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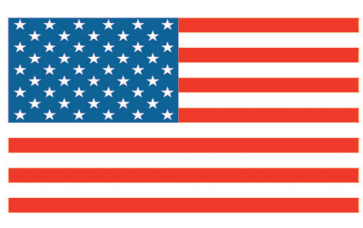
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118th District Court Grand Jury hands down indictments to 24 individuals

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

The 118th District Court Grand Jury handed down true-billed indictments on 24 individuals July 29, including three for first-degree felonies. Kashell Lynn Marie Raymond, 28, of 2017 Stoner Rd., Lot 7, in Odessa, was indicted on a first-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Raymond was additionally indicted on a state-jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (penalty group 1, less than one gram). Christopher Aaron Salazar, 34, of 1511 Sycamore, was indicted on a first-degree felony charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

David Houston Summers, 44, of 3621 Calvin St., was indicted on a first-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, four to 200 grams). Summers is also listed as a habitual offender. Others indicted July 29 include:
 • Adrain Aguilar, 28, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of theft of property, a second-degree felony.
 • Joe Waylon Bush, 32, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle, a third-degree felony (enhanced).
 • Austin Darden, 21, of 1313 Dixie Ave., on charges of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, one to four grams), a third-degree felony; burglary of a building, a state-jail felony; and

burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony.
 • Clinton Epke, 44, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of evading arrest by vehicle, a third-degree felony.
 • David Rey Gonzales Jr., 33, of 2600 Fairchild, on two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, both second-degree felonies.
 • Kevin Dewayne Heifner, 43, of 4109 Parkway Rd., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, less than one gram), a state-jail felony.
 • Nicholas Cale Hyden, 42, of 903 E. 19th St., on a charge of violation of a sex offender's duty to register annually for

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Upcoming Events

SMMC Back to School Health Splash
 Aug. 5
 6-8 p.m.

Toasty Tuesdays take place every Tuesday at a different location around town. Community invited to come out and help;

Loss of a Spouse stand alone seminar
 Aug. 5
 Trinity Baptist Church
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays for private parties

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College Board discusses 2021 valuations

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Several tax issues were on the agenda for Howard County Junior College District trustees during their meeting Monday. "The first thing when we start working on our budget that we start putting together is our revenue," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told the board. "One of the things that's very important to that is the values, the certification of values." Sparks said the adjusted taxable value appraised for Howard County, which is what the HCJCD uses as its tax base, is \$5,700,710,013 for 2021. That number is down significantly from the 2020 figure of \$6,235,790,215. The reduction in tax base means the District will need to increase the tax rate to continue to operate, Sparks said. "Whenever the tax base goes down, it increases the tax rate," she said. "When the tax base goes up, the tax rate goes

down. It just varies with the tax base." Sparks said the trustees will hold a budget workshop Aug. 30. In other business, Sparks provided updates on the College's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Incidence of COVID-19 is on the rise locally, she said. "I talked to (Big Spring Fire Chief) Craig Ferguson this morning, and he indicated that, in two weeks, it has tripled in Howard County," she said. Sparks reported that the college did host the Kids' College summer program this summer. "We did have the Kids' College for the Big Spring campus this summer, and we also had a take-home virtual opportunity at the same time," she said. "We have had some on-campus options as well for students. Not necessarily Kids' College, but Lamb Camp and Goat Camp, so we've been trying to do some of those things."

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Loss of a Spouse seminar set for Aug. 5

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Loss can be a difficult journey to navigate, but it doesn't have to be traveled alone. Trinity Baptist Church is hosting another session of Loss of a Spouse - an extension of their GriefShare Ministry - on Aug. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Our last Loss of a Spouse seminar was well attended and we received very positive feedback from those who were there." Vivian Gordon, said. Gordon, and other members of the GriefShare Ministry Team at TBC, understand the importance of having a support system during the grieving process. The two-hour seminar, supported by Trinity Baptist, is specifically designed to speak to those grieving the loss of a spouse. "This is a stand alone session that anyone who is dealing with the loss of a spouse through death is welcome to attend," she said. "We have been offering Loss of a Spouse since 2019 and this will be our 7th time to present this



Loss of a Spouse stand-alone seminar will take place Aug. 5. The next 13-week Grief Share seminar will begin Aug. 26, both will take place at Trinity Baptist Church.

