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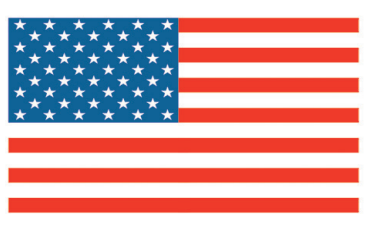
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# Adkins indicted on Hailey Dunn murder charge

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer



**SHAWN ADKINS**

**HAILEY DUNN**

Shawn Casey Adkins has been indicted on charges of murder and tampering with physical evidence in the 2010 killing of 13-year-old Hailey Dunn of Colorado City.

which caused her death on Dec. 26, 2010; and of intentionally or knowingly concealing her body with intent to impair its availability as evidence in an investigation.

After her disappearance was reported December 27, 2010, Dunn's body was located in March 2013 near Lake J.B. Thomas in Scurry County.

Adkins, the live-in boyfriend of Dunn's mother Billie Jean Dunn, has been considered a person of interest during the entire investigation. He was arrested June 14, 2021, after authorities used a search warrant to collect samples of his DNA the day before. He was detained in the Howard County Jail and later transferred to the Mitchell County Detention Center. Bond was set at \$2 million.

The only previous arrest made in connection with the slaying came in March of 2011, when Billie Jean Dunn was arrested after admitting to lying to police regarding Adkins' whereabouts.

In February 2011, authorities reported finding thousands of

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**Upcoming Events**

*The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present "The Music of Queen" featuring Jeans 'n Classics, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at BSHS Auditorium. Visit www.bigspringsymphony.org for more information.*

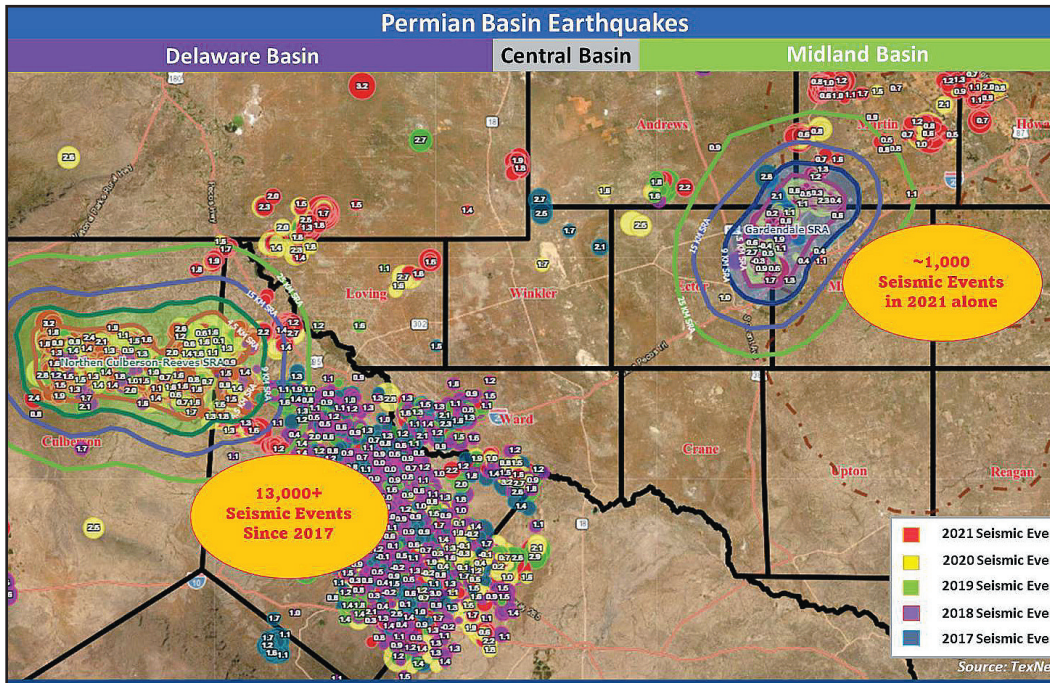
*Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Jan. 21, 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For information call 517-9097.*

