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Obituaries

Rayford Glenn Harrison

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the loss of Rayford Glenn Harrison, who passed on April 27, 2016, at the age of 74. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2016, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Rayford was born in Big Spring, Texas in 1941 to Alvie and Dollie Harrison, who preceded him in death. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. Professionally, he was a construction supervisor whose true talent and passion was restoring life to old buildings. Some of his projects included, Big Spring Fire Station No. 1 and training tower, Western Container, Hangar 25, the District Court building and the McConnell house in Stanton, Texas.

Rayford also served in his church valiantly and faithfully for over 48 years.

Wanda Deel

Wanda Deel, 68, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 29, 2016, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Wanda was born Dec. 8, 1947 in Farmersville, La. and married Darrell Deel Feb. 12, 1965 in Big Spring. She worked

In his personal life, he never fit neatly into one category. There was none big enough to hold him. He was a loving husband, provider and protector to his wife. He was a giant among men to his sons. He was a hero to his daughters. He was a legend to his grandchildren. He was a strength to his friends. He was an all-around great man and it was an honor to have known and loved him in this life.

Rayford is mourned by his wife of 54 years and eternal love, Janie; seven children, Phillip Harrison, Lila and James King, Melissa and Dan Vernon, Wesley and Jena Harrison, Heath and Stephanie Harrison, Sarah and Justin Little, Micah and Heidi Harrison; and 17 grandchildren.

We are greatly comforted by the knowledge of a loving Savior, Jesus Christ, and in knowing that families can be together forever. We will meet again, joyfully, on the other side.

Memorials can be sent to The Salvation Army, 511 W. Sixth St., Big Spring, Texas 79720

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

Paid obituary

for more than 30 years for the Big Spring Independent School District.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell Deel; two daughters, Teresa Rangel and Pamela Karwegsky both of Big Spring; and three sisters, Betty Morin of Midland, Tena Henkel of Irving, and Heather Maxie Lonidier of Montana.

Wanda was preceded in death by two sons, Jim Deel and Robert Deel; mother, Louise Lonidier; step-father, James Lonidier; father, A. P. Welch; and three grandchildren.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID GONZALES JR.**, 19, of 102 NW 4th St. was arrested on a warrant for expired driver's license, bail jumping/failure to appear and violation of driver's license restrictions.
- **TYLAR MORGANMAREE HALE**, 17, of 1214 Lloyd Ave. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **AMANDA SUE HUDGINS**, 29, of 1405 E. 14th St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **FRANCISCO GENE REYES**,

24, of 2504 Joann Drive was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

- **DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of S. Adams Street.
- **THEFTS** were reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported at the intersection of 15th Street and Runnels, at the

intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road and at 2500 Merrily Drive.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 21st Street and Gregg.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **D O M E S T I C DISTURBANCES** were reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th Street and the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous 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.

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.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

