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Big Spring ISD hosted a community memorial tree dedication Friday at Blankenship Field to honor three students who died while enrolled at the high school. The families and friends of Shelley Lopez (Class of 2017), Lynn Davis (Class of 1982), and Dave Thomas (Class of 1970) follow the honor guard at the opening of the ceremony. Following the ceremony, the public was invited to view the three live oaks and view the dedication plaques which are located just south of the bleachers. The Memory Tree project was introduced this year and the district intends to make this opportunity available annually.

Day of Prayer observance set for Thursday

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A community-wide prayer gathering will be held Thursday for the 64th Annual National Day of Prayer, officials announced.

Th gathering will be at noon in the Howard County Commissioners Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring.

“All citizens are invited to attend as our Howard County pastors lead

in prayer,” said Bill Ivins, pastor of First Methodist Church, in a news release.

“This year’s theme for 2015 is ‘Lord, Hear Our Cry,’ emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and human beings,”

“To further highlight the theme, we’ve chosen I Kings 8:28 as our Scripture for this year: ‘Hear the cry

and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day,” he continued.

According to the National Day of Prayer web site, the event was established in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress. President Harry S. Truman signed the bill into law.

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These boots were made for filling

Firefighters hit the streets for annual MDA fundraiser

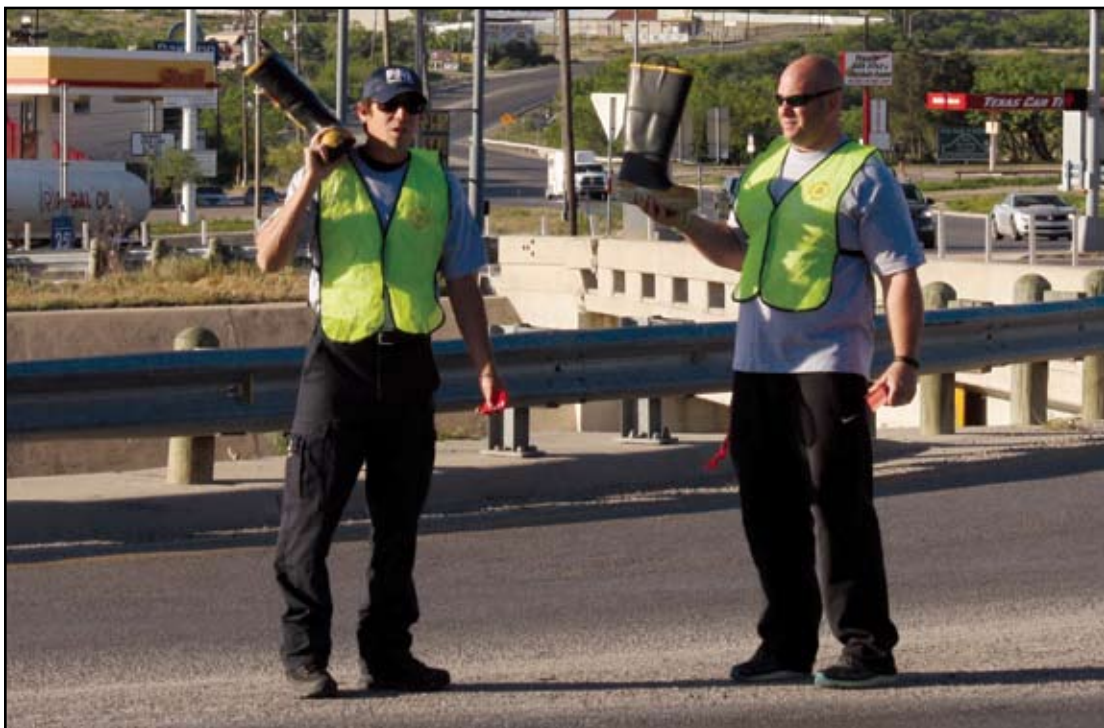
By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

Firefighters wear some big boots, and on Saturday, they were hoping to fill them up with money.

“Fill the Boot” is an annual fundraiser that firefighters all over the United States participate in to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

“For more than six decades, fire-

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Big Spring firefighters Shawn Haney, left, and James Phelps were out raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Saturday morning in their annual “Fill the Boot” fundraiser.

Twice as nice

BSHS choirs nab 2 sweepstakes awards

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The awards keep stacking up at Big Spring High School.

The Big Spring High School varsity choir — Meistersingers — and Men’s Choir each walked away from the UIL Regional Concert and Sight Reading contest held at Midland Lee High School with Sweepstakes awards.

“We are very excited and proud of the students,” said Beth Spence, high school assistant choir director.

Both groups earned Division I ratings — the highest rating given — on both the concert portion and sight-reading section of the contest. The men sang a selection of “My Lagan Love,” “Down in the Valley,” and “Come to the Music.” The varsity choir sang “Dirait-on,” “Ubi Caritas,” and “Festival Sanctus.”

Choir director Gershom Garcia and Spence took around 90 students to contest, including the Women’s Choir.

“Our ladies did very well and although they didn’t get Sweepstakes, they did earn excellent ratings,” Spence said.

Next up, the choir will perform in the high school talent show set for 7 p.m. Thursday. Its performance of the year, the Pop Show, will be held May 19 in the high school auditorium. That concert is also set for 7 p.m. and includes performances of several contemporary pieces, including songs by Michael Jackson and Diana Ross.

The is no charge of the Pop Show but the choir is taking donations to help the family of Briana Mendoza, a Big Spring High School student who is undergoing cancer treatments.



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Lady Steers, HC women net wins

Martinez, Roberts help BSHS rout Borger, 23-3

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – Big Spring head coach Howell Martin didn't worry too much about the Borger Lady Bulldogs as his team prepared for their bi-district playoff matchup. His team, he felt, needed to focus on themselves rather than worry about who they were playing.

That approach paid

huge dividends for the Lady Steers on Friday evening at Lowrey Field in Lubbock as the Lady Steers backed a strong outing from Ysabel Soliz in the circle with a smothering offensive en route to a stunning 23-3 rout of Borger in the opening round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

How impressive was

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Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Lady Steers claimed the bi-district championship on Friday with a 23-3 rout of Borger.

HC overpowers WTC in Region V West opener, 13-1

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – The Howard College Lady Hawks moved one step closer to the Region V West softball championship – and a berth in the NJCAA national tournament – on Friday with a rousing 13-1 victory over rival Western Texas College at Rocky Johnson Field.

With the win, the Lady Hawks improved to 43-11 for the season and, even more importantly, guaranteed themselves a berth in the tournament semifinals on Saturday against Odessa College.

Odessa College defeated Midland College by a 4-3 clip in their quarterfinal matchup on Fri-

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Roberts claims spot at state meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – Big Spring High School secured its first berth in the Class 4A state track and field meet on Friday morning. More could follow.

Carly Roberts became the first BSHS player to punch a ticket to Austin by turning in a stellar effort in the girls' discus competition at the Region I-4A Track and Field Championships at the Fuller Track Complex in Lubbock. She finished second in

Forsan runs in I-2A meet

The Forsan High School had several athletes competing in the Region I-2A meet in Odessa on Saturday.

Results of Friday's events were unavailable at press time.

the overall standings with a throw of 116 feet and 3 inches.

Vernon's Jaylan Thomas won the discus crown with a mark of 123-9.

Big Spring's Charlie Boling highlighted the boys' efforts in the field events. The BSHS senior finished fifth in the shot put standings with a throw of 47-11.75.

The BSHS girls were 4th in the team standings heading into Saturday's finals.



Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Deborah Richoux-Hamm (far left), the mother of former HC player Elliot Richoux, presents Hawks' Brendon Foust with a check for a scholarship in honor of her son during a special ceremony in which the college retired the former JUCO All-American's jersey. Also attending the ceremony were Celby Devereau, Richoux's sister; Logan Smith, the son of HC head coach Britt Smith (far right) and former HC assistant Rob Martinez. Richoux died this past summer.

McCarvel's slam spurs Hawks to split with OC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Ryan McCarvel capped Elliot Richoux Day at Jack Barber Field even more special on Friday afternoon. He made in victorious.

One of the nation's top junior college catchers, McCarvel hit a one-out grand slam in the bottom of the eighth inning and helped the Howard College Hawks claim a 15-10 win over

Odessa College in Game 2 of the team's final home appearance. The win helped HC salvage a split of the twinbill and left Howard needing just two wins on Saturday in Odessa to claim the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship.

Howard College, now 40-13 overall, didn't get off to quite the start it had wanted in Game

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Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Howard's Skylar Bean tags out an Odessa College baserunner at second during the Hawks' 7-4 loss in Game 1 on Friday.

CGA creates Junior League program to develop golfers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Chicano Gold Association doesn't claim to have invented the game of golf in Big Spring. They do, however, feel they have found a way to make sure it gets better.

Especially for the younger players in the community.

Members of the CGA unveiled the new Ju-

nior League program recently at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The program, which is open to golfers ranging in age from 7-13, is designed to help develop junior high and high school golfers by introducing them to the basics of the sport.

"We had been thinking about this for the last few years," said

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Javen Mendoza practices his putting skills while waiting for the Chicano Golf Association's weekly Junior League tournament gets under way at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The CGA began the league to help introduce the game of golf to potential junior high and high school athletes.

Herald photo /Tommy Wells

Coahoma takes 1-0 lead over Ballinger

The Coahoma High School Bulldogettes did exactly what they wanted on Friday evening in the first game of their best-of-three bi-district playoff series with the Ballinger Lady Bearkats. They won.

Coahoma improved to 8-11 for the year by taking Game 1 by a lopsided 7-2 victory over Ballinger.

The series concluded on Sunday in Coahoma.

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Child and sexual abuse prevention awareness



BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center hosted a balloon release ceremony Thursday night as part of an event to raise awareness of the real problem of child and sexual abuse in Howard County.

According to statistics, one out of 10 children is affected by child abuse, said Amanda Duforat, SMMC community relations spokesperson. In Howard County alone, there are 172 kids in foster care and 174 confirmed child abuse cases.

According to Department of Family Protective Services, 60 percent of those children are placed outside of Howard County due to the lack of foster homes.

"Child abuse, actually abuse in general, is an issue that just

isn't spoken of due to the taboo still associated with it. It's easy to think since we live in a small community and we don't hear about it that the issue doesn't exist, but that's just not the case," Kathy Harmon, CASA Marketing Specialist and

Volunteer Recruitment, said in an article published in the Big Spring Herald on April 27. "When you get down to it and really look at the numbers, it's obvious that we need more talk about this issue so we are aware and we can find ways to alleviate the problem."

Participating in the event held on the law of the hospital were: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), High Sky Children's Ranch, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), Child Protective Services, Howard County Child Welfare Board, Department of Family Services, Victim's Services and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Also participating were Loco Motives, Gale Pittman at HEB and BBVA Compass Bank.

Photos by Julie Bass



Doughboy, a member of Bikers Against Child Abuse inflates a balloon at the ceremony Thursday night.



Shadow, Coyte, Tiletto and Coco pose for a group picture at the balloon release ceremony.

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Tampa Bay	13	10	.565	1	Washington	10	14	.417	6		
Boston	12	11	.522	2	Philadelphia	9	16	.353	8		
Baltimore	10	11	.476	3	Central Division						
Toronto	11	13	.458	3½	W	L	Pct	GB			
Central Division					St. Louis	16	6	.727	—		
W	L	Pct	GB		Chicago	13	8	.619	2½		
Kansas City	16	7	.696	—	Pittsburgh	12	11	.522	4½		
Detroit	15	9	.625	1½	Cincinnati	11	12	.478	5½		
Minnesota	11	12	.478	5	Milwaukee	5	18	.217	11½		
Chicago	8	12	.400	6½	West Division						
Cleveland	8	14	.364	7½	W	L	Pct	GB			
West Division					Los Angeles	14	8	.636	—		
W	L	Pct	GB		San Diego	12	12	.500	3		
Houston	16	7	.696	—	Colorado	11	11	.500	3		
Los Angeles	11	12	.478	5	Arizona	10	12	.455	4		
Seattle	10	13	.435	6	San Francisco	10	13	.435	4½		
Oakland	10	14	.417	6½	Friday's Games						
Texas	7	15	.318	8½	Chicago Cubs 1, Milwaukee 0						
Friday's Games					Miami 4, Philadelphia 3						
Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 0					N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 0						
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2					Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 3						
Cleveland 9, Toronto 4					St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings						
Oakland 7, Texas 5					L.A. Dodgers 8, Arizona 0						
Minnesota 1, Chicago White Sox 0					San Diego 14, Colorado 3						
Kansas City 4, Detroit 1					San Francisco 3, L.A. Angels 2						
Houston 4, Seattle 3					Saturday's Games						
Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 2					Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-1) at St. Louis						
Saturday's Games					(Lackey 1-1), 2:15 p.m.						
N.Y. Yankees (Ewald 1-0) at Boston					Milwaukee (Fiers 0-3) at Chicago						
(Miley 1-2), 1:35 p.m.					Cubs (Arrieta 3-1), 2:20 p.m.						
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-2) at					L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-1) at San						
Minnesota (Nolasco 0-1), 2:10 p.m.					Francisco (Thudon 0-2), 4:05 p.m.						
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Toronto (Aa Sanchez 1-2) at					Cincinnati (Marquez 2-1) at Atlanta						
Cleveland (Kubler 0-3), 4:10 p.m.					(Stults 1-1), 7:10 p.m.						
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2) vs.					Washington (Gonzalez 1-2) at						
Baltimore (McGee 1-2) at St.					N.Y. Mets (Niese 2-1), 7:10 p.m.						
Petersburg, FL, 7:05 p.m.					Colorado (J.De La Rosa 0-1) at San						
Detroit (Price 2-1) at Kansas City					Diego (Morrow 1-0), 8:40 p.m.						
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Seattle (T.Walker 1-2) at Houston					Dodgers (S.Baker 0-1), 9:10 p.m.						
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					Holliday	SIL	21	70	12	25	357
					Galvis	Phi	23	79	9	27	342
					Pagan	SF	22	88	7	30	341
					AGonzalez	LAD	21	77	18	26	338
					Scotaro	CHC	21	87	9	29	333
					Votto	Cin	23	85	14	28	329
					Home Runs						
					AGonzalez, Los Angeles, 8; Frazier,						
					Cincinnati, 7; Votto, Cincinnati, 7;						
					Marie, Pittsburgh, 6; Stanton, Miami,						
					6; Upton, San Diego, 6; 5 tied at 5.						
					Runs Batted In						
					Stanton, Miami, 22; Goldschmidt,						
					Arizona, 20; AGonzalez, Los Angeles,						
					19; Marte, Pittsburgh, 17; DanMurphy,						
					New York, 17; Votto, Cincinnati, 17;						
					Frazier, Cincinnati, 16; Hechavarria,						
					Miami, 16; Kemp, San Diego, 16.						
					Pitching						
					Harvey, New York, 5-0; Greinke, Los						
					Angeles, 4-0; GCole, Pittsburgh, 4-0;						
					Wacha, St. Louis, 4-0; BColan, New						
					York, 4-1; CMartinez, St. Louis, 3-0;						
					McCarthy, Los Angeles, 3-0.						
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					North Division						
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					NW Arkansas (Royals)	12	9	.571	2		
					Tulsa (Dodgers)	12	9	.571	2		
					Springfield (Cardinals)	5	16	.238	9		
					South Division						
					W	L	Pct	GB			
					Corpus Christi (Astros)	13	8	.619	—		
					Midland (Athletics)	11	10	.524	2		
					Frisco (Rangers)	9	12	.429	4		
					San Antonio (Padres)	8	13	.381	5		