## Shaky Ground Railroad Commission takes stand on oilfield earthquakes

*Editor's note: The following article was provided by Breakwater Energy Partners. Opinions expressed herein are those of the author and of that company, and are not necessarily those of the Big Spring Herald.*

By **JASON JENNARO**  
 Special to the Herald

On the cloudy afternoon of December 15th, I was in Houston speaking to a colleague on the phone in Midland when a 3.6 magnitude quake shook the oil-rich town. She nearly fell out of her chair, quickly ending the conversation by saying, "I need to check on my children." It was one of 15,000 earthquakes to hit West Texas' Permian Basin in the last five years.



The Permian Basin saw relatively little seismicity before 2009 & now sees thousands of earthquakes per year

the world spanning 300 miles from Big Lake, Texas to Carlsbad, New Mexico. But the Permian Basin has a problem: a 15 million barrel per day problem. Approximately three barrels of brackish water are produced for every barrel of oil, and this wastewater needs to go somewhere. Much of this water is disposed of into thousands of deep injection wells known as saltwater

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## A Moment in History Big Spring life in the 1800s



*Courtesy photo*  
**Bernard Nall, center, escorts Olive Gentry, left, on a Sunday afternoon drive, accompanied by his mother, local merchant Ethel Nall.**

By **TAMMIE SCHRECEGOST**  
 Special to the Herald

Children today would have a hard time imagining what it was like growing up in the 1880s. Video games, cameras, instant messaging and even face to face time were not even imagined. Any instant messaging was conducted by mailing a postcard with a one cent stamp. The telephone was invented in 1876, however, very few had them in their homes until much later. The telegraph had been invented in the 1840s. It was a message transcribed in Morse code but it also took awhile to be a reliable source of

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## Obituaries

### Juan S. Robles



Juan S. Robles, Jr., 77, of Big Spring died Friday, December 31, 2021. Vigil service will be Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan was born April 14, 1944 to Angelita Subia Robles and Juan Robles, Sr. in Big Spring, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He married Margarita Haro in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served two tours in Vietnam. He worked in Civil Service at Webb Airforce Base, and then at Goodfellow Airforce Base, and at the V.A.M.C.

Juan was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan.

Juan is survived by his wife: Margarita Haro of Big Spring; one daughter: Melissa Nieto (Camilo)

of Big Spring; four sons: Joe Moreno (Rosalinda) of Big Spring, Juan Robles, III (Donnia) of San Angelo; Christopher Robles of Austin, and Robert Robles of San Angelo; five sisters: Martha Espinoza of Big Spring, Ida Sanchez of Big Spring, Rosalinda Yanez of Big Spring, Manuela De Los Santos of Big Spring, and Irene DeLeon (Samuel) of Big Spring; two brothers: Joe Robles (Betty) of Big Spring and Oscar Robles (Patricia) of Big Spring; six grandchildren: Marissa Ontiveros (John), Jared Nieto, Adrian Moreno, Timothy Rios, Linda Moreno, and Brianna Robles; and five great grandchildren: John Martin Ontiveros, Jacob Ontiveros, Julia Ontiveros, Sebastian Adame and Lucian Adame.

In addition to his parents, Juan was preceded in death by one stepson: Pete Campos, Jr; three brothers: Ismael Robles, Albert Robles, and Rosendo Robles; and one sister: Elida Fuentes.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Jonetta Sweatt



Jonetta Sweatt, 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, January 2, 2022. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with the family receiving friends from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Grave-side services will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Geneva Jones Howell

Geneva Jones Howell, 88, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

- 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.
- 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.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- 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. 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.

### WEDNESDAY

- 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 325-212-860

### 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](mailto: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, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 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.