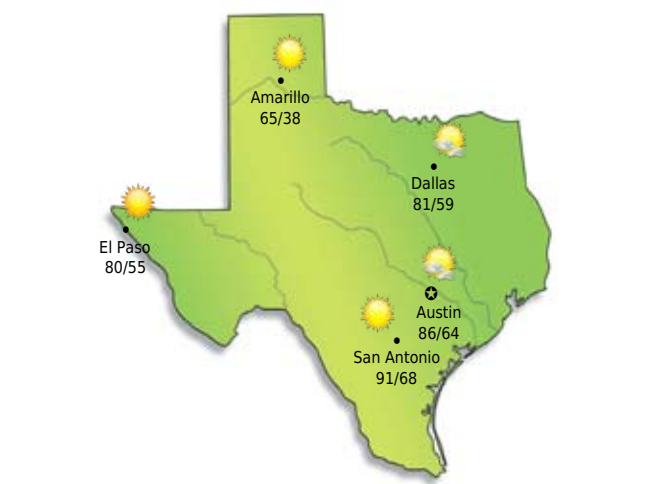
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sun 5/1	Mon 5/2	Tue 5/3	Wed 5/4	Thu 5/5
 64/48	 65/45	 72/48	 80/53	 85/58
Partly cloudy and windy during the morning. Cloudy with diminishing winds in the afternoon. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 64F. Winds ENE at 20 to 30 mph.	Light rain in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
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: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	53	Sunny	Kingsville	89	74	Cloudy
Amarillo	65	38	Sunny	Livingston	87	67	T-Storms
Austin	86	64	P Cloudy	Longview	83	62	Sunny
Beaumont	82	70	Cloudy	Lubbock	75	48	P Cloudy
Brownsville	89	76	Cloudy	Lufkin	84	65	T-Storms
Brownwood	80	55	P Cloudy	Midland	86	58	Sunny
Corpus Christi	86	75	Cloudy	Raymondville	94	76	Cloudy
Corsicana	81	59	M Cloudy	Rosenberg	85	71	Cloudy
Dallas	81	59	Cloudy	San Antonio	91	68	M Sunny
Del Rio	92	67	Sunny	San Marcos	88	65	Sunny
El Paso	80	55	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	58	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	88	60	Sunny	Sweetwater	77	53	Sunny
Gainesville	77	52	M Cloudy	Tyler	82	62	P Cloudy
Greenville	79	56	Cloudy	Weatherford	79	55	M Cloudy
Houston	86	71	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	76	52	M Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	M Sunny	Miami	84	75	M Cloudy
Boston	55	45	Sunny	Minneapolis	60	42	Cloudy
Chicago	51	46	Cloudy	New York	60	50	Cloudy
Dallas	81	59	Cloudy	Phoenix	84	61	P Cloudy
Denver	42	32	Cloudy	San Francisco	74	57	Clear
Houston	86	71	Cloudy	Seattle	66	48	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	70	54	Cloudy	Saint Louis	75	55	T-Storms

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 14	Apr 22	Apr 30	May 6

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COLLEGE

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oners in action as they learned skills in the vocational trades program. Among the dignitaries on the tour was U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Koeing of U.S. District Court of North District of Texas.

According to Fabian Serrano, Howard College director of correctional studies, FCI-Big Spring has one of the largest vocational trades program within the BOP system. To complete an introductory vocational course, inmates must have 360 instructional hours and additional 100 more for completion of an advanced course, Serrano told the crowd during the morning presentation.

FCI-Big Spring also offers courses in building trades;

heating, ventilation and air conditioning; computer basic skills; building maintenance; masonry; green construction; electrical; plumbing; wind energy; soldering; commercial food maintenance; and horticulture.

The aim of the program is to teach inmates marketable skills to help them find employment when they transition back into the community and to lower the prison system's recidivism rates. In 2013, the Rand Corporation — a think-tank funded by the U.S. government, private endowments, corporations, and individuals — released findings from a study on the effectiveness of educational and vocational training courses for prisoners. It stated "inmates who receive general education and vocational training are significantly less

likely to return to prison after release and are more likely to find employment than peers who do not receive such opportunities."

The study found prisoners who participated in educational programs "have 43 percent lower odds to return to prison than those who do not," and had a 13 percent higher chance to find employment after release. Inmates who receive vocational trades training were 28 percent more likely to find employment after release than those who do not, the study stated.

Besides its partnership with Howard College for vocational trades courses, the FCI-Big Spring also offers several educational courses such as General Education Diploma (GED) studies and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The visitors also

toured these class facilities briefly Wednesday.

Inmates nearing release may also use Job View, a computer program that prison officials describe as "an ATM for job searches," that allow inmates to search for employment near the area they will be released.

During the program, seven inmates read testimonials on the impact the vocational trades program has had on their hopes for employment following release. The prisoners, ranging in age and educational level, had the same message: "This was my first offense, and thanks to my vocational training, it will be my last."

After recounting the history of both Howard College and the FCI to the crowd gathered for the presentation, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl

Sparks spoke directly to the prisoners in the room.

"You have an opportunity to change your life," she said. "You have an opportunity to change the life around you. You are leaders because you have made the decision to prepare for living on the outside.... We know that when you walk in here you are trying to walk right back out. This is why we are here to help you."

FCI-Big Spring is a low-security facility which also includes a minimum security satellite camp adjacent to the facility. FCI-Big Spring was established as a minimum security work camp in 1979 and the prison houses more than 1,200 male inmates.

