produce periodic progress updates, and submit a final report due in October 2020.

Representative Darby serves House District 72, which includes Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green Counties.

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# County Fairs and Quilting Bees

By Judy Tereletsky

HSWCD District Clerk

One of the treats of living in a small town is the excitement that a county fair brings in the fall. Of course, the size of the town doesn't necessarily mean there will or won't be a county fair, but somehow the thought of a tight knit community celebrating the area agricultural accomplishments conjures up a small-town picture. Fairs date back to the Roman Empire where religious days were often celebrated with games and other festivities. The fairs in the Middle Ages evolved into a venue for merchants to trade goods as well as the religious celebrations. As time went on the fairs slowly developed into more of a showcase of agricultural accomplishments. The first American fair was organized by Elkanah Watson in 1807. Held in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Watson organized a sheep shearing demonstration. Other area farmers soon began to showcase their livestock and later educational activities were added along with allowing merchants to sell goods at the events. Watson's ideas spread quickly with small rural communities holding their own versions of fairs throughout the expanding United States. In September of 1841, New York held the first State Fair with almost 15,000 people attending the two-day event. The event focused on animal exhibits and educating attendees about agriculture. It also featured new products for both farms and homes. Showcasing new technologies (airplanes, electricity, new farming equipment, etc.) became an important part of the annual fairs. With the success of the New York State Fair, the concept took hold and other state fairs and even world fairs were born.

The Texas State Fair in Dallas Fair Park was first held in 1886. It has grown to over 2 million visitors each year. With admission tickets under \$20 a person, the State Fair will be held September 27 to October 20th this year. Don't let the admission price fool you as the cost of rides, attractions and food can run through one's wallet in no time at



Courtesy photo

**Handmade quilts are a traditional exhibit at county fairs, and are often auctioned off or given to some lucky raffle winner.**

all. The State Fair holds an important connection to agriculture's influence on everyone's daily life. The Big Tex (Big Tex is the world's tallest cowboy that greets the fair's attendees) Youth Livestock Auction, Farm Day at the Fair, and Big Tex Urban Farms are just a few of the agricultural events. The Big Tex Urban Farms is a mobile designed produce garden that brings more than 6,000 fruits and vegetables to non-profit organizations in the Dallas Fair Park area. The Texas State Fair is famous for its fried food concoctions.

Although Howard County Fair may not provide things such as Fried Oreos, Fired Coca-Cola and endless other creations, you can always find the favorite funnel cake. The Howard County Fair will be held September 20th through the 22nd. Although I have never attended the State Fair, I have had the pleasure of attending the Howard County Fair and enjoying the fine art, local school artworks, quilting and sewing exhibits and of course my younger days the carnival rides. I can even boast of several ribbons for my own artwork through the years. Local schools are provided the opportunity to view livestock and agricultural educational exhibits

and of course there are a wide selection of vendors. Once again, this year thanks to Corporate sponsorship of the fair, there is no admission charge. Our local County Fair Board of Directors work hard to bring in entertainment and encourage people to learn about the agricultural influences on our everyday lives.

Although some may like the exciting rides and new technology, I am still amazed at the craftsmanship displayed in the quilts exhibited each year. I didn't learn to sew until I was a freshman at Texas Tech and I truly respect those who are patient and talented enough to create using needle and thread. Quilts are three layers of fabric stitched together but beyond this simple definition lies the shared lives, comfort and convictions of those who create them. A quilting bee was an extremely popular social event in the mid 1800's where women of that time could share the work of creating a quilt. It provided a social space for women to gather and often once the session was done families would gather for an evening meal, singing and dancing. Because quilts often follow a block-style or grid pattern, people sometimes mistakenly think that quilts are simply a product of repetition. This is far from true as each quilter brings their own color and fabric choices and pattern adaptations to the quilt just as any painter or other artisan does when creating their works. As time went on, the social aspects of quilting parties resulted in group needlework for the making of signature, friendship, bridal, baby, and countless themed quilts intended for a special person or occasions like the county fair. Quilts serve as a lens into American history and traditions from quilts made for charity and fundraising to awareness and activism, commemoration to historical records of war and peace, the quilt like agriculture and county fairs is part of our American heritage. As tradition has it in many county fairs, a handmade quilt will be auctioned off at this year's Howard County Fair.

My advice is to go and enjoy the Howard County Fair!

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### Big Spring Junior High Volleyball highlights

#### 7th Grade A Team:

Although the 7th Grade A Team played extremely well as a team, they lost to Lamesa (20-25 and 20-25). Isis Nesbit and Niomi Wines led the Lady Steers on the front row net coverage. Alondra Salgado and Hazel Rangel played great defense on the back row. The coaches are so proud of the team's constant improvement each week.

#### 7th Grade B Team:

The 7th Grade B Team suffered a loss last night to Lamesa (7-25 and 5-25). The girls started off slow and then began to pick back up and fight halfway through the first set. They are making great plays getting three hits and are preparing for a win next Monday against Sweetwater. Our player of the game was Marlynn Bermea with her strong serves and preparation on offense and defense.