Herald photo/Kaymee Wells

Members of the Chicano Golf Association directors (back row, from left) Charlie Garcia, Larry Porras, Lucas Lopez and Luis Porras. Participating in the league are Charlie Huff, Hope Lopez, Roger Hernandez, Sadie Garcia, Sierra Pena, Analeah Ybarra, Esperanza De Los Santos, Agustín De Los Santos, Baylie Arguello, Marcus Cervantes, Analisa De Los Santos, Isabela De Los Santos, Javen Mendoza and Julian Rodriguez.

CGA

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CGA's Luis Porras. "It is a good way for the kids to learn the game of golf, and to help get them ready for playing in junior high, and ultimately, high school just by getting them involved and learning. That way when they go out to play they aren't lost."

The Junior League's summer session began two weeks ago with 14 boys and girls. It has been a great success, Porras said.

"It has been great so far," he said. "The kids are like sponges in that they learn very quickly. Hopefully, that will help them develop a like for the game."

"If one of 10 stays with it and gets to a point where they want to play junior high or high school golf, we'll

have accomplished our goal," he added.

The Junior League's summer session is scheduled to run through May 30. In the program, players are divided into teams who compete against each other in a 4-hole scramble each Saturday. The players also play several times during the week as a way to improve their skills and knowledge.

Members of the Junior League's initial four team include Agustín De Los Santos, Hope Lopez, Javen Mendoza, Roger Hernandez, Isabela De Los Santos, Julian Rodriguez, Marcus Cervantes, Sierra Pena, Charlie Huff, Analisa De Los Santos, Sadie Garcia, Analeah Ybarra, Esperanza De Los Santos and Baileu Arguello.

"This is the first league designed to introduce kids to the game of golf," said Porras. "Big Spring has youth baseball, football, soccer and basketball but nothing for golf."

"Now we do," he added.

CGA officials have said the Junior League's initial run has been so successful they are planning to hold a 10-week Fall session.

"We'd like to have so many kids come out that we would have to divide it into Major and Minor leagues," he said. "Hopefully, this will grow and help get kids playing golf ... and help them succeed when they get into junior high and high school."

Porras said the Fall session will begin in August, and would cost players about \$50 to help cover costs.

For more information contact Porras via email at lpssqone@gmail.com.

Student council sets CFG Color Blast 5K

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

In memory of three Big Spring employees who died this past school year, the Big Spring High School Student Council is hosting a CFG Color Blast 5k Run/Walk.

The event which honors the late Coach Jim Campbell, Danny Ferrell and Carol Green will be held on Friday, May 22 at Comanche Trail Park with a shotgun start at 6:15 p.m. Registration that day is from 5 p.m.

HAWKS

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2 of the series. The Hawks gave up six runs to OC in the top of the first and found themselves looking up at a huge deficit before they even stepped to the plate.

Howard College washed away the Wranglers momentum in the second, however. The Hawks, sparked by a solo home run by Jarrett DeHart, pounded out five runs in the inning and pulled to within 6-5.

DeHart highlighted the uprising by smashing his 16th home run of the season.

Odessa College answered back from there, however. The Wranglers tacked on runs in the third and fourth innings and took an 8-5 lead into the fifth.

That turned out to be OC's last hurrah. The Hawks reeled off 10 runs in the ensuing three innings en route to a 5-run victory.

Brendon Wagner led off the Hawks' fifth with a walk. Two batters later,

to 6 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 which includes a T-shirt and all proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association and the North Side Community Center.

The pre-registration deadline is May 12. Sign-ups are allowed on the day of the event but T-shirts will be given out on a first serve basis. Pre-registration forms can be found on the Big Spring Independent School web-site www.bigspringisd.net.

er, DeHart singled the HC

standout home with a single to right. McCarvel cut the Odessa lead to 8-7 moments later with a triple down the leftfield line that scored DeHart from first.

McCarvel, who had entered the game hitting .406 for the season, went 3-for-3 in the game with five runs batted in. HC third baseman Ramon Williams knotted the score at 8-8 minutes later with a sacrifice fly to right that enabled McCarvel to race home with the tying run.

Howard didn't ease up from there. The Hawks garnered runs from Davidson and Skyler Bean in the sixth and took their first lead of the game, 10-8, heading into the seventh.

The Hawks, who also benefitted from a stellar outing in relief from sophomore right-hander Chris McKeenan, salted the game in the bottom of the eighth.

Davidson, who finished the contest going 2-for-4 from the plate, led off the HC eighth by getting hit by a pitch. Ishmael Ed-

During the mid-school year, school district personnel were hit hard with the news of the three deaths within a relatively short time of each other. On Christmas Eve, Jim Campbell, a Big Spring athletic trainer, passed away. He has worked in the district for more than 17 years. The next day, Carol Green, a long-time Big Spring ISD teacher whose educational career covered 41 years, also died. Green had retired from teaching in 2001 but had re-

turned to the district part-time to a position at the Big Spring Junior High School. She has served 30 years at Big Spring ISD, teaching at various schools during her career.

Then on Jan. 4, Danny Ferrall, assistant superintendent, died of a sudden illness in a Martin County hospital. Ferrall had served the district since 2009 through two superintendent transitions and was in integral part of the administration.



Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College third baseman Eddie Paparella tags out an Odessa baserunner at third base during the Hawks' doubleheader at Jack Barner Field on Friday. The HC squad finished the regular season on Saturday with a twinbill in Odessa.

job."

Senicka, a freshman from Oak Brook, Illinois, started the game for HC on short notice.

"I asked him before the game if he wanted to pitch," said Smith, noting

the Hawks are battling through a shortage of pitchers at the moment. "We didn't help him out much in the first."

The Wranglers held Howard College to just four hits in the game.

The bright spot for the Hawks in the contest was Wagner, who collected two of the team's hits by hitting his 19th and 20th home runs of the season.

For the year, Wagner is batting .413.



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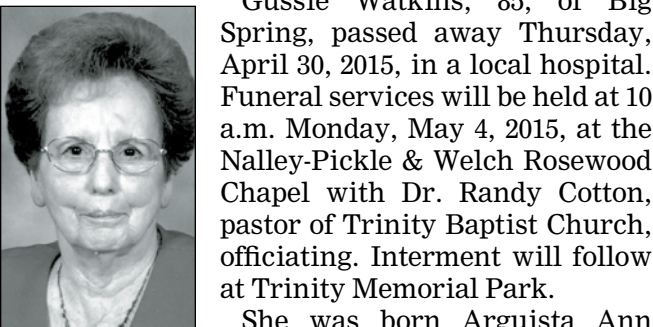
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Obituaries

Gussie Watkins



Gussie Watkins, 85, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2015, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Arguista Ann Leach July 7, 1929, in San Saba County, Texas to Ben R. and Rhonda Marie Slaughter Leach. She married John Wallace Watkins May 9, 1946, in San Saba County. He preceded her in death May 23, 2006.

Gussie worked many years as a cook for various places in Big Spring. She worked at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring Community Nursing Home and retired from Big Spring High School. She loved cooking, especially when she was cooking for family and friends.

Gussie was a Baptist and an active member of

Trinity Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School in the primary department for many years.

Survivors include two sons, John Douglas Watkins and wife, Darlene of Lubbock and Larry Watkins of Big Spring; two daughters, Mildred Hooser and husband DeLloyd Hooser, and Patsy Cate, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Tammy Stafford, Kevin Cate and wife, Margaret, Kristy Hooser and husband, Paden, Stephen Watkins and wife, Kendy, Erica Cate and Kaci Garmon and husband, Travis; and 11 great-grandchildren, John Michael and Aaron Trevino, Gabe and Kisa Cate, Hunter, Ryder and Tucker Watkins, KJ Cate, Emmalyn Hooser and Jarrett and Jensen Garmon.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Meals on Wheels, P. O. Box 765, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0765.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Thomas (Tom) Hines



Thomas (Tom) Hines, WB-5TOM, 68, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2015, at his residence. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born Sept. 3, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas to Stella (Rawlings) and Claude Hines. He attended South Ward, College Heights, Goliad and Big Spring High School. Following graduation, he entered the United States Navy Seabees in September 1963 and was discharged in March 1967. After discharge, he married Glendi (Glenda) Hines in 1966 and she died in 2001.

Tom attended Howard College for 2 1/2 years and then moved to Hot Spring, Ark. and worked in Broadcast Engineering and National Rejeter/Coin handling machines. He moved back to Big Spring in 1981 and worked for Permco, Sierra Communications, Fina Oil and Chemical, Alon and Holly En-

ergy.

He married Inez Salazar in 2004. He was a member of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club.

Tom is survived by his wife Inez S. Hines; his sons, Robert Hines and wife Karys of Jacksonville, Fla., Joe Hines of Big Spring and James Hines and wife Tina of Big Spring; his step-sons, Teddy and wife Belinda of Big Spring, and Thomas and wife Brandy of Westbrook; 14 grandchildren; one sister, Roberta Smith and husband Duane of Duluth, Minn. and one brother, Claude Hines and wife Patsy of Ingram, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Glendi Hines; his mother Stella Mallory, step-dad Bob Mallory; his father Claude Hines and one sister Carol Hines.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th Street, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

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Police/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday:

- JUSTIN DANIEL JONES, 29, of Midland, Texas was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- JENNIFER DEANN CATE, 32, of 201 Ave H was arrested on a warrant for hindering secured creditors more than \$500 but less than \$1500 and two warrants from other agencies.
- GILBERT RODRIGUEZ, 19, of Stanton, Texas was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and prohibited weapons – knuckles.
- BRETT ALLEN BARTA, 35, of Colony, Texas was arrested on 4 warrants from other agencies.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of E. FM 700 and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 5000 Dawson Road.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th St.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1900 block

of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Vines Ave.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Oil Mill Rd. and North Service Rd. and in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- INTOXICATED DRIVER was reported in the West Bound lanes of I-20 near mile marker 194.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 2500 block of Carleton Dr.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of Anna St.

The Big Spring Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of Auburn St. One person was transported the SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Hilltop Road. One person was transported to the SMMC.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Anonymous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

•SteppingStone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the

second Tuesday of the month.