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RITCHEY

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High School, which served sixth and seventh graders. He became the assistant principal at BSHS under Kent Bowerman in 1998 and was named high school principal in 2002. With the exception of one semester in 2008-2009 when he took over the position of Athletic Director, Ritchey has served in the principal's position until now. In fact, the majority of his educational career as

been in the Big Spring ISD school system with the exception of a one-year stint at Midland's Lee High School.

Ritchey credits his early teachers, coaches and his mother, Jo Ann Ritchey, a long time Big Spring ISD teacher, as the major influence in his decision to choose a career in education.

"They really inspired me to become an educator. In fact, I never thought about becoming an administrator until Kent Bowerman encouraged me to get an administration certificate and principalship cer-

tificate," Ritchey said.

He also gives credit to the many teachers and administrators who helped mentored him throughout his career.

"Royce Cox was very influential," Ritchey said. "He was a principal. He once told me to be a good educator you need to be a good listener and to care."

As for future plans, Ritchey said he and his brother Phillip, who just retired from Big Spring ISD as the athletic director, and his brother-in-law are considering creating a partnership and returning to educa-

tion.

"We all feel like we are called to teach, and we just want to serve educators," Ritchey said. "We are still trying to figure that out as we go along."

As for now, Ritchey said he and his wife, Robin, are looking forward to spending more time with their new granddaughter, but he added part of his heart will always remain at the high school.

"There will not be a day that goes by when I won't think of 'dear old Big Spring High, keep the black and gold sa-

cred unto thee,'" Ritchey said, quoting part of the Big Spring High School song.

Ritchey said his retirement will take effect following May graduation ceremonies.

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VOTING

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The four positions up for election are all contested. Long-time trustee Michael Flores and Steve Escanuelas are vying for the Precinct 1 position. Both Mark Morgan and Greg Moore are hoping to earn their first term on the board in the Precinct 2 race.

The two at-large positions drew three candidates Adriel Saldivar, Ryan Williams, who were both appointed to the position earlier this year, and Patricia Bennett.

Early voting continues at the Howard County Election Administration Office located on the first floor of the County Courthouse building. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday and 7

a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Election Day is Saturday, May 7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Where Texas became Texas

It was quite an honor to be asked to narrate the re-enactment of the 17-day convention leading up to Texas declaring its independence from Mexico. The re-enactment occurred at Washington on the Brazos State Historic site the weekend of March 5 and 6. Steve Haley, a lawyer from Brenham, pared down the hour and a half script used in previous years to a 30 version titled BIRTH OF A REPUBLIC. It was performed in the amphitheater twice on Saturday and once on Sunday. It was a record turnout at the park, with 8,500 people attending the Texas Independence day celebrations.

The six actors wore authentic costumes of the period and the oratory flowed just as it did 180 years ago. Perhaps the most dramatic scene was when a rider on horseback came in with the news that the Alamo had fallen.

The convention opened on March 1, 1836 in a small unfin-

ished building, the only building big enough in the new city of Washington to house the deliberations. Washington was chosen as the site because city fathers agreed to provide the hall at no charge. One of the early settlers, Dr. Asa Hoxey, chose to name the settlement after his hometown of Washington, Ga.

The 59 elected delegates voted to declare independence from Mexico on March 2. During the 17 days of the convention, they adopted a constitution and organized an interim government. During the convention, Mexican General Santa Anna was attacking the Alamo. When it became apparent that the Mexican Army was advancing in the direction of Washington, the convention ended and the delegates, along with the citizens of Washington, fled to safety. They returned after Sam Houston's volunteer army defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto on April 21. Washington town leaders lobbied to have their city named capital of the republic but Waterloo was chosen instead. The name was later changed to Austin.

A replica of Independence Hall has been erected at Washington

on the Brazos (to differentiate from Washington on the Potomac) State Historic Site. Every Texan should stand in that building and realize what occurred there. The park also has the Star of the Republic Museum, which addresses the years of the Texas Republic, 1836 to 1845.