tually rebuild your life. There is no charge for the seminar. "For those wanting more information, they are welcome to attend the Grief Share seminars that will follow." Gordon said. "The two-hour session doesn't allow enough time to cover everything, but we do encourage those dealing with the loss of a loved one - recent or not - to join us in the Grief Share program." According to Gordon, while the program is offered at Trinity Baptist Church, it is not restricted to those who attend Trinity, but is open to the community. The Grief Share program is a 13-week program that can be joined at any point. The next Grief Share session will begin on Aug. 26, the last Thursday of the month. To find out more about the Loss of a Spouse seminar or GriefShare, contact Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 or e-mail vgordon2@suddenlink.net.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Obituaries

Mike Seely



Mike Seely, 67, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away suddenly July 30, 2021, from heart complications and a broken heart. The loss was completely unexpected, leaving the family truly shocked and saddened. He will be truly missed in so many ways.

Mike is survived by a loving and devoted sister, Sandra Shook, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 18 years, Cynthia Irene Steeler-Seely; his father, Hugh L. Seely; his mother, Betty Jean Shook; and his grandparents, Charles A. Kisselburg and Opal Mae Kisselburg.

Mike was born to Hugh L. Seely & Betty Jean Shook. He attended high school in Plainview, Texas, and was passionate about playing football, spending time and working at his Gpas grocery store.

After graduating high school, he moved to Hale Center, where he married, started a family, and ran the local grocery store.

Mike moved to Big Spring in 1987 with his two children, where he began his career in the bread business. He is and will always be known as the bread man.

Mike remarried in 1995 briefly to ChrisAnn Guetersloh. She had a 6-month-old daughter when they met. Dad became her father immediately. The marriage was short, but he gained a daughter for a lifetime.

He later met and married the love of his life,

Cynthia Irene Steeler-Seely. They remained in Big Spring and married until her passing in July 2021.

Mike was the most amazing Father, Grandpa, Great Gpa, and friend in this world. He was one of the hardest-working, dedicated, strong and genuine people you'd ever meet. He was a mentor to all and will be forever missed.

Dad's beautiful journey included eight children, Brian and Brigitte Seely of Coleman, Texas, Kristy and James Sharpton of Newcastle, Texas, Natalie and Dakota Holland of Roseville, Calif., James and Melissa McComb of Lubbock, Texas, Pandi and Jim Buske of Dunlap, Tenn., Bill and Anjie Grigg of Big Spring, Texas, Pank and Michelle Grigg of Big Spring, Texas and Steven and Tonya Grigg of Big Spring, Texas; 36 grandchildren, Kevin, Justin, Michael, Brandon, Zakary, Kolton, Elliott, Harrison, Eleanor, Taylor, Bryan, Caleb, CJ, Colton, Jerrod, Jesse, Chole, Baeu, Victoria, Kittie, Mason, Connor, Tucker, Cooper, Karlie, Kaycee, Kodi, Kaisen, Kenley, Kamrie, Konnor, Crystal, Kelly, Stormie, William, and Savannah; and 24 great-grandchildren: Kakyn, Landyn, Lyncoln, Josiah, Braxson, Joseph, Emily, Arabella, Blaine, Judson, Lillyanne, Oakley, Addley, Remdi, CJ, Nicholas, Emily, Grace, Turner, Carson, Wyatt, Zaedyn, and Daniel.

Contributions can be made to First Church of Nazarene 1400 S. Lancaster St. Big Spring, TX 79720

Pallbearers- Michael Seely, Brandon Seely, Justin Langlitz, CJ Mclure, Savannah Grigg, Tucker Grigg, Mason Grigg, Ricky Reese. Honorary Pallbearers- Dale Walker, Kevin Langlitz

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

Paid Obituary

Tina Henderson

Tina Henderson, 51, of Big Spring, Texas passed away July 31, 2021, due to complications from COVID. A private family memorial service is planned to be held in Tyler, Texas, at a later day.

Born June 28, 1970, she graduated from BSHS in the Class of 1989. She attended Howard College and graduated with a Political Science degree in 1993. Tina worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for several years and then worked at Dolphin Pools as office manager for 20 years until retiring. Her favorite hobbies that gave her much joy were cooking for all her family and friends, oil painting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by fathers James Henderson and Jackie Tibitts.