#### 8th Grade A Team:

The 8th Grade A Team came out with a big win over Lamesa last night in three sets. They won the first set 25-20, lost the second set 24-26, and came back with a big win in the third set 25-10. Cloe Visiana had some great kills, and Brooklynn Hyatt made some amazing serves. Each girl stepped up to do their part in taking this win.

#### 8th Grade B Team:

The 8th Grade B Team came out with a win over Lamesa last night winning in two sets (26-24 and 25-19). Analisa De Los Santos and Presleigh Emerson had excellent passes; and, Lauren Bryan had great serves. It was a great team effort.

#### Big Spring Steers vs Sweetwater (Away)

#### Monday:

#### 7th Grade A Team:

The 7th Grade A Team fell short on the road last night losing to Sweetwater, 15-25 and 19-25. Jaycee Smith and Angelica Hernandez were the players of the game on offense, and Elena Lopez and Alondra Salgado shined on defense.

#### 7th Grade B Team:

The 7th Grade B Team came ready to play on Monday against Sweetwater. The girls brought home the win in a three set match, 25-19, 23-25, and 15-8. The girls worked great as a team. Our players of the game came strictly from their improvement on serving. These girls all had two or more Ace Serves in the game: Karisma Cepeda (3), Claudia Gutierrez (3), Trinity Muniz (4), Sofia Lozano (2), Marlynn Bermea (3), and Alliana Charvarria. Way to go Ladies!

#### 8th Grade A Team:

The 8th Grade A Team fell to Sweetwater in two sets, 22-25 and 19-25. Our standout players are Julianna Fraser with some kills at the net and Kylie Haynie with strong serves.

#### 8th Grade B Team:

The 8th Grade B Team won on the road in two sets, 25-12 and 25-8, against Sweetwater. Great team effort was put in. J'Alia had 20 aces and Halle had several kills. Way to go Lady Steers!



## Seager drives in 4 runs in Dodgers' 7-5 win over Rays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kenley Jansen has got his groove back with the playoffs nearing.

He got four outs for his 30th save of the season, Corey Seager drove in four runs, including a go-ahead two-run double in the seventh, and the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-5 Tuesday night.

Jansen struck out two and induced grounders from the other two batters he faced to close out the Dodgers' 98th win of the season. The veteran notched his sixth straight season with 30-plus saves and now has 298.

"Every day just baby steps, keep working on my mechanics to make sure I stay sharp," said Jansen, who struggled mightily at times in his season and even got booed in his own ballpark. "This is the best I felt all year."

Seager's ground-rule double in the fifth was the Dodgers' first hit of the game and briefly gave them a 2-1 lead.

His double in the seventh was Seager's 41st of the season, a career high.

His first double made Seager one of six Dodgers with two 40-plus double seasons and the first since Shawn Green in 2003.

"He adds so much length to our lineup," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said.

The Dodgers broke the game open in the seventh with five runs and five hits.

Pete Fairbanks (1-3) gave up Seager's RBI double in the inning. He walked Will Smith before rookie Gavin Lux singled the middle to chase Fairbanks and make it 5-2.

"I'm trying to throw something that looks like a strike but isn't and he put a good swing on it," Fairbanks said of Seager's hit. "Didn't execute it as well as I could have."

A.J. Pollock followed with an RBI single off Cole Sulser before Cody Bellinger's RBI double extended the Dodgers' lead to 7-2.

The Rays answered with three runs in the eighth off Kenta Maeda (10-8), including a two-run homer by pinch-hitter Jesús Aguilar that left them

trailing 7-5.

"We put some pressure on them but obviously not enough and probably a little bit too late," Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Tampa Bay had its lead for the second AL wild card cut to one-half game over Cleveland.

Seager nearly had a homer in the eighth but left fielder Tommy Pham made a leaping grab near the wall to rob him.

Each team ran through eight pitchers.

Ji-Man Choi hit a solo homer off Pedro Baez that tied the game 2-all in the sixth.

The Rays led 1-0 on Willy Adames' sacrifice fly to right field in the second. It scored Joey Wendle, who walked, stole second and took third on a balk by Caleb Ferguson.

Caleb Ferguson made his second start for the Dodgers after being in the bullpen most of the season. The left-hander allowed one run and no hits in 1 2/3 innings. He struck out one and walked two. Ferguson re-

placed scheduled starter Ross Stripling, who pitched in relief, which will be his role in the postseason.

Tampa Bay's Blake Snell struck out four in two innings in his return from arthroscopic surgery on his left elbow July 25. Last year's AL Cy Young Award winner faced six batters.

"Couldn't have asked for much more from him," Cash said. "You always wonder, with not getting reps or that amount of reps, what's the command going to be? The power was tremendous, the fastball command was great."