More than 100,000 people visit the park annually. It is located between Navasota and Brenham in a rural setting. The Alamo, located in downtown San Antonio, gets several times more visitors than WOTB, but the park association is working to make more people aware of the significant history there. The park is open seven days a week. As part of the Independence Day celebration, the names of the 59 delegates are read aloud. Their descendants, who have been invited, cheer when they hear their forefather's name called. The entire weekend features all kinds of entertainment. Next year you should dress up in Texas pioneer clothes and go there.

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My, how we rant on

Asking folks to stop and think seems pointless these days. Most won't. A while back, I stopped momentarily when an overheard conversational snippet made me smile. Someone said, "Too much is being said these days far too often about far too little."

Maybe closer examination of the statement is warranted. It may come close to painting a picture of a muddled world bombarded daily by noise by the ton and meaningful articulation by the ounce.

Oh, I doubt that it merits publication in the book of world-famous quotes. It probably won't even appear on a little hand-painted art piece to hang on grandma's wall, unless it's made at vacation Bible school.

It may be worthy, though, of filing away with other gems for offspring to consider when they think adding "as my old momma always said" seems to legitimize whatever they're claiming.

Upon hearing a "momma claim" such as "a stitch in time saves nine," I wonder how many offspring think it was actually their moms who originated the proverb.

My 103-year-old Uncle Mort dominated a free-wheeling discussion erupting the other day down at the general store in the thicket. It started, as most of them do, when claims grew anvil-hot about cheating at the domino table.

Nostrils flared, fingers pointed and nose hair stiffened in a melee with a hubbub soon equal-

ing the decibels of a presidential debate. Clearly, three of the wheels of reason had fallen off, and the fourth was wobbling.

Just as things were about to get physical, combatants quietened, seemingly open to Mort's claim to "know what's wrong with the world."

They shuffled the dominos for a new game, pondering Mort's sweeping claim that many of the hurts of the world would go away "if we didn't have so blamed many things that plug in."

"What doesn't plug in requires batteries that have chargers that do," he gruffed.

As the others pondered Mort's mentions, he "muddled up" the conversation with the claim that coloring books are making a comeback because adults are taking to them. "And please take note that so far, none of the coloring books plug in."

Such logic provides faint hope for the return of intrigue to simpler things, like the wonderment of listening to seashells, studying fireflies in flight or watching morning glories yawn their way to slumber at day's end.

We might hope that more people would strike "right quick" or "quick now" from common conversational usage.

Must everything be done quickly? Too often I hear prayers begun thusly: "Quick now, let's pray." It's as though if we don't pray quickly, our petitions may be too far down the list to be heard.

Yearnings for simplification make me want to find old Ma and Pa Kettle movies. Only those long of tooth saw them in first runs.

They starred Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride, the former a raucous "in charge" woman,

and the latter a man of meekness. Nothing rattled Pa Kettle. (The "blankness" of his face wouldn't have changed if he had seen Niagara Falls run backwards or had learned postage stamps have decreased in price.)

Life does not need to speed through at full gallop. Moseying must also be included in more places than school zones.

Perhaps it is my dislike for so much "right quick" admonitions that causes me to re-think my current policy of watching TV only if recorded. Even 15-minute delays allow the skipping of commercials.

Someone pointed out that to miss commercials is to eliminate some of the best creativity on the "toob." Isn't this why many of us watch Super Bowls, mostly to check out new commercials?

What about the most clever "new word" in Southwest Airlines' ad campaign? Whoever came up with "transFAREncy" deserves a raise.

And kudos to DIRECTV and its vignettes of the frontier family, where the "man of the cabin" defends their TV cable hook-up because they are "settlers." These ads still bring smiles, even after viewing for the umpteenth time.

Wayda minute. I didn't intend to start "talking up" TV. It's one of the major offenders of the "plug-ins."

Now, where did I put that coloring book?

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City, college candidates address the issues

EDITOR'S NOTE: Candidates were asked to limit their responses to 300 words or less per question. In instances where answers exceeded that limit, responses were cut off at the end of the sentence preceding the word limit. Responses also were edited for typographical errors and punctuation.

Big Spring Mayor

Larry McLellan

Why are you running for office?