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For more information about the support group, contact Jo Bidwell at 806-785-0942



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Robert Neal Bryant

Robert Neal Bryant, 90, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 2, 2015, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

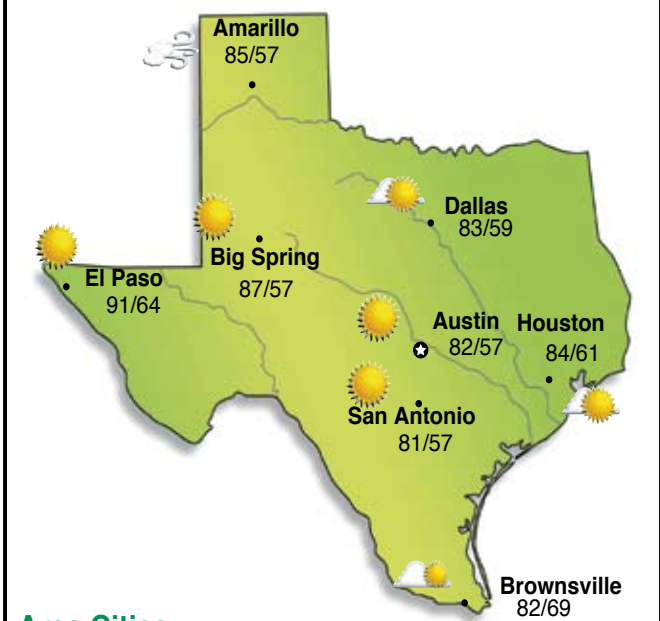
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
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Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM

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Area Cities					
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Abilene	82	58 sunny	Kingsville	83	64 mst sunny
Amarillo	85	57 windy	Livingston	82	56 mst sunny
Austin	82	57 sunny	Longview	81	58 pt sunny
Beaumont	81	59 mst sunny	Lubbock	85	55 sunny
Brownsville	82	69 pt sunny	Lufkin	84	59 mst sunny
Brownwood	81	52 sunny	Midland	86	59 sunny
Corpus Christi	80	68 mst sunny	Raymondville	84	67 pt sunny
Corsicana	82	57 mst sunny	Rosenberg	81	59 mst sunny
Dallas	83	59 mst sunny	San Antonio	81	57 sunny
Del Rio	84	62 sunny	San Marcos	82	56 sunny
El Paso	91	64 sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	58 mst sunny
Fort Stockton	87	58 sunny	Sweetwater	83	57 sunny
Gainesville	80	57 mst sunny	Tyler	82	59 mst sunny
Greenville	80	57 mst sunny	Weatherford	82	56 mst sunny
Houston	84	61 mst sunny	Wichita Falls	82	57 pt sunny

National Cities					
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Atlanta	80	57 mst sunny	Minneapolis	76	49 t-storm
Boston	70	51 mst sunny	New York	74	56 mst sunny
Chicago	80	61 mst sunny	Phoenix	93	66 pt sunny
Dallas	83	59 mst sunny	San Francisco	65	50 pt sunny
Denver	76	47 t-storm	Seattle	64	45 pt sunny
Houston	84	61 mst sunny	St. Louis	84	64 mst sunny
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Withstanding the storm

We were at our beach house on Galveston Island a couple weeks ago when a tornado passed over Jamaica Beach. Our house shook; the windows rattled; hail battered the walls like bullets. We kept reminding ourselves that the house survived Ike. It would surely survive this.

Galveston is familiar with storms. We know that years may pass, maybe decades, perhaps a century, but the wind, rain, hail and floods will come. We must build for it and we must expect it. In Jamaica Beach every house is at least 10 feet off the ground built on pilings driven as many feet, or more,

beneath the surface to anchor the house on solid soil. In the same way, we must prepare ourselves for the storms that can devastate our personal lives. Loved ones will die. We will grow old, battle illness, suffer a tragic accident or fall victim to violence. We are all mortal. Jesus ended his Sermon on the Mount with a parable about houses built upon sand and rock. (He didn't include anything about houses built upon pilings. But I guess poles sunk 10 to 20 feet into the ground are as strong as foundations built on rock. Our house is still standing and we are still dry.)

Jesus said, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell — and great was its fall."* (Matthew 7:24-27).

Peter wrote, *"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested*

by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ... Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you." (1 Peter, 1:6-7, 4:12). We cannot prepare for the storms after they hit. It is too late. Preparations must be made months and years ahead. The storm only reveals the foundation that has already been built. In the same way, the faith that will carry us throughout life and beyond death is a faith that must be nurtured and established before the trial comes. This is why Bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship are so important day-by-day and week-by-week.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com



BILL
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Who's Who in Howard County

Name: Jeanie Knocke
Where do you work: Wells Fargo (for 43 years)
Where were you born: Big Spring, Texas
City you live in: Big Spring, Texas
Family: Husband – Richard; Son and Daughter-in-law – Craig and Sunny, Grandsons – Davis and Conner
Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: United Way Board; Cars, Stars and Handlebars committee; Greater Big Spring Rotary Club; Lutheran Church member; organized Hometown Christmas sewing for 100 people.
Favorite book: The Bible
Favorite show: The Voice
Favorite movie: The Notebook
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Germany



Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast: apple or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: cheese or pepperoni pizza, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, fresh fruit bowl and milk
Tuesday
Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: ultimate taco salad, spanish rice, corn, applesauce, fresh fruit bowl and milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage roll, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit and milk; Lunch: chicken and broccoli penna, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches, graham cracker, fresh fruit bowl and milk
Thursday
Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwich, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: steers chicken bowl, green beans, roll, apple-pineapple d'lite fresh fruit bowl and milk
Friday
Breakfast: french toast, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: hamburger, sweet potato tots, peaches, pinto beans, fresh fruit bowl and milk

Breakfast: french toast sticks, apricots and milk, Snack: graham crackers and milk; Lunch: beanie weenies, mixed veggies, french fries, bread and milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: toast with jelly, orange smiles and milk; Snack: goldfish and peaches; Lunch: beef tacos, pinto beans, salad mix and milk
Thursday
Breakfast: biscuits & gravy, pears and milk; Snack: Ritz crackers and pineapples; Lunch: sweet & sour chicken, stir-fry veggies, rice and milk
Friday
Breakfast: bagels with jelly, banana halves and milk; Snack: rice crispy treat and milk; Lunch: pizza in a pocket, green beans, carrot sticks and milk

Sands CISD

Monday
Breakfast: fruit strudel, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: tex mex stack, garden salad, seasoned corn and snowball salad
Tuesday
Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: hamburger, french fries, garden salad, fresh veggie cup and mixed fruit
Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage roll, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: pizza sticks with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices and brownie cookie
Thursday
Breakfast: breakfast burritos, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, roll and pineapple d'lite
Friday
Breakfast: french toast, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: barbecue on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots and orange smiles

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday
Baked pork chop, potatoes au gratin, black-eyed peas, orange jello with fruit and milk
Tuesday
Chicken & dressing with gravy, california vegetables, waldorf salad, pumpkin bar, rolls and milk
Wednesday
Beef enchiladas, black beans and corn, chips and salsa, chocolate cake with frosting and milk
Thursday
Patty melt with grilled onions, baked tater tots, lettuce & tomato, fresh fruit and milk
Friday
Chicken salad, cherry tomatoes, fruit salad, frosted lemon cake, crackers and milk

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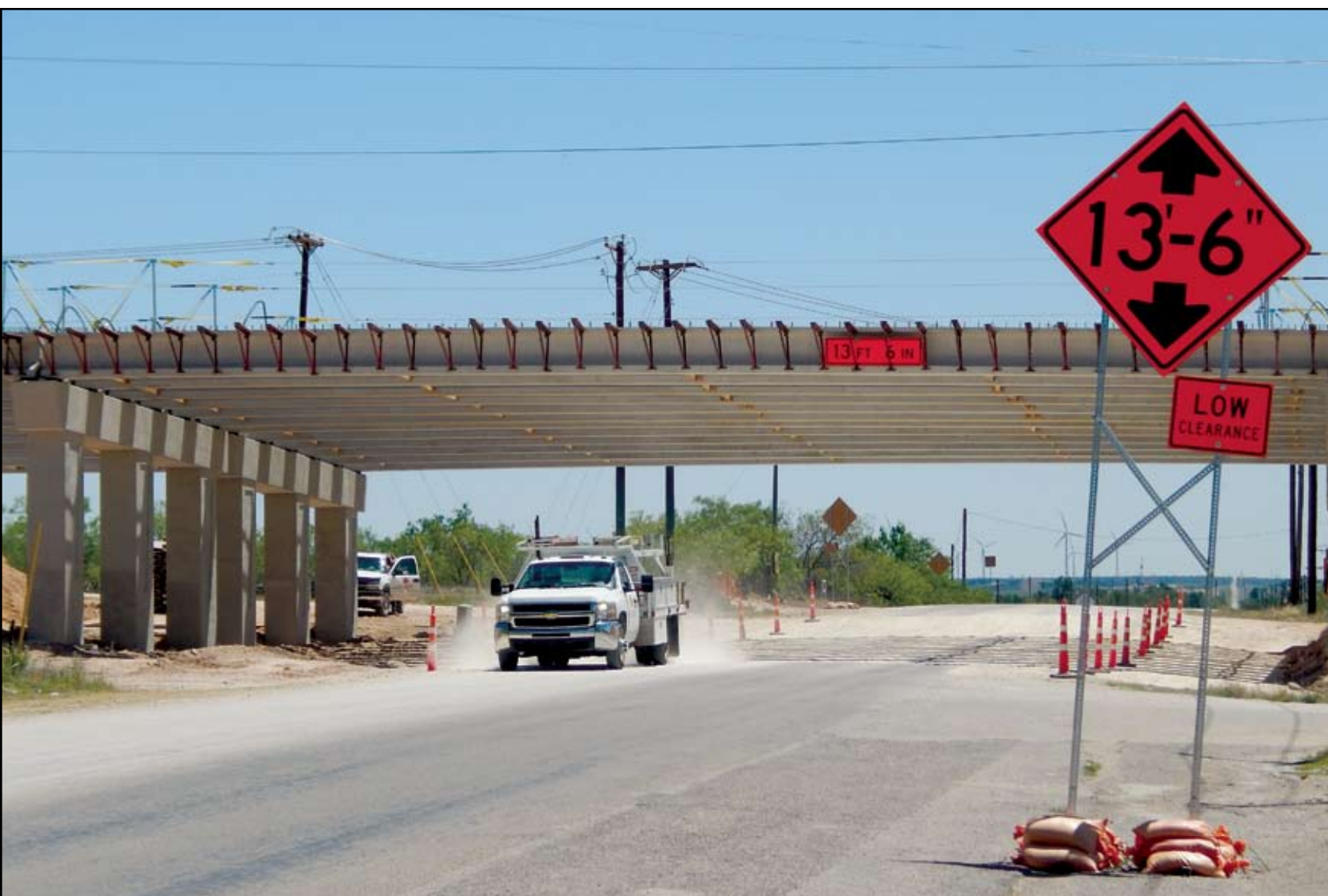
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BOOTS

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fighters have stood on the front lines for MDA, striving to make a difference in the lives of those affected by muscle disease,' said Fundraising Coordinator Katherine Cuellar.

"Firefighters in the Big Spring area do more for the MDA and the families we serve than any other group, dedicating countless hours of their time every year participating in Fill the Boot drives and at the MDA Summer Camp. We're grateful for the support of these inspiring, selfless individuals who have made a profound impact on our families health, well-being and quality of life, and we're excited to make this year's Big Spring Fill the Boot campaign the most successful yet."

In 2013, more than 100,000 firefighters participated in the Fill the Boot events across the country and raised more than \$26.2 million.

More than 40 members of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association and Professional Firefighters Association Local No. 2922 spread out over Big Spring Saturday morning with boots in hand to take up collections.

Funds raised by Big Spring firefighters are used locally, and go towards helping support the MDA's life-enhancing programs such as a clinic in Lubbock and a summer camp where kids with muscle disease can enjoy "the best week of the year" at Ceta Canyon in Happy, Texas.

"The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) support for the MDA began in 1954 when the organization committed to support the MDA until a cure is found, and the organization's unwavering commitment to MDA has remained strong to this day," said Cuellar.

270-7263.

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

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp.

For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Victim Services is a

Take note

- SMMC has postponed the Healthy YOU! Kick-off event, scheduled for May 7 has been postponed.

- Most offices at the Howard County Courthouse building will be closed for business on Monday because of software updates and conversions. The law enforcement center, emergency services and tax offices will not be affected and will remain open for business.

- The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

- The "Cancer Throat Punchers" Relay for Life team will hold a "Burlap and Bites" fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Washington Elementary. For more information, contact Nichole Negron at 432-296-8570.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May 2014 and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the fall 2015. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is

May 1, 2015. For more information or for an application form, visit www.westtexasags.com. The deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous will hold a 4th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will include food, fun and fellowship along with multiple speakers throughout the day. The group meets at Spring Town Plaza (near Attitudes Hair Salon, down from Bealls).

- The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

- SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big

Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with pa-

tients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends.

F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year.

You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

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

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For Afghanistan's abandoned children, help is scarce



Abandoned Afghan children from the Hagar shelter prepare to visit Afghanistan's National Archive, in Kabul, Afghanistan. (AP Photo)

BY RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Starved and beaten by his stepmother, the little boy with big brown eyes was already withdrawn and unhappy by the time his father banished him from the family home and sent him to an orphanage in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

There, the beatings and the abuse continued, this time by older boys, and it took a while before a teacher at school noticed just how much in pain the 10-year-old was and slowly got him to tell her his story.

The boy's mother had become sick and died, he said, and when his father remarried, the new wife took against the boy and his sister, often beating them, and withholding food for days on end.

It would have been an all too common story in Afghanistan had not the teacher reached out to a parliamentarian, who got in touch with a government rights commission, which then contacted a non-government organization that in turn provided a lawyer — and after a complicated cascade of events the boy was eventually brought to a shelter run by Hagar International, the NGO.

After almost four decades of war, two generations of Afghans have no experience of life without a backdrop of brutality. The 10-year-old was one of the lucky few to escape what can appear to be a never-ending cycle of violence.

Human rights officials and those working with abandoned, orphaned or unwanted children say up to 6.5 million Afghan children live in danger of abuse. The country, with an estimated population of around 30 million, has had much of its services devastated by the conflict and has little capacity to care for them.