## Take Note

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsogold44>.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Jan. 21, 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine).

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org).

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday 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 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](mailto:Covid19@sprhs.org)

• 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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# Take Note

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

- Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- 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:
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- O'Neal-Kunkle, 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 Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

- 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.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month 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.

- 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.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsa at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

- The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, email [howardcountytxdems@gmail.com](mailto:howardcountytxdems@gmail.com).

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

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Helen Martinez, 91, died Tuesday. Funeral mass will be Tuesday at 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive.

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Billy Capps, 60, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Benita Ornelas, 91, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## ADKINS

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pornographic images of children on a memory stick in Ms. Dunn's home, and on a computer in Adkins' mother's home.

Upon being informed regarding Adkins' indictment, Hailey's father, Clint Dunn, issued a statement:

"We remain grateful for all the positive support. It's been a long six months of waiting after a decade of injustice. On New Year's Eve, Mr. Dunn received a call about an official indictment. We are told there are now two (2) felony counts involved. To those in local media asking us for updates, we encourage you to make those calls on your own. Please do not ask us to discuss what we are obligated to protect. Mr. Dunn will remain unavailable for comment until after the trial is over."

## HISTORY

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kick the can. Fun was had by using what was available and a vivid imagination.

The older kids had slumber parties, picnics by the spring or up on Scenic Mountain. They played parlor games, had dances, visited one another, and went on buggy rides. The boys played football in the empty fields while the girls cheered them on. No one had ever heard of a stadium!

John Birdwell brought his children the new roller skates following a trip to Dallas. Visitors were leery of going to the Birdwell home for fear of being plowed down on the porch.

When there was pain, there was comfort offered from one to another, worshiping at church (mostly because mama made them go.)

Weekly baths were taken on Saturday nights. Usually, children had no more

than two or three outfits each, and one pair of shoes. Little girls wore long dresses at all times, and little boys wore knickers. Boys played marbles and little girls played jacks with dolls.

There were spankings for bad behavior, whippin's for really bad behavior. There were chores to be done daily before fun. Very seldom was anyone overweight. There were no processed foods, cookies in a package, nor drinks in a can. No fast food restaurants with little play areas. There were restaurants, but most could not afford to take their families there.

Exercise was in the form of hard work. Everyone had a duty to fulfill in order to survive.

Entertainment was gathering around the piano in the evening if you were a family 'rich' enough for a piano. The young teens would often have dances at homes or various downtown locations. One popular place was the Ward Hotel.

Fist fights, gossiping, cheating on games

were not different from today. There were the well-dressed kids who came from the more influential families, and the poor kids that had to attend school barefoot.

Girls could be 'catty' - often gossiping about one another. Mother Zinn's son Willie was invited to the Barnett wedding. His sister complained that she wasn't as important as Willie and did not get an invitation! She had to spend another evening "cooped up in the house."

Boxed dinners were an event usually held at church. The young ladies would prepare a meal and decorate a box for the young men to bid on. Usually around a dime. Mothers would sometimes intervene and cook the meal hoping for a better result, and the opportunity for her daughter to find a husband. The "box" would be anonymous and bids were based on the taste. The unsuspecting young man may not get the girl he had hoped for; however, the evening was filled with laughter, fun and perhaps romance.

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### Howard Hawks basketball look dominate in victory



By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

If Monday's game against the Strength N Motion Icemen is an indication of what's to come, the Howard College Hawks are ready for the conference side of the schedule. After taking a holiday break, the Hawks geared themselves by romping to a 93-46 win Monday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The win gives the Hawks a 9-5 overall record. They played two conference games before the holiday break, losing to Midland College and defeating Western Texas College. Thursday they travel to Levelland to take on South Plains (7-6,1-0) and Saturday

they will host New Mexico Military (7-6, 1-1) at Dorothy Garrett at 2 p.m.