She is survived by her mother, Gayla Henderson of Big Spring; two sisters, Gina Menges and husband, Kevin, of Tyler, and Oleta Huitt and husband, Terry, of Tyler; several nephews, Taylor and Case Heckler, and Thomas, Timothy and Trenton James Garling; several great-nephews and -nieces; and her dogs, Spike and Daisy.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Alice L. Ewing

Alice L. Ewing, 84, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, August 2, 2021 in Lubbock. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Aztec Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Rannels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Moore School Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LITTLE JOHN PHILLIP WINFIELD**, 59, of 1408 Rannels, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- **BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON**, 37, of 1406 Young, was arrested on a charge of bail jumping/failure to appear, no drivers license when unlicensed, fail to appear.
- **ASHLEY LYNN BUCK**, 25, of 5203 Sterling Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **MICHAEL RAY ROBINSON**, 51, of 801 Anna Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2).
- **ALFREDO ANTONIO RAMIREZ**, 46, of 301 E. Leatherwood Unit 8, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x3).
- **ROXANA BLACKWELL**, 47, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency and no drivers license when unlicensed.
- **MELISSA SUE MIZE**, 44, of 4029 Vicky Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency and theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **MIKAYLA KENLEY GAMBOA**, 21, of 1514 Stadium Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ**, 38, of 4106 Dixon Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid and warrant from other agency.
- **BRANDEE JAYE HILGER**, 24, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LUPE MARTINEZ**, 67, of 262 Private Road, was

arrested on a warrant from other agency.

- **JAMES ERIC TREVINO**, 29, of 427 E. Davis Road, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Mesa Avenue.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street; 800 block of N. Scurry Street.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 200 block of NW Third Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Davis Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 4800 block of Wasson.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of N. Rannels Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Washington Blvd.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 103 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ROXANA BLACKWELL**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **ASHLEY LYNN BUCK**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family.
- **LASARA ELEXIS CERVANTES**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.
- **CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance and driving while license invalid (DWLI).
- **MIKAYLA KENLEY GAMBOA**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOHN THOMAS HARDIN**, 32, was arrested by GLASS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRANDEE JAYE HILGER**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed, violate promise to appear, and bail jump-

ing and fail to appear.

- **EMMA MARTINEZ**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **LUPE MARTINEZ**, 67, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of service between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **MELISSA SUE MIZE**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance and theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **JUAN SANCHEZ ORTIZ**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possess/purchase/consume
- **ALFREDO RAMIREZ**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of open container in motor vehicle, ride not secured by safety belt (x2).
- **MICHAEL ROBINSON**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of issuance of bad check.
- **JAMES ERIC TREVINO**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.
- **LITTLE JOHN PHILLIP WINFIELD**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear, parole violation and driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

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Sparks also reported on Howard College's upcoming 75th Anniversary observance plans, which will culminate Sept. 30.

"We've been celebrating the 75th Anniversary this entire year since Nov. 17, when we started with the creation of the College District," she said. "Sept. 30 will be the 75th Anniversary of the first day of class."

The college has planned several events for that day, including activities on each of the Howard College campuses.

"We then will culminate with a big joint celebration that evening, and we are working on finalizing that," Sparks said. "At the same time, we're being

very cognizant of what's going on, and we're making Plan A and Plan B, but were beginning to get those plans finalized."

The College Board also approved refinancing the current 2009 bond issue, which was used to refurbish the school's dormitories.

"As of yesterday, 8-1, there was \$2,080,000 outstanding on those bonds, and the interest rate was 4.6 percent, which at the time we did that, that was really a pretty good rate," said Howard's Chief Facilities Operations Officer Terry Hansen. "The market is such now that we can do a refunding on those bonds, which is basically a refinance. So that would result in potentially quite a bit of savings for the college. It does not extend the debt any further. It just lowers the interest rate. It pays off the debt, but then issues new bonds for the remainders of the debt."

Hansen said that, while the exact new bond has not been selected yet, savings would likely be in the 2 percent range.

"Which will result in about \$150,000 savings over the life of the bond, or an annual savings of about \$19,000 per year," he said. "That is projected. It's not absolute, because it does depend on what the financial institutions offer us."

The board unanimously approved the plan of refunding and refinancing the bonds.