On a recent visit to the Hagar shelter for vulnerable minors in

Kabul, *The Associated Press* gained access to a tiny fraction of those children. With the permission of the shelter managers — who are the children's legal guardians — and with the consent of the 10-year-old himself, the AP talked to the boy about his life since his father sent him away. It is the AP's policy not to identify minors who have been subjected to abuse.

The shelter, in the western suburbs of the capital, is one of two in Kabul run by Hagar International, which for the past five years has aimed to provide a range of services for children who have suffered extreme abuse.

Many are not orphans in the traditional sense. They still have a parent living — but one who is not willing or financially capable of caring for the child.

At Hagar, many of the children experience education for the first time and acquire skills that could one day help them earn a salary. But most importantly, they learn that their lives have value and they are treated with dignity, said Sara Shinkfield, Hagar's country director in Afghanistan.

"One of the difficulties in this job is that every day, we are meeting clients who have been through hell, they have been through the worst that life can offer, they have been treated without dignity, they have been treated as less than human," said Shinkfield.

Currently Hagar is caring for more than 40 women and children, boys and girls, at its two Kabul shelters. The children study and have classes as they would in school — mathematics, geography, history, along with English and computers. There is time for play and they are regularly taken on field trips.

In recent months, groups from the shelters

visited the city's only amusement park, the Green Park, as well as Kabul's famous Babur Gardens, the National Museum and the National Archive. They also have drawing and painting classes — their artwork often revealing the profound pain they have suffered and in many cases, still keep hidden.

According to Najibullah Zadran Babarakzai, national coordinator for the rights of children with the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Afghan children are on the verge of a humanitarian crisis and desperately need more of everything, including shelters.

"Between 6 million and 6.5 million children in Afghanistan are either directly in danger or are slowly moving toward danger," Babarakzai said. Few independent or government organizations focus on children's issues or provide shelters for victims of violence and other abuse, he said.

In a country like Afghanistan where more than half of the population lives in abject poverty, the dangers are many, he said, listing trafficking, rape, forced marriage, prostitution and domestic violence among a plethora of threats.

Children who are victims of abuse and violence often become abusers themselves, Babarakzai said. Treating these children and helping them come to terms with their experiences, rather than internalizing their pain, can help them develop into normal, insightful adults.

Hamidullah Habib, the director of the government's child protection services at Action Network, says that in Kabul, a city of more than 4.5 million people, there are only 20 children's shelters — all

with a limited capacity and expertise for treating traumatized minors.

"They are very good partners with the Afghan government in providing assistance to children in need," Habib said of the existing services. "But unfortunately, their projects are based on foreign funds. So when the funding ends, the project is over."

Outside Kabul, the situation is even more dire, he said.

With the withdrawal at the end of last year of international combat troops and much of the international NGO presence, Afghanistan now faces an economic crisis that is expected to exacerbate poverty, which is likely to perpetuate the violence that afflicts the desperate across the country. Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries in the world, and is regularly listed as one of the worst to be a woman because of the level of abuse against women and girls that is

generally accepted and rarely dealt with by law.

Since the foreign forces left and Afghanistan was no longer the primary focus of global charities and governments, many organizations like Hagar have been struggling for the same share of the ever-shrinking funding pot, said Shrinkfield.

"I think you could have 100 organizations and still it wouldn't be enough," she added.

Meanwhile, the progress made by the brown-eyed boy who was brought to Hagar is a rare success story. After a year of treatment and care at the shelter, he now lives with an uncle, attends a private school paid for by Hagar, and is making plans for his own future.

"I want to become a doctor, because if anyone gets sick I will give him medicine," he said on a visit to Hagar, a big smile lighting up his face.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road:

Have all the Indians gone?

The 2015 Big Spring Powwow has come and gone. Along with it many Native Americans have come and gone also. But have all the Indians gone? Let us take a closer look. This years powwow had representatives of many different Native American Nations. I am not sure how many various tribes were represented by the vendors and dancers. However I can tell you about our staff for Powwow 2015.

Head Man Dancer Danny Beaver is of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma. Head Lady Dancer, Texas, is Chiricahua Apache. Ben Nava, Head Gourd Dancer, Texas, is Lipan Apache.

Harold Rogers, Arena Director, Texas, is Navajo-Dine Nation. Master of Ceremonies Steve Zavala, Texas does not claim a tribal affiliation even though he is Native American. Steve simply claims to be a Human Being. This term dates back to the old ones.

Native Americans considered themselves to be true Human Beings. They did not consider the white race Human Beings. After all, most were dirty, trashy people with no respect for the Earth Mother. Most whites were considered to be no more than ignorant savages.

Of our drum groups, Comanche Boyz from New Mexico need no more than their name to explain their tribal affiliation. Atsa' Butte, New Mexico, is of the Navajo-Dine Nation. Huisache Creek is an Apache drum from far South Texas.

These Native Americans have all gone home now but many others still remain. The Powwow Committee alone has members representing Apache, Comanche, Cherokee, Cherokee/Choctaw and Navajo.

Of my brothers and sisters in Big Spring and the Permian Basin many of these same Nations are represented. Others are Kiowa/Apache, Ponca, Potawatomi, Wichita and Kiowa.

Have all the Indians gone? Not by any means, we all around you. We are not always easy to spot. A lot of us do not look like what you might consider an Indian to look like. However we are Native Americans just the same.

Pay close attention to the people around you. You may discover more Native Americans than you realized were here. So you see not all of the Indians are gone, instead they are all around.

I would like to take a few sentences to thank the many readers of this column that spoke with me at the powwow. It was a great honor to hear from you. I would most like to thank Roy. Roy came early on Saturday to observe the blessing ceremony for the sacred circle. As I blessed the circle many dancers asked to be smudged as I passed them — naturally I honored all requests. After the blessing was complete, Roy came to me and asked to be smudged as well. It was a great honor for me to fulfill his request.

People, I thank you and this will be my last column on powwows for quite a while, it is time to move on in this journey.

Randy A McKinney is a member of the Sunrise Wind Clan of Two Bear Claws and vice president of the Powwow Committee of Big Spring

LETTERS POLICY

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Austin has a special Rotary Club

I had a very special speaking opportunity last month. I addressed the Rotary club that meets in the state capitol building.

The meeting was held in a hearing room that looks exactly like a place where city or county commissioners meet. I spoke on the floor just in front of the raised semi-circular dais the officials sit behind. The audience was seated in comfortable chairs in front of me. The club usually meets in another place, but on this particular day it was not available. The club has a unique distinction.

“The Capitol of Texas Rotary Club is the only Rotary Club in the United States that meets on the grounds of the state capitol,” says Rudy England, the incoming president of the club, which was founded in 2002.

“We meet every Wednesday, usually in a room just off the Capitol Grill on floor one. Our meeting time is 7:30 in the morn-

ing, an early rising club. We have that time because most of the people who are in the club are either employees or attorneys, someone who works in or around the capitol building. So, most of us have jobs during the day right here. During the session, legislators work through lunchtime, so having it early in the morning allows everybody to come to the meeting and go on about the rest of their day. We’re always out by 8:30 a.m.”

The club gets some outstanding speakers.

“That’s really what our club is known for, because of our location and the people in the club who are able to bring in speakers who are well-informed and can really speak about things regarding state government. Then of course we are close to the University of Texas so we get professors from there to speak to us. “Many of the reporters who cover capitol news have been speakers. Obviously, the legislators themselves or members of their staff are frequent speakers. One of the speakers coming up is the state demographer who will tell us all about how Texas is changing and what that means



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for everybody, what we’re going to have to do as a state in order to accommodate those changes.”

Rudy has been a member of the club four years. Before that, he was a member of the Space Center Rotary Club in Houston. Rudy works in the state capitol building.

“Right now I am the chief clerk and general counsel for State Rep. Myra Crownover, who is vice-chair of the Energy Resources Committee.”

The club has 22 members.

“Anybody is welcome. We have people visit our club because of its uniqueness. Of course, a lot of our legislators are Rotarians themselves, so it’s an opportunity for them to be able to make up during the session by coming to our meeting.

Rotary generally does not promote talking politics at meetings.

Perhaps that rule is relaxed a bit when it comes to the Capitol of Texas Rotary Cub.

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he’s at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to good Samaritans

To the Editor:

I want to thank the people who stopped and helped me get up after I fell waking back from the store. I didn’t get their names, but I would like to thank them from the bottom of my heart. They were my guardian angles that day. Again thank you.

May God bless you and yours.

Sue Kauty
Big Spring

Let’s help a lovely lady

To the Editor:

I’m sure some of you will recognize the name of the nice lady I am writing about today. Her name is Lana Anguiano and she has written numerous letters to the editors. Her letters are always caring and positive.

She had a very serious bout with cancer more than 20 years ago and was courageous and deter-

mined and she did win the battle. About a month ago, she developed cancer again.

She is a widow. She only has Medicaid insurance and has no one to help her. I have opened a bank account in her name at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1100 Benton St.

I hope some of you will be able to help this sweet lady.

Luci Roberson
Big Spring

Come to the plant sale

To the Editor:

May 9 is the Saturday before Mother’s Day and the Howard County Master Gardeners have chosen that perfect day for their annual spring plant sale, so you can find that perfect gift for Mom. The sale is open to the public and will take place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Green Thumb Cottage, 1604 W. Fourth St. in Big Spring.

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A special day for siblings?

If it were voted on, there’d be no “National Siblings Day.” Period, end of discussion.

The unofficial “date” is sneaking onto calendars, however, perhaps with a gentle push by brain trusts at Hallmark Cards.

Best I can tell, one woman decided her fellow Americans need to “make nice” to their brothers and sisters, with sentiments exchanged April 10 each year — in close proximity with April Fool’s Day.

Women may take to the holiday more than men. Men may limit expression of warm thoughts to brothers only, often just for birthdays. Exceptions may be guys who cave in, giving posies to little sisters to salve guilt feelings for pain they inflicted during growing-up years.

Some men may observe the day negatively. Take Randy Humphrey as a current example. He’s half a decade younger than brother Stephen, and both are leaders of Humphrey and Associates, an electrical/mechanical contracting firm founded by their parents, Stephen Sr. and Jackie, 38 years ago as a “Mom and Pop” company. It now has 450 employees.

At the firm’s annual awards banquet — held the day after “Siblings Day” — Stephen announced that his little brother was laid up at home, nursing a kidney stone.

“I think we should all send get-well text messages to Randy right now,” he said, “Here’s his cell number.” Just to make sure, he repeated it — speaking very

slowly so everyone could jot it down.

Randy got 38 text messages. It may be “payback” time later, perhaps with multiple “hope-you’re-sleeping-well” calls to Stephen, perhaps around 2 a.m.

Hallmark may be left holding the envelope. First off, it is NOT a nationally-recognized holiday, even though the Siblings Day Foundation is lobbying to that end. It is “national” in the same manner that hot dogs, automobiles, airlines, etc., are declared “official” by professional sports teams.

In fact, the holiday is observed in only four-fifths of these United States.

This figure is identical to the percentage of Americans who have siblings.

With all the surveillance going on, I’m not sure what would happen if there were photographic proof of “happy Sibling Day” cards mailed across boundaries of non-participating states. This might violate some postal rule, or at least the spirit of the so-called holiday.

Maybe participants will handle the cards with rubber gloves, mailing them in the dark of night.

Probably the old “easier to apologize than get permission” excuse would come into play if one is guilty of sending — or receiving — cards in the “wrong” states.

Card-pushers point out that siblings being nice to each other might eventually result in larger families.

Now, costs of raising children dominate adult conversations. Back in the day, children were essentially “farm employees” when most folks had rural addresses. Families of 10-12 — or even more — were fairly common.

One couple, living in a farmhouse near a tar pit, had 15 children. One day, one of the youngsters — coated head to toe with tar — was admonished to stay outdoors. He heard parental mumblings that it might be easier to have another one than to clean him up.”

The Smothers Brothers could have had fun with this holiday. You remember this riotous duo that ruled TV for almost 20 years and is still on tour with their straight-faced humor. (My Uncle Mort has always wondered if the late Joyce Brothers and the Smothers Brothers were related.)

It is said that Dick, the younger, once sent a greeting card to their mom, carefully printing these words: “Dear Mom. Thanks 4 putting up with a spoiled, ungrateful, messy, bratty child like my sibling,” signing it “Your Favorite.”

Tom, the older, maintained across the years that “Mother always liked you best.”

Seems to me the holiday, now just 13 years into play, is more of a “permission slip” than an official observance. Perhaps the 39 governors who signed on figured it to be easier to go along than to oppose the measure. Since it also is acknowledged in India and Australia, look for proponents to call it an “international holiday.”

In the meantime, I hope to stay in touch with my brother with occasional phone calls.

And if I think of it, I’ll send him a birthday card.

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ROUT

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the Big Spring offense? Consider these numbers, if you will: The Lady Steers scored five or more runs in four different innings and worked the Borger pitching staff for a season-high 12 walks. Did we mention, they also cranked out a pair of three-run home runs?

With the victory, Big Spring advances to the area round of the state playoffs to face either Andrews or Fabens.

The Lady Steers, now 17-5 for the year, didn't waste any time in unloading on Borger, which advanced to the postseason as the third-place team from the District 1-4A race. Big Spring combined three hits and a pair of errors by the Lady Bulldogs to pound out six runs in the top of the first inning.