Coach Scott Raines, who will be in his last season at Howard, is looking forward to the remainder of Western Junior Athletic play. "Obviously this is my last year with my wife (Kelly) taking a new job. I really like our chances. I think we can play with anyone in this conference," Raines said.

Like they have all season, the Hawks relied on a pesky man-to-man defense mixed in with occasional full court trapping defense. it worked to perfection, forcing the Icemen into 23 turnovers, Combine that with the hot shooting of guard Jacoby Bishop Howard simply overwhelmed the Icemen.

Bishop, from New Waverly, had a career game, knocking down nine three pointers to finish with 30 points. He took 14 shots and only missed four. Teammates D'Miri Wiltz and Ciro made sure he got the ball. Baeza is a Midland native who played high school ball at Midland Trinity.

SNM played Howard close for the first six minutes of the game, only trailing 16-11. Howard outscored the Icemen 40-15 the rest of the half to take a 56-26 advantage into halftime. Howard shot the ball

very well in the first half, 21 of 35 from the floor. For the game the Hawks made 36 of 67 shots for 53 percent.

Bonny Udoh, a sophomore post player from Amarillo Duro has his usual impressive game, making all six of his field goal attempts for 12 points to go along with six rebounds.

Rupp Kalawole was the only Icemen in double figures with 10 points.

"We played really well today," said Raines. "I thought our defense was really good. We really never practiced in December. We mostly scrimmaged. We play good defense. Sometimes we struggle with having enough offense to win games though."

That sure wasn't the case Monday afternoon.

HOWARD (93) - Rahkiem Petterson 2 1 5; D'Miri Wiltz 1 0 2; Jacoby Bishop 10 1 30; TK Bryant 2 0 4; Evert Lamar 2 2 6; Ognjen Lamanovis 3 0 7; Ciro Baeza 2 0 5; Morrison Hsu 1 0 2; 3; Nestor Dyachok 4 0 9; Bonny Udoh 6 0 12; Brandon Andrews 1 2 4; totals

STRENGTH N MOTION - Oiris Mahy 3 0 7; Liam Cantry 3 0 7; Niko Smith 1 1 3; Darryl Scott 0 1 1; Jayleen Streeter 0 4 4; Kevin Rankin 2 0 4; Chris Benson 4 0 9; Nasar Deruy 1 0 2; Rupp Kalahole 5 0 10; totals 17-55, 6-7 46.

Halftime - Howard 56, SNM 26.

Turnover - Howard 14, SNM 23; Rebounds - Howard 27 (Wiltz 8, Udoh 6, Petterson 6); SNM 21 (Mahy 5, Johnson 5); Three Pointers - Howard (Bishop 9, Bryant 2, Lamanovis 1, Hsu 1, Dyachok 1, Andrews 1); SNM (Benson 1); Assists - Howard (Wiltz 8, Baeza 4); SNM (Streeter 4, Deruy 2); Steals - Howard (Bryant 2, Udoh 2) SNM (Kalawole 2); Blocked shots - Howard Udoh 1, Cantry 1, Johnson 1).

### Sands girls varsity basketball team has amazing performance in tournament



Courtesy Photo

Sands Varsity Girls won 3rd place in the small school division (1A-3A) at the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock.

### NFL finale is showdown for playoffs: Chargers at Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW and BARRY WILNE

AP Pro Football Writers

The NFL's schedule changes for Week 18 will feature exactly what the league wanted: a Sunday night showdown for a playoff berth.

To finish off the NFL's first 17-game season, the Los Angeles Chargers at Las Vegas Raiders game was flexed from daytime to primetime. Both AFC West rivals are 9-7 and the winner will advance to the postseason.

"Each week has a life of its own in the NFL. It's having a life of its own since the beginning, and that's the way we need to treat things around here," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said. "And the more, the longer that we're here, the more people will realize that every week is going to feel like this coming week."