In other business, the board: approved certification of three new programs, including Computer Software and Media Applications (AAS, Cert 1 and Cert 2), Computer and Information Systems Security (AAS, Cert 1 and Cert 2), and Instructional Aide (AAS and Cert 1); and approved a resolution authorizing an auction of properties.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Back to School Splash will take place on Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. Backpacks and school supplies will be handed out by numerous partners. The event will take place on the front lawn at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The event is free to attend.

• Youth rally at Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship Church is at 309 South Benton and 4th, Friday Aug. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there will be pizza after service.

• Life Church will be hosting a community youth night at 5 p.m. on Aug. 21. There will be food trucks and games. Innercourt Worship will begin at 7 p.m.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

• Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.

• Loss of a Spouse seminar will be taking place Aug. 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The special stand alone session will take place at Trinity Baptist Church. The program will be taking place in advance of the 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.

• The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament.

The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednes-

day in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic.

The staff will go to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation.

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

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Marion Hays, 92, died Thursday, July 29, 2021. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Iatan Cemetery.

Michael Seely, 68, died Friday, July 30, 2021. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Hale Center Cemetery.

Linda Hoover, 68, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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life, a second-degree felony (enhanced).

• Juliana Renee Juarez, 33, of 2002 S. Monticello, on two charges of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, less than one gram), both state-jail felonies.

• Randall Kirk Kirkham, 30, of 203 Terry Rd., on charges of evading arrest by vehicle, a third-degree felony; and theft of material, a state-jail felony.

• Elvis Eugene Lang Jr., 21, of 1002 N. Main St., Apt. No. 7, on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, a second-degree felony (enhanced).

• Tony Moreno Marquez, 35, of 1105 E. 15th St., on a charge of burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony.

• Ashley Rae Miramontes, 27, of 301 NW 10th St., on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, a third-degree felony.

• James Lester Newton, 46, of 701 Creighton, on charges of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, less than one gram), a state-

jail felony; and possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, one to four grams), a third-degree felony.

• Joe Don Owens, 40, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of attempted aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a third-degree felony.

• Jesus Antonio Patlan, 29, of 1408 Sycamore, on a charge of burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony.

• Nathaniel Louis Pittman, 34, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on charges of evading arrest by vehicle, a third-degree felony; and unauthorized use of a vehicle, a state-jail felony.

• Katherine Cheyenne Rawls, 34, of 100 N. Brown St., on a charge of theft of material, a state-jail felony.

• Roy Wayne Tarpley, 39, of 407 Ninth Ave. Apt. A, on a charge of theft of property (\$30,000 to \$150,000), a third-degree

felony.

• Sherrie Ann Thompson, 36, of 5112 Dawson Rd., on a charge of assault against a family or household member by impeding breath, a third-degree felony.

• Justin Richard Valentine, 38, of 105 Marvin Rd., on charges of evading arrest by vehicle, a second-degree felony (enhanced); and theft of material, a third-degree felony (enhanced).

• Deamotrea Jarrell Warren, 28, of 103 Adam Ave. in Magee, Miss., on a charge of criminally negligent homicide, a state-jail felony.

Remember that all those listed above are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Big Spring Steers Football team excited to kick off Two-A-Days practices



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The Big Spring Steers held their first Two-A-Day practice this Monday Aug. 2. Two-A-Days marks the comeback of the long-awaited new football season. All the Steers looked excited to start this new journey and competing for a District title. The Varsity will get their first chance in a scrimmage on Aug. 13 at home against the Pecos Eagles. They open up the regular season on the road when they take on Vernon, in Vernon at 7 p.m. on Aug 27.

Biles returns to competition with a bronze medal and a smile

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TOKYO — Simone Biles returned to the competition at the Tokyo Olympics in style, and will leave with another medal.

What color it is really isn't the point. That she delivered a tense, heart-ravaging routine on the balance beam and nailed it with a smile meant everything.

Biles looked calm as she moved, turned and flipped across the beam. It was everyone else watching who held their breath.

"I had nerves but I felt pretty good," she said.

Biles won the bronze medal when she drilled a slightly altered routine in front of a crowd that included IOC President Thomas Bach a week after taking herself out of several competitions to focus on her mental health.

That move by the gymnast regarded the greatest in history had amplified attention on the importance of mental health in sports in general, and among Olympians specifically.

"I was just happy to be able to perform, regardless of the outcome," Biles said. "I did it for me, and I was just proud of myself for being able to compete one more time."