Jaci Aguilar got the BSHS onslaught started early. She led off the game with a double to left. One out later, Borger put itself in a hole when third baseman Kaylee Keene threw a grounder off the bat of Mia Olivo past first base and enabled Aguilar to score from first. Olivo reached third made on the play.

Cierra Martinez, one of the youngest players on the BSHS roster, delivered the biggest blow for the Lady Steers in the first. After Mackenzie Roberts had reached via an error and Mariah Sarmiento had walked, the freshman blasted a pitch over the fence for a three-run home run.

That was all the run support Soliz needed. Borger looked as if it would chip away at the Big Spring lead in their half of the first. BHS shortstop Megan Stone led off the bottom of the first with a single and moved to second on a walk.

Soliz rallied back from there. She struck out

Snyder,
S'water net
playoff wins

The Snyder Lady Tigers and Sweetwater Lady Mustangs won their playoff openers on Friday.

Snyder, the District 2-4A champion, blasted Perryton by a 34-1 clip to win their bi-district game.

Sweetwater defeated Pampa by a 6-4 clip in the first game of their best-of-3 series.

The Lady Mustangs entered the postseason as the third-place team in the 2-4A race, finishing behind Snyder and Big Spring, respectively. Pampa is the District 1-4A runner-up.

The only District 2-4A team to falter on Friday was Levelland, which fell to Bushland, the District 1-4A champion, by a 16-6 margin in the opener of their three-game series.

the next Borger batter and then enticed the ensuing batter to fly out to left. She escaped the inning unscathed from there by getting the Lady Bulldogs' No. 5 batter to ground out to short.

Big Spring, after going down quietly in the second, blew the game wide open in the third. The Lady Steers sent 13 batters to the plate in the inning and pounded out five runs en route to scoring seven runs and building a 13-0 lead.

Sarmiento got the Lady Steers' 7-run barrage started by beating out an infield hit. Following a walk to Martinez and a fielder's choice by Soliz had loaded the bases, Aguilar and Ashley Gonzales both delivered clutch two-run doubles.

Mercedes Riuz, Sarmiento and Martinez also collected RBIs in the frame. Ruiz registered one of the Lady Steers' five hits in the inning, while Sarmiento and Martinez pushed runs

home by drawing a bases loaded walk and by getting hit by a pitch, respectively.

Borger, which managed just four hits in the game, managed to score a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the third and pulled to within 13-2. Stone, who had two of the Lady Bulldogs' hits, and Rachel Madden both reached base via errors and later scored.

Big Spring opened the floodgates in the fourth. The Lady Steers, aided by four walks and a hit batter, pushed across five more runs in the frame and stretched its lead to 16 runs.

Sarmiento, who finished the game by going 2-for-3 with two walks and three RBIs, provided the big spark for Big Spring in the fourth. She lined a single to left that plated two runs.

Two batters later Soliz connected on a run-scoring double.

Big Spring, which roughed up three Borger pitchers in the contest, carried an 18-2 advantage into the fifth.

The Lady Steers were far from through with the offensive fireworks. The Lady Steers sent eight batters to the plate in the top of the fifth and pushed across five additional runs.

After Gonzales had opened the inning with a walk, Mia Oliva singled to left. Gonzales and Olivo both raced home moments later on a Borger fielding error that enabled Ruiz to reach base.

With Ruiz at first, Sydney Olivo followed with a walk and set the stage for Roberts to blast a three-run home run that put Big Spring up 23-2.

The Lady Steers, mercifully, helped Borger get out of the inning minutes later. Both Martinez and Soliz stepped off base after drawing one-out walks and were called out.

Borger, 18-9, tallied its only other run in the bottom of the fifth on a RBI single by Miller.

Region I-4A Track Results

REGION I-4A MEET

Friday results
Fuller Track and Field Complex,
Lubbock

Note: Top two advance to UIL state meet May 14-16 in Austin.

Boys

Team Standings (through five events): 1. Hirschi 20; 2. Graham 17; 3t. Stephenville 14 and Abilene Wylie 17; 5. Mineral Wells and Alvarado 11; 7t. Midland Greenwood and Kennedale 10;

3200 : 1. Justin Domangue, Alvarado, 9:41.07; 2. Eduardo Trevizo, Castleberry, 9:42.45; 3. Stetson Rayas, Clint, 9:43.58; 4. Isaac Vargas, Levelland, 9:43.61; 5. Idahir Lopez, Perryton, 9:56.20; 6. Erick Arambula, San Elizario, 10:20.63; 11. Brady Aderholt, Vernon, 10:47.90; 16. Will Walton, Graham, 11:13.21.

Pole Vault: 1. Hunter Wigington, Midland Greenwood, 14-9; 2. John Clark Giddings, Stephenville, 14-6; 3. Alex Hindman, Seminole, 14-0; 4. Jimmie Vaughn, Seminole, 14-0; 5. Jared Lord, Mineral Wells, 14-0; 6. Bradley

Little, Graham, 13-6.

High jump: 1. Charles Brown, Hirschi, 6-8; 2. Rascellis Williams, Mineral Wells, 6-6; 3. John Dickenson, Abilene Wylie, 6-2; 4. Taylor Thibau, Kennedale, 6-2; 5. Vance Hughes, Kennedale, 6-2; 6. Biren Clardy, Mineral Wells, 6-2.

Shot put : 1. Chanse Moss, Graham, 53-9¾; 2. Braden Darrow, Abilene Wylie, 51-1¼; 3. Cameron Reynolds, Stephenville, 50-3¼; 4. Gjemar Daniels, Kennedale, 50-2¾; 5. Charlie Boling, Big Spring, 47-11¼; 6. Chris Barron, Lamesa, 46-3.

Triple jump : 1. Charles Brown, Hirschi, 50-11¼ (meet record); 2. Marcus Montez, Monahans, 46-1¼; 3. Derek Sides, Graham, 45-7½; 4. Kegan Dent, Levelland, 44-10¼; 5. Caleb Dickson, Borger, 44-8; 6. Blake Henderson, Alvarado, 43-8; 13. Charles Williams, Bridgeport, 39-9½.

Girls

Team Standings (through three events): 1. Andrews 16; 2t. Vernon and Abilene Wylie, 10; 4t. Big Spring, Levelland and Kennedale 8; 7t. Burkburnett,

Pampa and Dalhart 6.

3200: 1. Hanna Sanchez, Abilene Wylie, 11:32.03; 2. Morgan McCutchen, Levelland, 11:33.72; 3. Sara Smith, Dalhart, 11:37.69; 4. Michelle Estrada, Clint Mountain View, 11:41.74; 5. Madelaine Johnston, Burkburnett, 11:53.33; 6. Aimee Molina, Alvarado, 12:07.06; 13. Geogina Palomo, Decatur, 12:54.63; 15. Elizabeth Culpepper, Decatur, 13:04.99.

Discus: 1. Jaylan Thomas, Vernon, 123-9; 2. Carly Roberts, Big Spring, 116-3; 3. Cheyenne Williams, Pampa, 115-0; 4. Amanda Bell, Midland Greenwood, 113-6; 5. Rylee Hodges, Iowa Park, 110-1; 6. Amber Corral, Fort Stockton, 104-11; 12. Manija Youngberg, Vernon, 92-8.

Long jump: 1. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 18-6 ¾; 2. Hailey Patterson, Kennedale, 18-2; 3. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 17-11¼; 4. Mia Cooke, Burkburnett, 16-7½; 5. Brooklyn Dauenhauer, Springtown, 16-6; 6. Jayla Norman, Bushland, 16-5¾; 12. Shykerra Fanner, Vernon, 15-6½; 14. Kelsie Worley, Decatur, 15-1.

Region II-1A Track Results

REGION II-1A MEET

Friday results
Friday at LeGrand Sports Complex,
Angelo State University

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS - 1. Ira, 19; 2. O'Donnell, 14; 3. Moran, 12; T-4. Rotan, 10; T-4. Trent, 10; 6. Robert Lee, 9; T-7. Cross Plains, 8; T-7. Sander-son, 8; T-7. Klondike, 8. T-10. Sierra Blanca, 6, T-10. Water Valley, 6; 12. Grady, 4; T-13. Veribest, 2; T-13. Garden City, 2; T-13. Garden City, 2; T-13. Brookesmith, 2; T-13. Eden, 2; T-17. Paint Rock, 1; T-17. Rankin 1.

Finals

Long jump: 1. Britney Beaver, Trent, 17-08.25; 2. Sarah Kearney, Klondike, 16-08.75; 3. Tory Weaver, Moran, 16-08.50; 4. Savannah Juarez, Ira, 16-06.75; 5. Micah Drake, Brookesmith, 15-11.50; 6. Abigail Davis, Rankin, 15-08.50.

Discus: 1. Taylor Posey, Rotan, 117-09; 2. Pammy Meeks, Robert Lee, 103-07; 3. Montana Rivers, Sierra Blanca, 103-05; 4. Brittny Garza, Grady, 102-03; 5. Ayden Ogle, Eden, 100-05; 6. Margo Mendoza, Robert Lee, 99-08.

Pole vault: 1. Hannah Womack, Ira 9-09; 2. Allanta Wheeler, Cross Plains, 9-09; 3. Kiri Long, Water Valley, 8-09; 4. Lindsey Womack, Ira, 8-06; 5. Payton Hastings, Garden City, 8-00; 6. Lexie Hanshaw, Ira, 8-00.

3,200: 1. Kaitlin Bell, O'Donnell, 12:11.05; 2. Abrianna Carrasco, Sander-son, 12:27.95; 3. Sydney TenCate, Moran, 12:56.73; 4. Lexi Villalreal, O'Donnell, 13:24.56; 5. Lane McWilliams, Veribest, 13:33.00; 6. Marie Mastroianni, Paint Rock, 13:36.45.

Preliminaries

400 relay: 1. Ira, 51.53; 2. Klondike, 52.08; 3. Baird, 52.51; 4. Cross Plains, 52.83; 5. Menard, 53.21; 6. Highland, 53.65; 7. Marfa, 53.71; 8. Jayton, 53.72.

100 hurdles: 1. Abigail Davis, Rankin, 16.50; 2. Bailly Balderas, Paint Rock, 16.76; 3. Hannah Allen, Highland, 16.89; 4. Kersey Wyatt, Cross Plains, 17.31; 5. Jacy Sparks, Aspermont, 17.58; 6. Tatum Richey, Borden County, 17.72; 7. Marina Biggs, Eden, 17.72; 8. Micah Drake, Brookesmith, 17.79.

100: 1. Sarita Short, Panther Creek, 12.89; 2. Cassidy Doggett, Sterling City, 12.92; 3. Sarah Kearney, Klondike, 12.94; 4. Raven Hollins, Marfa, 12.98; 5. Tiatiana Vasquez, Grandfalls-Royalty; 6. Kennedy Martinez, Rotan, 13.19; 7. Britney Beaver, Trent, 13.26; 8. Dustee Hoelscher, Eden, 13.27.

800 relay: 1. Klondike, 1:49.46; 2. Sterling City, 1:52.32; 3. Ira, 1:50.07; 4. Baird, 1:51.99; 5. Cross Plains, 1:52.87; 6. Bronte, 1:53.41; 7. Westbrook, 1:53.54; 8. Richland Springs, 1:53.72.

400: 1. Britney Beaver, Trent, 1:02.69; 2. Gracey Taylor, Balmorhea, 1:02.76; 3. Madeline Daniels, Balmorhea, 1:04.07; 4. Isabel Carrion, Roby, 1:04.64; 5. Shannon Morris, Westbrook, 1:04.79; 6. Brianna Beck, Klondike, 1:05.84; 7. Shae Berry, Aspermont, 1:06.51; 8. Preslea Hall, Borden County, 1:06.94.

300 hurdles: 1. McKenzie Halsel, Cross Plains, 49.54; 2. Hannah Allen, Highland, 49.60; 3. Jacy Sparks, Aspermont, 49.99; 4. Carsyn Allen, Loop, 50.82; 5. Tina Tracy, Wink, 50.84; 6. Abigail Davis, Rankin, 51.21; 7. Abigail Sorrells, Blackwell, 51.49; 8. Micah Drake, Brookesmith.

200: 1. Sarita Short, Panther Creek, 27.02; 2. Britney Beaver, Trent, 27.04; 3. Taylor Emmons, Menard, 27.17; 4. Sierra Welch, Ira, 27.42; 5. Dustee Hoelscher, Eden, 27.62; 6. Jacqueline Daniels, Rotan, 27.81; 7. Tiatiana Vasquez, Grandfalls-Royalty, 27.91; 8. Audrye Morris, Eule, 27.91.

1,600 relay: 1. Cross Plains, 4:18.37; 2. Bronte, 4:22.25; 3. Highland, 4:21.81; 4. Sterling City, 4:25.09; 5. O'Donnell, 4:27.31; 6. Menard, 4:29.93; 7. Garden City, 4:30.00; 8. Wink, 4:30.90.

BOYS

TEAM TOTALS - 1. Water Valley, 26; 2. Ira, 16; T-3. Panther Creek, 10; T-3. Sanderson, 10; 5. Grandfalls-Royalty, 9; 6. Veribest, 8; 7. Cross Plains, 7; T-8. Roby, 6; T-8. Wink, 6; T-10. Sands, 4; T-10. Rotan, 4; T-10. Borden County, 4; T-10. Marfa, 4; 14. May, 3; T-15. Rankin, 2; T-15. Moran, 2; T-15. Big Bend, 2; 18. Buena Vista, 1.