I want to be Mayor to continue addressing some major issues in Big Spring. For example, our infrastructure will always be an issue. Unfortunately, it is an expensive problem and the cost will only escalate the longer we wait to address the issue. We are fighting an uphill battle; we must continue to incorporate planning during annual budget workshops and address the growing needs annually because we waited to address the issue.

In the last two years, the city council has addressed our cost for sanitation and the landfill. We will open a new landfill that should serve our city and county residents for the next 100 years. This area of our infrastructure is now in an enterprise fund which allows the revenue to stay in this fund and the fees will fund the cost for many years.

The most important infrastructure issue we are facing is waterline replacement. It does not make sense to build new streets over inadequate and deteriorated waterlines. Our broken lines are affecting quality of life of citizens, our schools and colleges, as well as our businesses. Water line replacement is expensive; for example one million dollars will buy us approximately four city blocks. Some have said: "Do as much as you can during 'good times'"; however it is not going to get cheaper in the future. Those are our challenges; these are the exciting areas. A downtown area growing and vibrant and the heartbeat of our city. Restaurants, a park adjacent to the Settles and the Municipal Auditorium. More people walking and enjoying our downtown. A reliever route around our city will only enhance our potential.

In your opinion, how much impact will the downturn in the oil industry have on city finances? Do you anticipate having to increase taxes to offset lost revenues from other sources?

The downturn in the oil industry will certainly have an impact on our local economy. We are ex-

pecting our property valuations will decrease which will decrease tax revenue. Sales tax revenue will likely decrease as well. Motel tax is another area where we can expect a downturn in our revenue stream. We have already seen drops in motel tax of 30% and sales tax almost 16% in the last four months.

The city will continue to function with the same service levels while taking measures on hiring and keeping spending in check. My concern is that we might have to reduce the amount that we have been able to dedicate toward our infrastructure in the coming year.

At this time, it is hard to determine the changes we might need to make towards the tax rate in the coming year. One thing in our favor; the economy in Big Spring is more diversified which allows the city to function with revenue from multiple sources. There could be changes in our local economy in the coming months that could offset the decline we have seen recently in the oil industry.

Infrastructure, most notably in the area of streets and water and sewer lines, is a major concern of city residents. Are current city expenditures in this area adequate? If not, how do you propose to increase efforts in this regard?

I have addressed infrastructure in question one. It is the main reason I originally ran for the Mayor's office in 2013 and the reason I am running again. The infrastructure of a city is what makes it, in many ways, a good or bad place to live and work. It is the physical or structural part of the city. If a city's infrastructure is old or in decay, this makes these important systems unsafe, unattractive, or unreliable, and so the city is not such a great place to live and work. Our infrastructure was in much need of repairs and the city had not kept pace with the needed repairs.

Are current city expenditures adequate? No, but we are spending as much as we can afford based on our tax base and the tax levy. Big Spring could easily spend \$100 million on infrastructure in the area of streets, water, and sewer lines! The average outlays for streets, water, and sewer the last three years is approximately \$2.85 million; that's about \$8.5 million over the three years. At this rate, we

are looking at over twelve years of expenditures. During this time we will have to make additional repairs and upgrades to older existing infrastructure as we also contend with inflation.

For the city to attack this problem in a shorter time frame; the city will need to issue bonds to speed up the repairs and perhaps save money on the inflation cost. I believe this might be our best alternative to increase our efforts to catch up on these needed repairs.

Considering the up-and-down nature of the oil industry, what can city officials do on top of current efforts to attract non-oilfield-related business and industry to Big Spring?

Our number one weapon is our own Economic Development Corporation. The Economic Development Corporation's mission is to increase jobs in our city. If we look at our current economic situations in Big Spring we have to give credit to the actions of the EDC.

The development of railroad in the industrial park and the opening of the Reliever Route places us in a great position to attract businesses and good paying jobs in our city that are not oilfield related. This could help diversify our economy and buffer the economic swings in our city.

Additional actions of city officials includes maintaining the city's infrastructure and services, affordable housing, medical facilities and quality of life.

Shannon Thomason

Why are you running for office?