Biles changed her routine a bit while dealing with a mental block surrounding twisting. She used a double-pike dismount — no twisting required — to score a 14.000, which was ultimately good enough for third in the eight-woman final, behind China's Guan Chenchen and Tang Xijing. Biles earned her seventh career Olympic medal and tied Shannon Miller for the most by an American in gymnastics.

Olympic all-around champion Sunisa Lee of the United States finished fifth. The 18-year-old Lee won three medals in Tokyo, including silver in the team final and bronze on uneven bars.

The U.S. men's basketball team rode the slender shoulders and smooth shooting of Kevin Durant to advance to the medal round with a 95-81 victory over Spain in the quarterfinals.

Durant finished with 29 points. Jayson Tatum scored 13 and Jrue Holiday added 12 for the U.S., which will play either Australia or Argentina in the

semifinals on Thursday. The American men have never failed to medal in all 18 of their previous Olympics appearances.

For Durant, only one will do. "We've just got to finish it. Go to finish it," Durant said. "We're supposed to be here. For us, it's about getting the gold."

It was the fifth time since 2004 that the top two programs in the most recent FIBA world rankings — the U.S. is No. 1 — had met in the Olympic quarterfinals or later, with the Americans winning each time.

Ricky Rubio scored 38 points for Spain, which led by 10 in the second quarter before the U.S. turned the game with a 36-10 run to take control.

FAST AND FURIOUS
Karsten Warholm of Norway found his "perfect" race and smashed his own world record in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing in 45.94 seconds to break the old mark by .76.

One of the most anticipated races on the program ended with some wondering if they'd just watched the greatest Olympic races ever.

Second-place finisher Rai Benjamin of the United States finished in 46.17, also beating the 46.7 record that Warholm set just last month. The third-place finisher, Alison dos Santos of Brazil, finished in 46.72, which would've been a world record five weeks earlier.

"Sometimes in training, my coaches keep telling me this could be possible with the perfect race," Warholm said of the prospect of breaking 46 seconds. "But it was hard to imagine it because it's a big barrier, and it's something you don't even dream about."

He didn't just dream it. He lived it. In other track and field events, Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica completed her second straight Olympic sprint sweep, finishing the 200 meters in 21.53 seconds, the second-fastest time in history.

Thompson-Herah topped surprise second-place finisher Christine Mboma of Namibia by .48, while American Gabby Thomas took bronze.

This was a star-studded final, defined as much by who didn't finish on the podium as who did.

Thompson-Herah joins another Jamaican, Veronica Campbell-Brown,

and Barbel Wookel of the former East Germany as the third back-to-back champions in the 200.

Armand Duplantis of Sweden won the Olympic gold medal in the pole vault. The 21-year-old clinched victory with a height of 6.02 meters and then raised the bar to 6.19 meters in a bid to break his own world record. Duplantis missed all three times when he tried to improve on the world record mark of 6.18 meters he set at Glasgow last year.

MEN'S SOCCER FINAL SET
Brazil and Spain each won to advance to men's soccer final with victories. Brazil is the defending Olympic champion. Spain hasn't won the tournament since 1992 and last reached the final in 2000.

Brazil and Mexico were scoreless through regulation and extra time before Brazil advanced 4-1 on penalty kicks. Mexico missed its first two attempts.

Spain and Japan also were scoreless through regulation. Spain's Marcos Asenio scored the game winner in the 115th minute.

MAKING WAVES
New Zealand's Lisa Carrington started her gold medal march in canoe sprint with a pair of victories in the women's kayak single 200 and the kayak double 500.

Carrington has now won the 200 in three con-

secutive Olympics and hasn't lost an Olympic or world championship in the event in a decade.

She teamed with Caitlin Regal to win the 500 less than an hour after her fourth race. Carrington raced four times Tuesday in heat and wind at the Sea Forest Waterway in the semifinals and finals of the two events.

She is also a medal favorite in the kayak 500 single and fours later this week.

SPLISH SPLASH
Xie Siyi and Wang Zongyuan gave China another 1-2 finish in Olympic diving, claiming gold and silver in men's 3-meter springboard. Xie broke down in tears when the scores for his final dive were posted, a string of 9.0s and 9.5s that clinched the victory with 558.75 points. Wang came over to give his teammate a hug.