Finals

Discus: 1. Nico Parra, Panther Creek, 136-06; 2. Isaac Olivas, Grandfalls-Royalty, 132-00; 3. Kyle Brauneck, Roby, 124-10; 4. Alberto Ramos, Marfa, 120-08; 5. Tate Tabor, Moran, 117-01; 6. Kevin Gomez, Buena Vista, 115-11.

Long jump: 1. Logan Morris, Ira, 21-07.25; 2. Asher Rogers, Water Valley, 20-11.75; 3. Rylan Laminack, Cross Plains, 20-06.00; 4. Matthew Williams, Rotan, 20-04.50; 5. Jesus Garcia, Big Bend, 20-04.25; 6. Austin Perryman, Grandfalls-Royalty, 20-03.25.

3,200: 1. Joseph Carrasco, Sanderson, 10:07.01; 2. Devitt Smetana, Veribest, 10:07.26; 3. George Anaya, Wink, 10:44.42; 4. Leonard Martinez, Sands, 10:50.34; 5. Eli Williams, May, 10:56.88; 6. Isaac Williams, May, 11:02.92.

Pole vault: 1. Seth Demere, Water Valley, 14-00; 2. Jancen Power, Water Valley, 13-06; 3. Austin Cliffer, Ira, 12-06; 4. Robert Jordan, Borden County, 12-06; 5. John Rodriguez, Rankin, 11-06; 6. Korbin McLean, Cross Plains, 10-06.

Preliminaries

400 relay: 1. Water Valley, 43.51; 2. Grady, 44.14; 3. Menard, 44.43; 4. Wink, 44.46; 5. Garden City, 44.64; 6. Sterling City, 44.76; 7. Marfa, 44.82; 8. Borden County, 44.82.

110 hurdles: 1. Zach Davis, May, 15.40; 2. Grant Emmons, Menard, 15.45; 3. Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 15.58; 4. Colby Nelson, Highland, Santa Anna, 15.66; 5. Michael

Rodriguez, Rankin, 16.09; 6. Emrick Wilson, Highland, 16.29; 7. Jacob Richburg, Highland, 16.52; 8. Seth Demere, Water Valley, 16.52.

100: 1. Beau Lucas, Grady, 11.18; 2. Hunter Harper, Panther Creek, 11.24; 3. Logan Morris, Ira, 11.40; 4. Jake Everett, Sterling City, 11.46; 5. Adrian Sanchez, Menard, 11.50; 6. Marty Flores, Rochelle, 11.57; 7. Blaine Yanez, Robert Lee, 11.60; 8. Austin Fowler, Robert Lee, 11.65.

800 relay: 1. Grady, 1:31.43; 2. Water Valley, 1:31.81; 3. Sterling City, 1:32.13; 4. Santa Anna, 1:33.56; 5. Borden County, 1:33.63; 6. Baird, 1:34.29; 7. Garden City, 1:34.32; 8. Cross Plains, 1:34.92.

400: 1. Eli Augusta, Wink, 50.58; 2. Austin Fowler, Robert Lee, 51.97; 3. Jose Gallegos, Marfa, 52.39; 4. Eduardo Amaro, Marfa, 52.40; 5. Mason Braden, Buena Vista, 53.32; 6. Michael Garcia, Lorraine, 53.68; 7. Dobbs McWilliams, Cross Plains, 54.20; 8. Nick Ramirez, Rotan, 54.43.

300 hurdles: 1. Garrett Emmons, Menard, 40.69; 2. Zach Davis, May, 41.36; 3. Colby Nelson, Santa Anna, 41.02; 4. Michael Shoemaker, Sanderson, 41.96; 5. Zach Digby, Hermeigh, 42.15; 6. Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 42.40; 7. Korbin Martinez, Borden County, 42.48; 8. Michael Rodriguez, Rankin.

200: 1. Hunter Harper, Panther Creek, 22.92; 2. Braeden Jones, Grady, 23.03; 3. Logan Morris, Ira, 23.06; 4. Malcom Smith, Baird, 23.33; 5. Marty Flores, Rochelle, 23.39; 6. Eliseo Thompson, Wink, 23.47; 7. Rylan Laminack, Cross Plains, 23.51; 8. Corbin Sumners, Borden County, 23.59.

1,600 relay: 1. Wink, 3:29.12; 2. Marfa, 3:33.24; 3. Garden City, 3:34.25; 4. Water Valley, 3:34.73; 5. May, 3:37.36; 6. Buena Vista, 3:38.13; 7. Borden County, 3:38.17; 8. Robert Lee, 3:38.84.

WIN

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day evening.

Sophomore catcher Jaelyn Young helped power Howard College to its win. She pounded out a clutch home run in the win over the Lady Westerners.

Western Texas, which entered the tournament as the fifth-place seed, earned a spot opposite Howard in the quarterfinals earlier in the afternoon by claiming

a 3-2 victory over Clarendon College.

The biggest loser of the first day of the tournament was Midland College. The Lady Chaparrals, who had been ranked as high as No. 4 nationally this season, fell into an elimination game on Saturday after blowing a 3- lead to Odessa.

Midland, which had defeated Luna Community College by a 10-1 margin in their first-round matchup,

was set to play Clarendon in a loser's bracket matchup on Saturday afternoon.

A win over Luna would have sent the Lady Chaps into a game with Western Texas or Luna, who were slated to face off in the other elimination bout.

A win over Odessa College would vault Howard College into the Region V West championship game on Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m.

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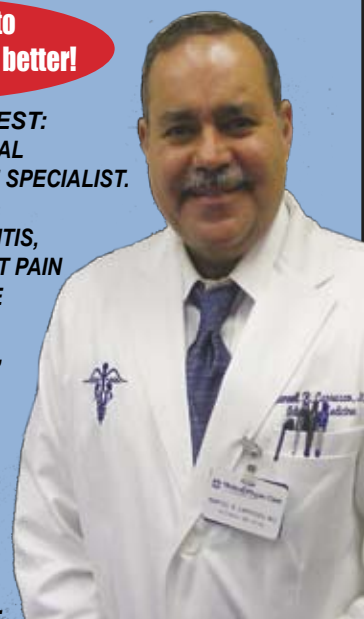
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A U.S. Census Bureau study of computer and Internet use issued in November found that in 2013 nearly 84 percent of households reported owning a computer.

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Digging up dirt



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Work crews have been busy constructing the U.S. Highway 87 reliever route which will loop around west and south Big Spring.

LETTERS

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This year's spring plant sale will feature special Mother's Day themed pots, beautiful annuals for that pop of color Mom loves to see in her garden, and perennials, too, to help her welcome spring for years to come.

For landscape greenery, a variety of shrubs will be available and, if you have lost a tree to the drought, you can find its replacement at the sale. One of the best things any of us can do for the environment is plant a tree. Bring it home and plant it now. Let it reward you with years of shade, oxygen and beauty.

Come with the family and wander through the large selections of plants. Let Mom choose a plant for herself, or surprise her with something you know she will cherish. And be sure to enter for a chance to win a charming garden chair planter.

Club members will be on hand during the sale to answer your questions about plant care, water

conservation in times of drought and any other gardening questions you may have.

And ask a member about the club's monthly meetings. Come find out if you might like to become a Master Gardener yourself.

Lucy Arcand
Big Spring

Support for our symphony

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter from Orand Carrol published in the Herald on April 19. If I get the gist of his letter, he compared the Big Spring Symphony concerts unfavorably with the Houston Symphony concerts he attends monthly.

According to Mr. Carrol, the music director/conductor has not shown the respect for Mr. Carroll that he deserves, or at the very least, has not ventured so much as a "hello" to him. Also, those handing out refreshments don't smile as they give out cookies, water, etc.

I'm guessing Mr. Carroll is on speaking terms with the conductor of the Houston Symphony and enjoys a camaraderie with those who pass out refreshments at the concerts. But that's not the point of Mr. Carroll's complaints.

The Big Spring Symphony Association has many volunteers, including the Symphony Guild and Board, working to bring a well-developed and professional symphony to this fairly small town. They are volunteers, except for the musicians and the conductor. Guild members prepare and provide the refreshments. They and the board members pull off a successful concert season at prices undoubtedly lower than symphonies in larger cities like Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston and El Paso, not to mention New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Suffice it to say, the association appreciates all the people who attend the Big Spring Symphony the four times a season it performs and, yes, the donations that allow it present something few small communities have access to.

Lee Emerson
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Papa John's Pizza employees, joined by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives, participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the business, which held its grand opening Thursday.

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Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
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Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Rd., Big Spring
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Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Rd., apt. 133, Big Spring
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Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 28, Big Spring
Cody K. Witt, 310 E. 21st, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Santa Cruz Diaz Jr., 43, and Denise Marie Arinivaz, 34, both of Big Spring.
Michael Anthony Woodward, 29, and Alyx Nechelle Pappajohn, 24, both of Midland.
Paden Black, 26, and Kristy Sue Ann Hooser, 37, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Steven Anthony Rodriguez for criminal trespass. \$200 fine, court costs and 40 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Martha Ann Crenshaw for evading arrest/detention. \$100, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Avel Abreo Ramirez for public intoxication with three prior convictions. \$100 fine, court costs and 60 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Brian William Baxter for driving while license is invalid with previous convictions. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Felicia M. Burciaga for possession of marijuana. \$500 fine, court costs and 12 months of probation.
The State of Texas vs. Kenneth Mcpherson for theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 90 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Ruben Rojas Jr. for display fictitious license plates. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in

jail.
The State of Texas vs. Clint Brandon Bollier Jr. for theft of property. \$100, court costs and 90 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Christopher Tyler for possession of marijuana. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Clint Brandon Bollier Jr. for theft of property. \$200 fine, court costs and 90 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Josiah Shane Wright for public intoxication with three prior convictions. \$100 fine, court costs and 20 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Angela Marie Kent for theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Franklin Suazo for assault causes bodily injury family member. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated for 6 months.

District Court Filings

Deborah Ruth Hanson vs. Robert Thomas, protective order.
Brianna Dayula Rayon vs. Enrique Rayon Jr, divorce.
Rusty's Oilfield Service Co. Inc. vs. Steve Powell; accounts, notes and contracts.
Credit Control, LLC vs. Terry Payne; accounts, notes and contracts.
Reba Joyce Quillen vs. Larry Gene Quillen, divorce.
State of Texas vs. Fabian Allen Carpenter, civil cases relating to criminal cases.
Steven Blake Acker vs. Amanda Ann Pritchett, divorce.

Warranty Deeds

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Grantee: Glenda Kennedy
Property: S.E. quarter of tract 19 in sec 42, block 32, T-1-N T&P Ry Co.

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Donate wisely

The devastating earthquake in Nepal last weekend has already touched the hearts of millions of Americans who want to support disaster relief through donations. BBB Wise Giving Alliance (WGA) advises donors to avoid being taken advantage of by questionable solicitations or wasting their money on poorly managed relief efforts.

Across the world, relief and development organizations and governments have begun responding to the earthquake in Nepal. American charities have also begun accepting donations to assist in the region. Before you choose a charity to give to, take a look at our tips for giving to this type of cause (below) and remember to check out the charity on Give.org. The list below includes nationally soliciting charities that have been accredited by BBB WGA (i.e., meet all 20 BBB Charity Standards) and indicate that they are collecting contributions to assist Nepal relief efforts:

- ActionAid USA
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- American Jewish World Service
- American Red Cross
- AmeriCares Foundation
- Brother's Brother Foundation
- CARE USA
- Catholic Relief Services
- Church World Service
- Concern Worldwide US
- Direct Relief
- Global Impact
- GlobalGiving Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity International
- HOPE worldwide
- Humane Society International
- International Medical Corps
- Islamic Relief USA
- Lutheran World Relief
- MAP International
- Medical Teams International
- Mercy Corps
- Operation USA
- Oxfam America
- Plan International USA
- Project Concern International
- Salvation Army (National Corporation)
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- Seva Foundation
- SOS Children's Villages-USA
- United States Fund for UNICEF
- World Food Program USA
- World Neighbors
- World Relief
- World Renew
- World Vision

BBB Wise Giving Alliance offers donors these tips for disaster relief giving:

- Be cautious when giving online. Be cautious about spam messages and emails that claim to link to a relief organization. If you want to give to a charity involved in relief efforts, go directly to the charity's website. In response to the Katrina and Haiti earthquake, the FBI and others raised concerns about websites and new organizations that were created overnight, allegedly to help victims.
- Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity. Be cautious when relying on third-party recommendations such as bloggers or other websites, as they may not have fully researched the relief organizations they list. The public can go to www.give.org to research relief organizations and other charities to verify that they are accredited by BBB, which means they meet the 20 Standards for Charity Accountability.
- Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims. Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fund raising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting earthquake victims, the truth is that the organization is still probably incurring fund raising and administrative expenses. It may use some of its other funds to pay these costs, but the expenses will still be incurred.
- Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas. Unless the charity already has staff in the affected areas, it may be difficult to bring in new aid workers to provide assistance quickly. See if the charity's website clearly describes what the charity can do to address immediate needs.
- Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups. Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief organizations. If so, you may want to consider



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STANTON — The Permian Basin Underground Water District invites the public to its Rainwater Harvesting Presentation, A Night With Billy Kniffen.

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This year's guest speaker will be Mr. Billy Kniffen who will be discussing his home, which is solely dependent on rainwater.