As a West Texan, I am a firm believer in the idea that government should be open, honest, and friendly. I feel, as many others do, that city government has become more closed, adversarial, and aloof during the last three years. This attitude must change in order to restore confidence in our city government. The citizens have to be made to feel welcome at city hall, after all, it belongs to them. The city has to throw open the doors and the books to the citizens so that all of the citizens can see exactly what

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of
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Pictured here with the
2016 John Deere Gator

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is going on in city government. The city must also be fully prepared to honestly answer any questions the citizens might have.

I come from a competitive service industry background. In my business, it isn't enough to just load people into an airplane and fly them somewhere, I have to gain their trust and confidence in my ability to get them from point A to point B safely, comfortably, and securely. You don't do that by being distant or aloof but by being open, honest, and personable about what is involved. You accomplish the same in city government. After all, we are all neighbors here and we have some of the friendliest folks in the state right here in our area. Why can't that be the order of the day at city hall?

I am running to restore confidence and trust in city government. I am not asking the citizens to trust me. On the contrary, I am challenging the citizens to watch me like a hawk! Our first duty as citizens of this great State and Nation is to keep our government honest and to elect officials who will respect us and value our rights as citizens.

In your opinion, how much impact will the downturn in the oil industry have on city finances? Do you anticipate having to increase taxes to offset lost revenues from other sources?

The downturn in the oil industry should not have had an impact on the city's finances to begin with. Granted, some increases had to be made in spending due to the inflation of certain costs of operating the city. However, the wise thing for the city to do would have been to plan spending based upon pre-2006 oil prices and property valuations, with adjustments for inflationary increases. Unfortunately, that didn't really happen.

Now, 10 years later, we are all having to tighten our belts and deal with the harsh reality: Oil booms come and go. The city is no different than the rest of us and has to face that fact.

I have absolutely no intention of increasing taxes. What I do intend to do is to make certain that every dime spent is for the support and betterment of the citizens of Big Spring. All of the citizens. I intend to make my focus on ensuring that infrastructure maintenance and repair is done and that essential city services are performed to the expectations of the citizens. Any expenditure beyond that will be met with a simple question: "How does it benefit the citizens?" If there isn't a clear and compelling answer to that question, I will oppose the expenditure.

Infrastructure, most notably in the area of streets and water and sewer lines, is a major concern of city residents. Are current city expenditures in this area adequate? If not, how do you propose to increase efforts in this regard?

Our aging infrastructure is of paramount importance to me. It is the physical foundation upon which this city is built. Unfortunately, the foundation is crumbling in more than a few spots.

I believe that our comprehensive infrastructure plans need to be revisited and be reworked into a realistic plan and timetable. These plans need to be open for public discussion and they need to make good sense. Once a plan is adopted, a map of planned improvements needs to be posted on the city's website for everyone to see, along with realistic timetables. If the city misses an estimated completion date, the city and the council has to explain why.

I believe city expenditures should be increased with regards to infrastructure spending, provided that spending on nonessential items be reduced to offset the increased spending on infrastructure items.

Considering the up-and-down nature of the oil industry, what can city officials do on top of current efforts to attract non-oilfield-related business and industry to Big Spring?

First of all, I believe that we need to get realistic about our chances of attracting major business and industry to our city. Texas is a great place for businesses to start or relocate to. As such, we are in competition with almost every other city in the state in trying to attract business to Big Spring. What we have to do is give the PEOPLE involved in those businesses compelling reasons to locate here. Simply throwing money at them won't cut it. Our streets and water need to be top notch. Our city needs to be clean and attractive. We need to have exemplary schools in order to attract families. We need to have a wide variety of activities and events to engage potential citizens. Luckily, we do have one resource that can make all of that happen.

Our PEOPLE!

I believe that we need to concentrate more on attracting and developing small and medium sized businesses to Big Spring. I have long said that I would rather see us give ten small businesses \$100,000 loans or grants than a single medium to large business a million dollars. It just makes sense. It diversifies our investment and spreads out our risk. It also makes us more attractive in the sense that most small businesses are more PEOPLE oriented whereas larger businesses tend to be more product oriented. That is not a criticism of larger businesses, by any means, but just the facts of the matter. Bear in mind that it isn't some nebulous business entity making a decision on whether or not to come to Big Spring. It is the PEOPLE involved with that business making the call.