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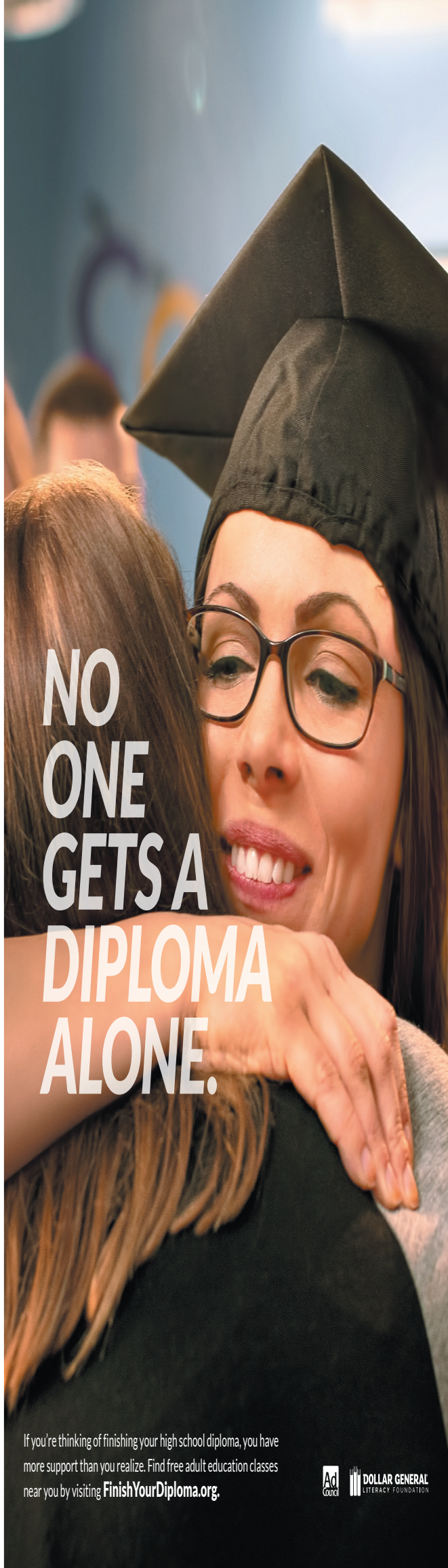
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7 ways newspapers benefit students

Classrooms have come a long way since the days when pioneering settlers would send their children to single-room schoolhouses. Modern classrooms might be technical marvels, but one less flashy learning tool remains as valuable as ever.

Newspapers might not be as glamorous as tablets or other gadgets, but they are still an invaluable resource to educators and students. The following are seven ways in which newspapers in the classroom can benefit students.

1. Newspapers build vocabulary. Numerous studies have found that reading can improve youngsters' vocabulary. Each day, newspapers are filled with fresh stories that can introduce kids to new words, helping them to strengthen their vocabularies and make them more effective communicators.
2. Newspapers improve reading skills. Like the old adage says, "Practice makes perfect." Reading newspapers each day can help kids develop their reading and comprehension skills.
3. Newspapers promote critical thinking. Newspaper reporters are trained to objectively report the news, sharing facts without allowing their own opin-

ions to influence their stories. Educators can choose stories from the newspaper to serve as catalysts for discussions that focus not just on the facts listed in the story, but what might be behind them. Such discussions can help youngsters develop their critical thinking skills.

4. Newspapers bring ideas and current events to life. Many children are aware of major world events, even if they don't know or understand the details. Newspaper articles about world events can be used as avenues to discussions about what's going on in the world.
5. Newspapers build global awareness. Customized newsfeeds funneled through social media outlets can make it hard for young people to recognize and understand the world beyond their own communities and interests. Each day, newspapers include local, national and international stories that can illustrate to kids that there's a world beyond their own.

6. Newspapers promote social consciousness. Without newspapers, young people may never be exposed to the social issues facing their own communities or those issues that are affecting people across the country and the world. Newspapers provide unbiased exposure to such issues, potentially leading youngsters to further explore topics that are shaping their world and even encouraging them to form their own opinions.
7. Newspapers make learning fun. According to a 2017 report from Common Sense Media, kids younger than eight spend an average of two hours and 19 minutes per day looking at screens. Newspapers provide a welcome break from tablets, smartphones and computers, and kids may have fun flipping pages and getting a little ink on their hands.

Newspapers remain invaluable resources that can benefit students in myriad ways.

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