Also in the mix for the final wild-card slot in the AFC — New England owns one of them — are the Colts, the Steelers and the Ravens. If Indianapolis wins next Sunday at Jacksonville, it's in. Pittsburgh (8-7-1) gets in with a win at Baltimore (8-8) next Sunday and a Colts loss, as long as the Chargers-Raiders game doesn't end in a tie.

Baltimore needs all sorts of help, but is mathematically alive and must break a five-game slide on Sunday against Pittsburgh. The Ravens would get the nod

if they finish at 9-8 with the Chargers and Colts because they swept the other teams. But they wouldn't go if Miami also gets to 9-8. The Colts would get that tiebreaker based on conference record.

If the Raiders lose and finish 9-8, they would still make the playoffs if Indianapolis and Pittsburgh both lose.

The Chargers would be eliminated with a loss.

The league also switched two games from Sunday to Saturday. Kansas City, already the AFC West champion, will be at Denver, followed by Dallas at Philadelphia. Neither of those games has the strong postseason implications of Chargers-Raiders.

The Chiefs (11-5) could get the No. 1 seed in the AFC with a victory but would need Tennessee (11-5) to lose at Houston. Denver is out.

Dallas (11-5) has won the NFC East and Philadelphia (9-7) owns an NFC wild card.

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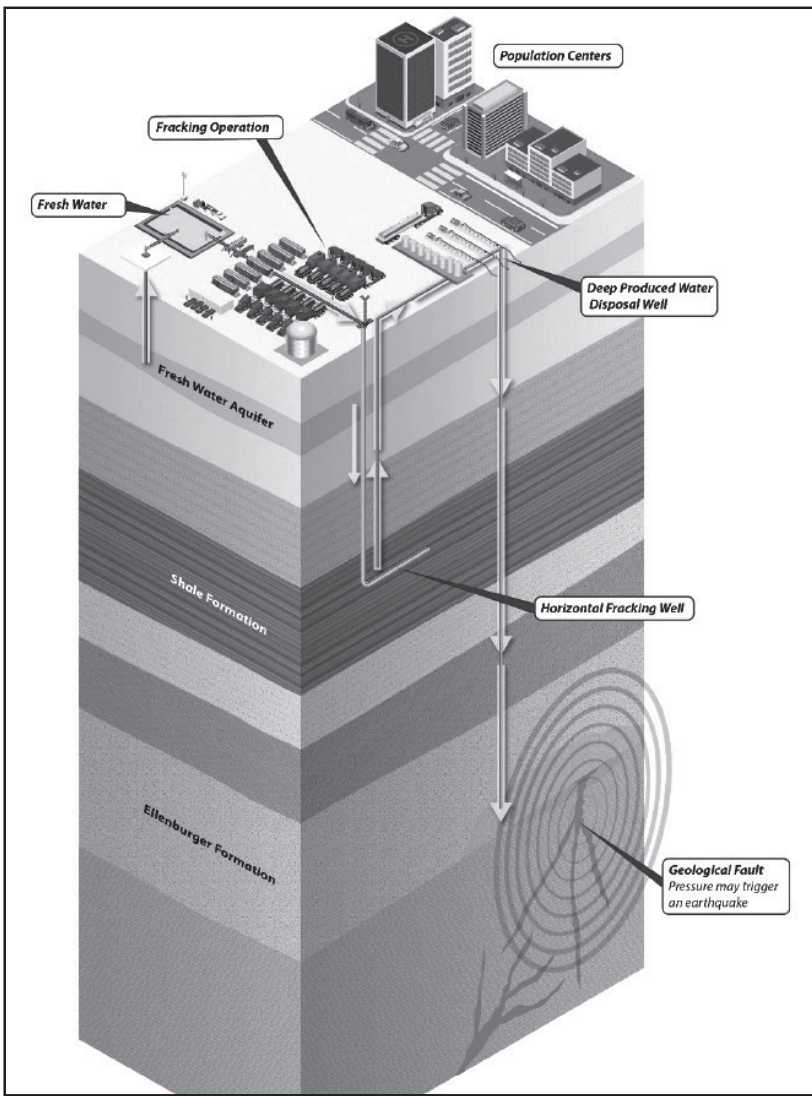
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established TexNet to scientifically determine the causes of increased seismic activity via continual seismic data collection and analysis. The rapid rise in West Texas earthquakes has prompted data-driven regulatory action from the RRC to mitigate induced seismicity while still facilitating the development of the state's most important energy asset.