In short, our city government needs to get back in the PEOPLE business.

City Council District 5

Raul Benavides

Why are you running for office?

I ran in 2013 because I wanted to be part of making a change in our then administration. I've always been active in the communities I lived in so this was no different. I've decided to run again to continue the positive changes we have made.

In your opinion, how much impact will the downturn in the oil industry have on city finances? Do you anticipate having to increase taxes to offset lost revenues from other sources?

For us that have lived in West Texas communities all of our lives, we knew this was coming. During our annual budget meetings, we have never used all of the sales tax revenue in the budget in preparation for this event. So, I do not expect a major impact to our tax rate.

Infrastructure, most notably in the area of streets and water and sewer lines, is a major concern of city residents. Are current city expenditures in this area adequate? If not, how do you propose to increase efforts in this regard?

Infrastructure is a major problem in our community. However, residents need to keep several things in mind. This city was designed for 50k+ people, and for years our population here was on the decline. With the falling tax base, our city officials had to balance the tax rate and maintain our infrastructure as much as possible. So today we find ourselves playing catch up and having to pay dearly for it. To make a significant difference with our infrastructure our city would have to pass a major bond to get this done at one time. #1, our city would never qualify for that amount of debt, and if we did, our tax rate would end up north of \$5. So as a city official, we have to balance the needs, wants, and cost of what our city needs are, and that has proven to be very hard to do.

Considering the up-and-down nature of the oil industry, what can city officials do on top of current efforts to attract non-oilfield-related business and industry to Big Spring?

Diversifying our economy is always a good thing, however, I believe the first thing we need is housing. We can't have workers with no place to live. We have made great strides in this area. With more housing permits issued in the last three to four years than the last 20 years combined, a completed condominium complex on 25th Street, and a 92 unit apartment complex going up on FM 700, this will help in that regard. I believe the EDC is working with a group to help market our airport with all the new rail lines that have gone in out there to help more distribution type companies to our area.

Becky Winters

Why are you running for office?

I was born in Big Spring. This city means so much to me. I want the opportunity to serve my friends and neighbors by being an advocate for them. I have no special interest or agenda. My only goal is to watch over the tax money of our citizens and to be a voice for them. I see Big Spring as a city with huge potential. I'd love to see us shine and prosper. I believe we have the right stuff. Give me an opportunity to bring this town together. I will serve my District and every citizen here in an open and pro active manner.

Say yes to the end of privileged government. And let's get back to "for the people, by the people."

In your opinion, how much impact will the downturn in the oil industry have on city finances? Do you anticipate having to increase taxes to offset lost revenues from other sources?

I do not believe we need an increase in taxes. We need to be more aware and plan on the oil industry fluctuations.. They have historically stayed the same. Up and down. City officials should know that. I do. So it should be part of the plan to be prepared. It may take a while and we might have to reevaluate some projects. But we can get to a place where those ups and downs are not budget shattering. We have been self employed for years and you have to plan for the future. Cities can do that, too.

Infrastructure, most notably in the area of streets and water and sewer lines, is a major concern of city residents. Are current city expenditures in this area adequate? If not, how do you propose to increase efforts in this regard?

Surely they are adequate! We have been dealing with these same problems for years and years. I would like to see what has actually been accomplished. And I would hope that the work that has been done is as least partly permanent improvement and not temporary. If the city could/would show the citizens the progress, I believe they would be less critical. Transparency in government is a must. It's the people's money. It is their property. It is their home. A workable plan should be formed and implemented with progress visible in each of these areas. I realize it is not simple. It is not impossible either. Perhaps even planning the required repairs one street at a time

Considering the up-and-down nature of the oil industry, what can city officials do on top of current efforts to attract non-oilfield-related business and industry to Big Spring?

There is always the complaint: nothing to do. Nowhere to eat. I feel that has improved. We have several new eating places. We have the Dessert Flower Art Gallery. However I understand the frustration. But I think the important thing here is new industry, new living wage jobs. We have so much land and we have people! Why do we not have new industry? We have an airport. We have the crossroads, literally, of West Texas.