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The law offices of R. Shane Seaton was the latest recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

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News in brief

Marches to protest death of man in police custody will celebrate charges against officers

BALTIMORE (AP) — A massive march planned for Saturday to protest the death of a man in police custody is now being billed as a “victory rally” after Baltimore’s top prosecutor filed criminal charges against the six officers involved in the man’s arrest.

The thousands of marchers who are expected to hit the streets this weekend will now do so to celebrate the decision by State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby to charge the officers with felonies ranging from assault to murder, and encourage continued peaceful demonstrations.

Freddie Gray’s death from spinal injuries a week after his April 12 arrest provoked riots on the streets of West Baltimore on Monday and quickly became a rallying cry against police brutality and social inequality in the city. Mosby’s announcement on Friday triggered celebrations on those same streets.

Mosby said that after reviewing the results of a police investigation turned over to her just one day before, she had concluded Gray’s arrest was illegal and unjustified. She said his neck was broken because he was handcuffed, shackled and placed head-first into a police van, where his pleas for medical attention were repeatedly ignored as he bounced around inside a small metal compartment in the vehicle.

Charges against Baltimore officers could have chilling effect on law enforcement nationwide

ATLANTA (AP) — National outrage over the death of a black man while in police custody and the speed with which a prosecutor decided to charge the officers who arrested him could have a chilling effect on law enforcement — at least in the short term while passions are running so high.

Former law enforcement officials, prosecutors and defense attorneys say the intense scrutiny being cast on the behavior of police departments nationwide — especially regarding their treatment of minorities — could lead to a temptation to stop pursuing certain crimes and suspects rather than risk accusations of misconduct.

“If it’s a not-serious street crime, they are probably going to turn and go the other way,” said Frank Rotondo, a former policeman in New York state who now lobbies for police chiefs in Georgia. “They don’t want to be accused.”

Rotondo said such a temptation might be strongest for white police officers who must decide whether to intervene in cases involving minority suspects.

Palace says Prince William’s wife, Kate, admitted to hospital in early stages of labor

LONDON (AP) — Prince William’s wife Kate entered a London hospital Saturday to give birth to their second child, igniting a national wave of anticipation and a last-minute betting spree on the name of the new prince or princess.

The baby will be fourth in line to the

throne and the fifth great-grandchild of Queen Elizabeth II.

In a brief statement, palace officials said the Duchess of Cambridge was admitted at 6 a.m. local time (0500 GMT) Saturday to the exclusive Lindo wing at St. Mary’s Hospital, arriving by car with William.

The couple’s first child, Prince George, was born July 22, 2013 at the same hospital. William, who is on leave from his job as an air ambulance pilot, was at his wife’s side in the hospital, as he was for George’s birth.

Royal officials are not expected to provide any more information until the birth, which will be announced on Twitter and Instagram. That announcement will say what gender the baby is, as well as its weight and the time of birth.

Aid still scarce in Nepal’s remote villages as anger grows; UN appeals for choppers

MAJUWA, Nepal (AP) — With help still not reaching some isolated villages a week after Nepal’s devastating earthquake, a top international aid official said Saturday that more helicopters were needed to get assistance to the farthest reaches of this Himalayan nation.

Many mountain roads, often treacherous at the best of times, remain blocked by landslides, making it extremely difficult for supply trucks to get to the higher Himalayan foothills.

“We definitely need more helicopters,” Ertharin Cousin, executive director of the U.N.’s World Food Program, told The Associated Press in the village of Majuwa, in the quake-devastated Gorkha district. Aid agencies have been using Majuwa as a staging area to get supplies deeper into mountainous areas. “Even seven days in this is still very much considered the early days, because there are people we still haven’t reached. So we need helicopters to reach them.”

“This is one of the poorest places on Earth. If the global community walks away, the people of this country will not receive the assistance that is required for them to rebuild their lives,” she said.

She said shelter was a more urgent priority at this point than food.

Analysis: US experts on Russia fear escalation over Ukraine crisis, see a wider conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. experts on Russia see a growing danger the crisis in Ukraine that has already taken thousands of lives could explode, although the latest cease-fire agreement has partially held.

U.S. and Western European moves to isolate Russia and damage its economy for its seizure of the Crimean peninsula and support of separatists in eastern Ukraine against the Western-backed central government have not forced President Vladimir Putin to back down.

The State Department says Russia is beefing up its troops and weapons along the Ukrainian border. Meanwhile, the U.S. has dispatched 300 American military trainers to work with the Ukraine army, and other NATO members are adding hundreds

more.

Experts say that’s a fuse of a much wider conflict waiting to be lit after a year of battle that the U.N. says has taken at least 6,100 lives.

Andrew Weiss, Russia expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said an egregious action by Russian forces in eastern Ukraine or an incident between U.S. and Russian forces could cause an escalation. He said a recent near-collision of U.S. and Russian military jets over the Baltics highlighted the risk.

Syrian refugee women in Iraq’s Kurdish region take mall jobs spurned by locals

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — Two years after fleeing from her home in Damascus, 22-year-old Rahaf Abdullah is working at a gleaming mall in Iraq’s Kurdish region, selling sweets to local women who largely refuse to take such jobs.

While the mall job is a rite of passage for teenagers in America, in Iraq’s conservative and relatively well-off Kurdish region the idea of women

working — particularly in menial or retail jobs — is frowned upon. That has created opportunities for some of the tens of thousands of Syrian refugees and displaced Iraqis who have sought refuge here.

“The Kurdish girls are a bit conservative — no, a lot conservative,” Abdullah said as she organized boxes of Middle Eastern sweets made of spun sugar, fruit, pistachio nuts and honey. “Their logic is that the women never have to work, they only have to go to school and then return home.”

Syria’s civil war, now in its fifth year, has killed more than 220,000 people and created nearly 4 million refugees, according to the United Nations. Hundreds of thousands of refugees are languishing in camps, relying on international aid or struggling to support themselves in host countries where jobs are scarce.

But in Iraq’s semi-autonomous Kurdish region, where a quarter of a million Syrians are living among 5 million Iraqis, refugee women like Abdullah have found decent work.

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1 in 4 U.S. renters must use half their pay for housing costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one in four U.S. renters have to use at least half their family income to pay for housing and utilities.

That’s the finding of an analysis of Census data by Enterprise Community Partners, a non-profit that helps finance affordable housing. The number of such households has jumped 26 percent to 11.25 million since 2007.

Since the end of 2010, rental prices have surged at nearly twice the pace of average hourly wages, according to data from the real estate firm Zillow and the Labor Department. “It means making really difficult trade-offs,” said Angela Boyd, a vice president at Enterprise Community Partners. “There are daily financial dilemmas about making their rent or buying groceries.”

The crisis reflects one of the shortcomings of the recovery from the Great Recession: Income has failed to match rent increases. At the same time, construction has failed to keep pace with demand from renters. The recession pushed more millennials, former homeowners who

More than 30 percent of renters in California, Florida, New Jersey and New York state devote at least half their incomes to housing and utilities, according to the analysis. Other than Alaska, South Dakota and Wyoming, at least 20 percent of renters in every state face similarly high costs relative to income.

faced foreclosure and low-wage workers into rental housing.

A result is that 2.3 million more families face pressures that leave them perilously close to homelessness. It’s a reality faced by Lisette Duarte, a 37-year-old living in a two-bedroom apartment with her family in northeast Los Angeles.

Duarte’s husband lost his job as an electrician more than three years ago. With both their son and daughter on the autistic spectrum and in need of care, he chose to stay at home while she worked a job requiring a 90-minute commute each way. The lost income forced them out of a three-bedroom house and eventually into a hotel, where vouchers over the course of five months helped them save for a security deposit for an apartment.

About a year ago, the

family moved into a two-bedroom apartment in the Highland Park neighborhood where Duarte had grown up. Two-bedrooms in that gentrifying community rent for an average of about \$1,600 a month, according to the online service Apartment List. The expense, along with utilities, consumes half of Duarte’s paycheck. The government defines housing costs in excess of 30 percent of income as burdensome.

The family relies on prepaid cellphones. They don’t dine out or go on vacations. Whatever extra income they have often goes for health care.

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ming, at least 20 percent of renters in every state face similarly high costs relative to income.

The analysis was developed for a “Make Room” awareness campaign sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners. As part of the campaign, pop stars such as Carly Rae Jepsen of “Call Me Maybe” fame, who sang for the Duartes, are performing concerts in the homes of financially distressed tenants.

Enterprise Community Partners’ analysis dovetails with findings from other organizations. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has estimated that 12 million renters and homeowners spend at least 50 percent of their income on housing.

And Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies found

in a 2013 report that roughly 27 percent of renters were devoting half their incomes to rent. Those levels were “unimaginable just a decade ago,” the report said.

Average hourly wages have risen just 2.1 percent in the past 12 months, according to the Labor Department, while rental prices have climbed 3.7 percent, Zillow said last week.

Many renters lack the income to pay the cost of maintaining and operating these buildings, said Barry Zigas, director of housing policy at the Consumer Federation of America and a trustee at the nonprofit Mercy Housing.

Mercy Housing has a portfolio of 12,000 units for low-income people and senior citizens. It costs an average of roughly \$500 a month to manage each unit, Zigas said. A monthly rent of \$500 would mean that anyone working full time for a minimum wage would devote more than a third of his or her income to housing.

Either the tenants must fork over a greater share of their pay each

year or landlords may let buildings fall into disrepair.

“Low-income renters are getting caught in a total squeeze play, as are the owners of the properties,” Zigas said.

The Great Recession caused waves of foreclosures and layoffs that pushed more Americans into renting. More than 36 percent of people now rent, compared with 31 percent before the recession began in late 2007. The increased demand has yet to be matched by construction and renovations.

In March, the National Low Income Housing Coalition reported a shortage of 7.1 million apartments for low-income renters. The shortages are most pronounced in Nevada, California, Arizona, Oregon, Florida, Colorado and Utah.

Construction firms are building apartment complexes at an annual pace of roughly 321,333 this year, according to the Commerce Department.

The rising rental prices suggest that construction hasn’t kept pace with demand, according to economists.

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Survey
Date: Jan. 22, 2015

Grantor: Manuel Martinez and Lori Martinez
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Property: Lot 21, block 8, Suburban Heights addition
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Grantee: Maricela Apodaca Nino
Property: Lots 4-7, block 3, original town of Coahoma
Date: April 10, 2015

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Grantee: Sharon Childs, Dewey Dwayne Hodnett, Suzanne Huitt and Patricia Lynn Hall
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Date: April 16, 2015

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News in brief

Texas’ good rains benefit lake levels statewide

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Restaurant owner Kelly Duncan gazes incredulously at a full Lake Lavon. Three months ago, this lake northeast of Dallas was half-full. Good rainfalls in March and April brought big changes — the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released water this week from the full lake to reduce flood risk. “I forgot what it looked like when it was full,” the 59-year-old owner of Big Daddy’s Roadhouse BBQ said. “It’s looking really good.” Statewide, estimates from the National Weather Service indicate the first four months of this year have been the fifth wettest since 1895 and the wettest since 1997. So far this year, estimates show the state has gotten 11.5 inches of precipitation, or about 160 percent of the normal 7.1 inches. March and April each provided 200 percent of the state’s normal rainfall. And the news going forward is good. A weaker-than-anticipated El Nino that brought with it rain, snow and sleet to Texas is expected to persist and intensify through next winter. This summer’s temperatures may be the lowest since 2007-2008, according to state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammons, which could lead to less evaporation from lakes, weather officials said. Also, the state’s wettest two months — May and June — are still ahead.

Federal judge upholds Texas’ Alamo trademark

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that as the owner of the Alamo, the state of Texas also owns the shrine’s image and can challenge those who use its likeness. The San Antonio Express-News reports the judge signed a court order Thursday restricting two beer makers from using images the Texas General Land Office said infringed on the state’s Alamo trademark. Texas General Land Commissioner George P. Bush said the decision “ensures that commercial use of the Alamo is protected from improper use in order to preserve the honor of our beloved Alamo.” Last year, Alamo Beer Company of San Antonio filed a lawsuit against Old 300 Brewing, which operates as Texian Brewing in Richmond, claiming trademark infringement occurred with the use of the Alamo on products and promotional materials. The lawsuit claimed “Texian Brewing’s overall commercial impression through use of the Alamo outline/silhouette is an effort to capitalize on the significant goodwill developed by Alamo Beer since 1997.” The Land Office intervened leading to the ruling. The court order permanently enjoins and restrains the companies from using “any other mark

or name confusingly similar” to those trademarked by the state. The Land Commission says it does not oppose the use of the word “Alamo” with products or services as long as images of the roofline design of the building are not used.

Prosecutor: Hit list found in case of Iranian activist death

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas investigators have uncovered a hit list in the case of a Jordanian man accused of fatally shooting a female Iranian activist, prosecutors said Friday. The disclosure came during a court hearing for Shmou Ali Alrawabdeh, 37, who with her husband, Ali Awad Mahmoud Irsan, are charged in the 2012 death of activist Gelerah Begherzadeh. Investigators say Irsan was enraged Begherzadeh helped his daughter, who considered her a best friend, abandon his stern Islamic teachings and marry Coty Beavers, a Christian. Prosecutors told State District Judge Jan Krocker that Alrawabdeh was in the front passenger seat of the family car on the night Irsan killed Begherzadeh, 30, as she drove toward her parents’ home in January 2012. They also say Alrawabdeh overheard Irsan’s harassing telephone calls to Bagherzadeh. Irsan, 57, is charged with capital murder in the slayings of the activist and Beavers, who was found shot dead in the apartment he shared with Irsan’s daughter, Nesreen Irsan, in November 2012. Krocker asked Harris County prosecutor Tammy Thomas why witnesses against the woman were not being identified in court. Thomas cited the discovery of the list, which she said contained the names of such witnesses as homicide investigators, a federal agent and Beavers’ relatives.