Over the last two years the RRC regulated and encouraged the development of multi-customer produced water recycling and storage facilities. These facilities repurpose produced water for use in the completion process and thus reduce dependence on deep well injection into basement formations where fault lines exist. The RRC also developed stringent commercial recycling permitting standards known as Division 6-H11 ("Div.6-H11"). These rules are essential because they protect west Texas' aquifers, waterways, and ecosystems from produced water contamination. Produced water typically contains oil, residual chemicals from the fracking process, and suspended solids, and when stored improperly it can create toxic hydrogen sulfide gas. Commercially permitted recycling facilities operating under Div.6-H11 are held accountable by stringent reporting, bonding, engineering, monitoring and other standardized RRC regulations.

Over the final months of 2021 the RRC responded more forcefully with first-of-kind Seismic Response Actions that severely limit deep well produced wastewater injection into seismically active areas, particularly around the population centers of Midland-Odessa. These actions encouraged wastewater to be recycled safely or at a minimum redirected away from population centers and seismic clusters.

To understand these actions, it's important to understand how Permian Basin operators have managed billions of barrels of fresh and wastewater over the last decade, and how it has evolved. The two

schematics below illustrate this transition.

## Permian Basin Water Supply Chain (2010s)

In the early 2010s operators used freshwater from local aquifers to frack single well developments. Upon completion, the wastewater byproduct was trucked to local disposal wells for injection. In the early days of shale there were very few earthquakes so induced seismicity was understandably not a consideration. By the late 2010s, multi-well development techniques materially improved efficiency but they also increased the demand for freshwater for fracking and deep well injectors for the disposal of wastewater.

## Permian Basin Water Supply Chain (2020s)

While additional water infrastructure was built to handle increased industry demands, the water reservoirs supporting the Permian Basin started to signal distress: freshwater aquifers began to decline and injection formations started trembling. The RRC was quick to act. Today's water supply chain relies less on freshwater aquifers and more on consuming recycled produced water. Produced water now moves almost exclusively via pipeline, not by truck, to recycling facilities or to disposals further away from population centers or concentrated areas of seismicity.

Make no mistake about it, deep well saltwater disposals are here to stay. With over 2,000 active disposals in Texas, they are an essential tool in managing produced wastewater. However, with data-driven regulation and thoughtful oversight, the RRC has encouraged operators to be better stewards of the Permian Basin by either recycling the produced water when it is possible or moving it to disposals outside of population centers or seismic clusters when it is not. Thank you, Chairman Wayne Christian, Commissioner Christi Craddock and Commissioner Jim Wright for your thoughtful stewardship of the Permian Basin, its citizens and its resources.

*Jason Jennaro is CEO of Breakwater Energy Partners. Breakwater has constructed the largest commercially permitted produced water recycling facilities in the state of Texas. He has master's degrees from Harvard University and Georgetown University. Mr. Jennaro serves on the Board of Directors of Make-a-Wish Gulf Coast and lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife and two boys.*

The RRC is a storied Texas institution established in 1891 to first regulate railroads and then the nascent oil industry.

For 130 years the RRC has had the central role in safeguarding the state's place as the unofficial capitol of American energy, and in protecting its environment and its communities. Earthquake data employed by the RRC is gathered by the TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program. In 2015 the Texas legislature under Gov. Abbott passed a law that

# Texas lieutenant governor Dan Patrick tested positive for COVID-19 during the holidays

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick tested positive for COVID-19 over the holidays and is quarantining after experiencing mild

symptoms, his campaign said Monday.