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: RHP Yonny Chirinos (right middle finger inflammation) could return as a starter or work out of the bullpen when he returns. Either way, he would likely only pitch a couple innings due to his lengthy absence. ... INF Brandon Lowe (right shin, left quad) played in an instructional league game in Florida, but has hurdles to clear before he could return to

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## Sports Briefs

### Former Netherlands defender Fernando Ricksen dies at 43

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Fernando Ricksen, a former Netherlands national team defender, has died after a six-year battle with motor neuron disease. He was 43.

Rangers, the Scottish soccer club where Ricksen played from 2000-06, announced the death on Wednesday.

Ricksen said in October 2013 he was suffering from the disease. He raised awareness and funds to help other sufferers through the Fernando Ricksen Foundation, with a benefit match held at Ibrox in 2015 raising 320,000 pounds (about \$500,000).

"(Ricksen) fought so bravely against a terrible illness and ... will never be forgotten by his teammates or Rangers fans. His place in our history is secured," Rangers managing director Stewart Robertson said.

Ricksen played 12 games for the Dutch national team. At club level, he also played for Fortuna Sittard and AZ Alkmaar in the Netherlands, and Zenit St. Petersburg in Russia.

### Osaka reaches quarterfinals at Pan Pacific Open

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Top-seeded Naomi Osaka reached the quarterfinals at the Pan Pacific Open by beating qualifier Viktoriya Tomova 7-5, 6-3 on Wednesday.

Osaka, who was broken twice early in the match, is looking to win her first title in her hometown after finishing runner-up in 2016 and 2018.

She will next meet either Yulia Putintseva or Russian qualifier Varvara Flink.

Also, fourth-seeded Angelique Kerber won her first match since Wimbledon, beating American qualifier Nicole Gibbs 6-2, 6-4.

"The goal now is to finish the year as well as I can, to put all the energy which I have into this run in Asia and to play well in the next few weeks," Kerber said.

Kerber will next face Madison Keys, who defeated Zarina Diyas 5-7, 6-0, 6-4.

"I know Madison really well, so I know what to

expect," Kerber said. "It will be interesting. We both know we have to play our best against each other."

Elise Mertens also advanced, beating Hsieh Su-Wei 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 win.

At the Korea Open in Seoul, second-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 recovered well to beat Kristyna Pliskova 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and reach the quarterfinals.

Alexandrova will next play Kristine Ahn. The American advanced by beating Ana Bogdan of Romania 0-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Magda Linette also reached the quarterfinals, defeating Anastasia Potapova 7-5, 7-6 (4). The fourth-seeded Linette will next meet Kirsten Flipkens, who upset seventh-seed Margarita Gasparyan 6-3, 7-5.

### A panda is the mascot for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

By SHANSHAN WANG Associated Press  
BEIJING (AP) — A smiling panda and a walking Chinese lantern will be the mascots for the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing.

The mascots were revealed Tuesday at a ceremony at the Shougang Ice Hockey Arena in the Chinese capital.

Beijing Mayor Chen Jining described them as adorable, unique and exquisite.

"In a visually appealing way, they epitomize our aspiration for the Beijing 2022 Games, and extend our warm invitation to friends throughout the world," he said.

The panda, named Bing Dwen Dwen, is the Olympic mascot. Colorful circles around its face symbolize skating tracks and 5G technology, according to the website of the Beijing organizing committee. Bing, the Chinese word for "ice," shows purity and strength, while Dwen Dwen means sincerity, liveliness and health, the website said.

The choice of the iconic animal, considered the national treasure, was not a surprise to people in China. While many acclaimed Bing Dwen Dwen for its cuteness on social media, some were not impressed by the lack of creativity in choosing a panda.

The giant panda was one of the five mascots for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, and it also was the symbol for the Asian Games in Beijing in 1990.

"Today is an important step on a milestone in Beijing's journey to make history as the first ever, in Olympic history, to host both summer and winter editions of the Olympic Games," International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach said at the ceremony.

Based on a traditional red lantern, Paralympic mascot Shuey Rhon Rhon creates the cheerful atmosphere of the Chinese Lunar New Year, which will fall around the time of the Winter Games, the organizing committee said.

It sports a yellow scarf, a circle of yellow doves around its head and a traditional Chinese paper cutting. "Shuey" means snow in Chinese and the characters for "Rhon Rhon" mean "inclusiveness" and "integration," implying the world civilizations communicating among one another and living in harmony, the committee said.

The two mascots were selected from more than 5,800 submissions from 35 countries.

### 3 dead as speedboat trying to set record crashes off Venice

ROME (AP) — Italian firefighters say three people aboard a speedboat have been killed when their vessel crashed into an offshore dike of the lagoon city of Venice.

The crash on Tuesday night also badly injured a fourth person aboard.

Italian speedboat race officials say the boat was trying to set a speed record for the route from Monte Carlo, a Mediterranean port in Monaco, to Venice. They said the motorboat had begun the undertaking Monday morning and was allowed one fuel stop as part of rules for record setting.

Dead in the crash were an Italian and two Britons. The injured man is Italian.

Italian state radio said the speedboat was capable of speeds up to 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph).

The cause of the crash was under investigation.





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