Hundreds in Austin march to protest death in Baltimore

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — About 200 demonstrators marched and rallied in downtown Austin to protest police brutality after the death of a black man in Baltimore police custody. The demonstrators closed Congress Avenue Bridge with their numbers Friday, but police blocked them from marching onto Interstate 35 at Sixth Street. The protesters chanted such slogans as “1-2-3-4 Austin stands with Baltimore” and “Our solution — revolution.” There were no reports of disturbances or arrests. The demonstration came in response to the death of Freddie Gray, who died after his spine had been severed while in Baltimore police custody. Charges against six officers were announced Friday.

Houston-area man gets 10 years in prison for child porn

HOUSTON (AP) — A suburban Houston man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for possessing

more than 50,000 images and 1,300 videos of child pornography. The sentence Friday following the conviction of 53-year-old Glenn Casey Portwood is the maximum prison term U.S. District Judge Gray Miller could impose. Portwood also has been ordered to pay \$5,000 to a child pornography victim, will be on probation once he completes his prison sentence and must register as a sex offender. Prosecutors say he was discovered sharing pornography through online software. Federal agents obtained a search warrant and seized a backpack of videos from the trunk of his car and two computers and external hard drives. Some of the children on the images were only 1 to 3 years old.

US oil and natural gas rig count drops by 27 to 905

(AP) — Oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. says the number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. declined by 27 this week to 905 amid depressed oil prices. Houston-based Baker Hughes said Friday that 679 rigs were seeking oil and 222 explored for natural gas. Four were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago, 1,854 rigs were active. Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas lost 13 rigs; Oklahoma lost seven; New Mexico and Pennsylvania were each down two; and Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas and Louisiana were each down one. North Dakota and Wyoming each gained one rig. California, Colorado, Ohio, Utah and West Virginia were unchanged. The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

2 North Carolina men arrested in Texas in \$500,000 pot bust

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Two North Carolina men have been arrested during a traffic stop in the Texas Panhandle after authorities say they found marijuana worth nearly \$500,000 and hashish valued at more than \$42,000 in their car. Texas Department of Public Safety officials say 22-year-old Cody Allen Hill and 27-year-old Justin Bay Salmeron, both of Wilmington, North Carolina, have been booked into the Carson County Jail on charges of possession and delivery of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully carrying a weapon. Besides the drugs, a state trooper who pulled them over Thursday on Interstate 40 for a traffic violation found a .25-caliber handgun. Investigators say the men were travelling from Bakersfield, California to Wilmington. The marijuana was found in 21 vacuum-sealed bags. The hashish was in seven similar bags.



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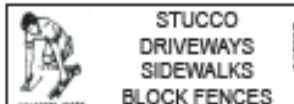
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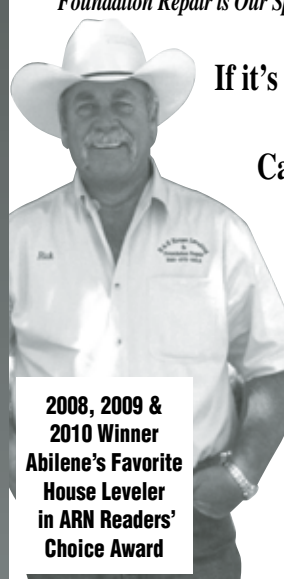
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9	3	2	7	4	5	8	6	1
5	7	6	8	1	3	4	9	2
3	4	9	5	6	1	2	8	7
8	1	5	2	3	7	6	4	9
2	6	7	4	8	9	1	3	5
4	9	8	1	5	2	3	7	6
7	2	3	6	9	4	5	1	8
6	5	1	3	7	8	9	2	4

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		7	6				4	
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	1	5		2			6	
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Full Scorpio Moon
Have you ever seen a film in which the entire world gets blown to bits, and yet you leave the theater unable to remember any major plot points? The Scorpio full moon isn't that. It's more like the art film about nothing much that you can't stop thinking about for years to come. The Scorpio full moon is about the small big events -- no pyrotechnics.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone steered you wrong, and now that you realize it, you can take back the wheel and get on track. There's no time for placing blame -- you have too much ground to cover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Happiness and risk go together today. You won't be content unless you're on the verge of the unknown. Of all the different varieties of risk, social risk will take the most courage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've learned that trying to get along with everyone all of the time can only lead to inconsistencies. Telling the truth is just easier. Better to disappoint through honesty than to please through lies.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're wondering why sitting around makes you so uncomfortable, it's because you are a storehouse of knowledge and creativity and are bursting with ideas. You're ready to get up, out and on with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Halfhearted whims and casual interests are not enough to make wishes come true. You will do exactly what you wish to do as long as your wish is strong enough to carry you through to the realization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the situation gets tough, the tough don't fret and fume -- that only makes things worse. You prove your exceptional character by not only taking things on, but also by doing so without complaint.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stolen moments of time add up. You could learn something remarkable, like a

language or a musical instrument, with a short period of daily practice, and this is a fine day to start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your social instincts will be even keener than usual. You'll meet new people and get an immediate sense of how well you'll get along and where to take the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will feel like the people around you are working just to make you happy. Maybe they are, or maybe your needs happen to line up precisely with what they most want to deliver. Either way, you win.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing is inherently good or bad, beautiful or ugly. You decide. However you see it, it will broaden your mind to challenge yourself to also see it the other way, if only for a moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are times when it's best to stay put and beckon the thing you want to come to you. Then there are times to pursue. Your cosmic gift is an instinct for whether to stay or go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). First impressions, though they are sometimes wrong, are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to erase. It's one more reason to put time and thought into your presentation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 3). Your idols may fall this year, and that's just what idols do, but no one can take away what you've learned. Bonus: The qualities you admired in the first place are inside of you. June shows you developing potential through a study. July is romantic, and love will guide your choices. November is for doing your family duty. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 2, 22, 48 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: While Venus is still in Gemini (through Wednesday), infatuation is the main event, but on Thursday, when she moves into Cancer, it's a vertical drop into the abyss of

goopy romance. Venus in Cancer has one question on her mind: "How deep is your love?" Falling in love is often described in terms befitting the Millennium Force rollercoaster -- a thrilling, stomach-dropping, scary life-shakeup. The next four weeks are filled with emotional tests that flash on the mental screen like an Internet quiz. Would you rather be with the other person than be alone? Is he or she the first person you think about? Do you prioritize this person's needs above your own? And, in the spirit of mutuality, do these statements also work in reverse?

Saturday brings a square of Mercury and Neptune representing a miscommunication of dreams and intentions that hits at a soul-level. Go carefully, be nice, and don't put anything in writing you wouldn't want broadcasted across the sky. This is no time to stir the pot.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Outlaw country artist Eric Church was born when the sun and Mercury were in Taurus -- a good placement for country-music crooners since Taurus is a down-to-earth energy symbolized by the bull (ideal for cowboys) and the sign that rules the voice. His moon and Uranus in Scorpio brings the energy of a rebel who can relate to "The Outsiders," which is also the name of his fourth album.

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The Hidden Power of a Pass

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♥ Q 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ 9 8 7 5 3
WEST
♦ K 7 6
♥ 10 7 6 5 4
♦ 10 6
♣ A Q 2
EAST
♦ Q J 10 9 8 4 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ K J 10 6
SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K J 9 3 2
♦ A K 8 7 5 3
♣ 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	Dble
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

One of the hardest words in bridge to say, it seems, is "pass." There is no way of knowing how many thousands of points are lost, hand after hand, as a result of the injudicious use of bids other than pass when the latter action is called for.

Consider this deal, from a tournament, where West failed to utter the magic word. The bidding began when East, taking advantage of the favorable vulnerability, opened with

four spades.
This posed a difficult problem for South. Certainly he had to bid something with his fine hand, but the question of what to bid was not easy to answer. He didn't need much from his partner to make a slam, but he was afraid to jump to six hearts or six diamonds for fear he might choose the wrong suit.
So he overcalled with five hearts, hoping he'd get a chance to name diamonds later. This turned out to be the case when West bid five spades, and South then properly overrode his partner's double to bid six diamonds.
West passed, and North, seeking the maximum score, corrected to six hearts. When this rolled around to West, he chose to double instead of pass.
West led the ace of clubs and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed and led a low heart. After West played low, South, mindful of the double, finessed the eight, correctly deciding that West had all five missing trumps. The rest was easy, and South made the slam after drawing trumps.
It is possible that declarer would have finessed the eight anyway, but the double drew a diagram for South that could hardly be misread. West should have been satisfied with the six-heart contract and maintained a stoic silence.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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For 100 years, celebrities have helped urge animal kindness



BY SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — These days, people pay piles of cash to pamper their pets, but problems remain on the farm and in the slaughterhouse, on movie sets and at animal shelters — even in the wild.

That's why the American Humane Association is touting its past to move animal welfare forward. It's celebrating 100 years of Be Kind to Animals Week, which draws celebrities, politicians and everyday enthusiasts each May to raise awareness about the plight of animals.

Day spas and designer duds for dogs are the norm now, but inhumane treatment springs up in places from puppy mills to jungles, where animals are killed for their tusks or pelts. In ways, there's more work to do than when kindness week started in 1915.

Celebrities have asked people to combat different problems throughout the years, and history shows notables from Eleanor Roosevelt to Shirley Temple and John Wayne have a soft spot for helping animals.

No star is taking the lead this year, but the week will be expanded, lasting through 2015. Association leaders will make television appearances, hold open houses and provide materials to teach children compassion.

An interactive retrospective about the week's history will appear online, and the group will tour schools with its traveling museum and a fleet of famed Red Star Rescue trucks used to save animals during disasters.

"It warms my heart because here we are, just as relevant today as we were 100 years ago," said association President and CEO Robin Ganzert.

The group urges Americans to take a pledge on Kindness100.org to help animals by purchasing humanely raised eggs, meat and dairy; getting a pet from a shelter to cut down on euthanasia; watching movies featuring the "No Animals Were Harmed" end credit; and visiting zoos and aquariums to learn about wildlife conservation.

A century ago, the kindness celebration started amid World War I and the toll it took on horses. Before the war ended in 1918, 10 million horses would die on European battlefields.

Over the years, celebrities showcased different ways to help animals:

- In 1936, Shirley Temple asked people to watch out for animals crossing the road.
- In 1966, "Bonanza" star Lorne Green urged Americans to look out for "dognappers" and cattle rustlers.
- In 1972, comedienne Carol Burnett aimed to teach families, especially children, how to take care of newly adopted pets.
- In 1982, actor Clint Eastwood, an Oscar-winning producer and director, emphasized the importance of safety for entertainment animals. "I won't allow a scene where animals are mistreated. I won't tolerate it and never have. There's no movie that's worth it," he said.

The campaign has faced opposition when many thought the focus should be on people, not pets, including during World War II.

"I believe there is great value in continuing to train children in the proper attitude toward their pets," first lady Eleanor Roosevelt countered in her syndicated newspaper column on April 13, 1943.

Learning compassion at a young age took root for veterinarian Marty Becker, who has taught millions of children about animals on "Good Morning America" and "The Dr. Oz Show."

Growing up on a small Idaho farm, he had to collect eggs from the chickens before school. It took too long and he got pecked too much, so Becker tried scaring the chickens away to make it easier.

"It worked really good. They flew off the nesting boxes," he said.

But his father found out and laid in wait, giving Becker the same scare he'd given the chickens. "I'm teaching him that animals deserve the same compassion as people."

Kayaking class available at Lake Colorado City

By Lyndel Moody

Lake Colorado City State Park will be holding basic kayaking class again this year.

When: Lake Colorado City State Park, 4582 F.M. 2836

Where: May 23, 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Phone: 325-728-3931

On Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., instructors will teach basic skills for kayaking and canoeing. Space is limited and participants must sign up ahead of time as seating is limited. There is no program fee for this class but entrance fees of \$4 per adult to the park are required. Children 12 years of age are younger are admitted free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no



charge.

Personal flotation devices are available at the park but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible. Kayaks and canoes will be available or participants can bring their own.

For any additional information or to register, please call the state park office 325-728-3931.

Many 8th graders score poorly on US history, civics exam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time for another history lesson.

Only about a quarter of eighth graders showed solid performance or better in U.S. history, civics and geography on tests known as the Nation's Report Card.

The 2014 results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress released Wednesday were similar to those four years ago when the assess-

ments were last administered. Students did better overall in U.S. history and civics than their peers in the 1990s when the tests were first given, but geography scores have remained stagnant since 1994.

Among the findings: Less than half — 45 percent — of eighth-grade respondents were able to correctly interpret time differences using an atlas with time zones. Only about a third knew that "the government of the

United States should be a democracy" is a political belief shared by most people in the U.S.

Michelle Herczog, president of the National Council for the Social Studies, said the results "point to a need for immediate action." Tackling issues like terrorism, human rights, race relations and poverty require a deep understanding of the historical and geographic context, she said.



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