Patrick, 71, first tested positive Dec. 27 and has tested negative since Saturday, said Allen Blakemore, a senior campaign advisor. He said the two-term Republican is vaccinated

and has received a booster.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tested positive for COVID-19 in August and reported having no symptoms. Last week, he asked the Biden administration for more testing sites and additional monoclonal antibody treat-

ments as omicron surges.

According to John Hopkins University, the seven-day rolling average of daily new cases in Texas has risen over the past two weeks from more than 5,800 new cases per day on Dec. 18 to more than 15,900 on Jan. 1.

# Starbucks says employees must get vaccine or test weekly

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Business Writer

Starbucks says its U.S. workers must be fully vaccinated by Feb. 9 or face a weekly COVID testing requirement.

The Seattle-based coffee giant said Monday it was acting in response to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which issued a vaccine-or-test requirement for companies with more than 100 employees in November.

The requirement, which has faced numerous court challenges, was upheld last month by a three-judge panel with the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to consider the requirement on Friday.

Starbucks is requiring its 228,000 U.S. employees to disclose their vaccination status by Jan. 10.

"I recognize that partners have a wide spectrum of views on vaccinations, much like the rest of the country,"

Starbucks Chief Operating Officer John Culver said in a letter sent to employees in late December. "My responsibility, and that of every leader, is to do whatever we can to help keep you safe and create the safest work environment possible."

Starbucks said full vaccination means two shots of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. If a Starbucks employee chooses to test weekly instead, they must pay the cost of testing themselves and get tested at a pharmacy, clinic or other testing site where someone is observing the test. Religious or medical accommodations will be considered, but to work in a store, employees must test weekly, the company said.

Employees who test positive will be able to use paid time to self-isolate. Starbucks said it is currently offering employees two instances of paid isolation time, both up to five days each.

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# District 1 Large Item Pickup set Jan. 19



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3. The Large/Bulk item pickup program is for residential customers only.
4. Customers are responsible for cleaning up any debris or trash left after your items are picked up.

### FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR PICKUP. Place your items on the curb at 7:00 AM on the day of your scheduled collection. Items will not be collected if they are in an alley, in front of a vacant lot, or in front of a business. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501, prior to placing items out.



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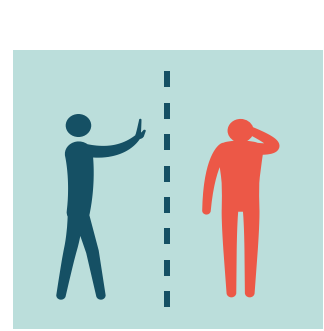
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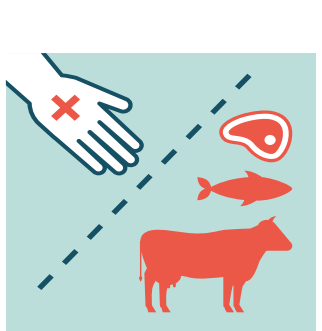
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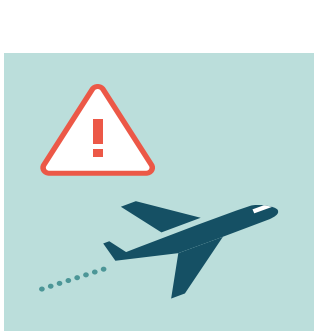
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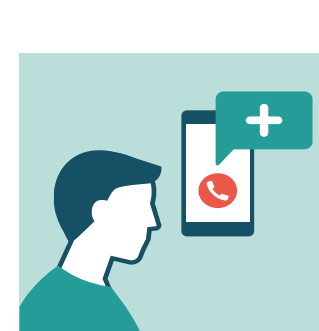
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