We have an amazing junior college. We have a refinery. We have great public school system. Yes I like it. We have truck stops to help in the moving of goods.

Unfortunately, we also have very high rent. A high sales tax. High property tax. And we have bad roads. Undrinkable water.

And not a lot of monetary incentive to locate here.

Howard College At-Large

Patricia Bennett

Why are you running for office?

I recently retired after 32 years in education. First as a teacher, then as principal of Coahoma Elementary. With my background in teaching and administration, I bring applicable experience to the Howard College board. I understand and respect the role of the board of trustees. As a landowner and a taxpayer I understand the stewardship of taxpayers' money. With retirement, I am able to give back to a community that means a great deal to me.

With the continuing decline in state appropriation, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

The board has done an outstanding job dealing with the declining revenue and lower state appropriations. They have recently increased out-of-district tuition, no salary increase for 2015-2016, and a reduction of the workforce was implemented in 2015. Some areas to consider for increasing revenue would be exploring more grants and private funding and reaching out to area schools to increase enrollment. It will be a challenge but I have the knowledge and experience to assist Howard College in maintaining or even increasing revenue levels.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

Howard College offeres quality programs and services for area residents. Before discontinuing any courses, I would search for alternate funding and ways to increase declining enrollment. Encouraging high school students to enroll in dual credit courses is one way to increase enrollment. Recruiting students to the college is another area to explore. I would also take a closer look at departments to possibly cut expenditures.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

Howard College is an essential resource in our community. It works with high schools to provide students dual credit courses, a degree, or certification. Howard College enjoys a reputation for excellence in academics along with a strong athletic program. It offers a variety of outstanding programs of study. Yes, I believe the college does fulfill its role as a valuable resource for our community's residents.

Adriel Saldivar

Why are you running for office?

My roots on college education began with Howard College. I'm currently serving as an appointed Board of Trustee, and it will be an honor to continue representing my constituents by being elected to this role. I feel passionate and confident in serving the community. My diverse work experience has given me the opportunity to serve the Board of Trustees from three publicly traded companies and several private law firms. Therefore, I ask the citizens of Big Spring to consider me as their new voice with a new vision and continued leadership.

With the continuing decline in state appropriations, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

In order to maintain current revenue levels, it is imperative that we closely monitor and evaluate Howard College's operational budget based on revenue, costs, and expenditures with our campuses in Big Spring, San Angelo, Lamesa, and SWCID. Additional support in maintaining revenue levels are resources such as state grants and private donations.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

At this point, it's premature in considering eliminating non-essential courses or services. Higher education is a countercyclical industry and reacts to demographic and economic strains and it becomes noticeable with increased student enrollment. I'm basing this on the current oil and gas recession that could possibly last two or three years. An overview as such would need further evaluation if it financially burdens Howard College's budget.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

I believe 70 years of community service in Howard County speaks for itself. In celebration of 70 years Howard College continues to strive as an educational model for our community with a strong foundation in transfer education, terminal degrees, workforce training and continuing education.

Ryan Williams

Why are you running for office?

I am running for office because I want to be able to serve the residents of Howard County. I have seen first hand how education and career development can improve the lives of students and their families. I had the honor to attend Howard College's Award Banquet in mid-April. I was overwhelmed and overjoyed seeing the pride and elation on our students' faces as their hard work and determination were recognized in front of family, friends, faculty, and staff. It was really a special and humbling night.

I realize the many advantages that Howard College brings to both our residents and economy. I know that my long heritage in Howard County, my love of education, my relationships with taxpayers, and my ability to reason logically would make me an ideal trustee. Having been selected by the current board is a testament to their faith in my abilities, and I am asking the voting public of Howard County to allow me the privilege to continue to

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serve our citizens.

With the continuing decline in state appropriation, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

Our Texas economy has outperformed the rest of the nation over the last several years, attracting businesses and workers alike. A booming economy, though, poses many budgeting challenges as needs for health and social services grows with our population. Our legislators have kept their promises to keep taxes low in Texas. For the last several years, they have cut funding to community colleges to maintain a balanced budget. I believe that community colleges are valuable assets that need to be supported.

How, then does the college maintain revenues? Our only options are increasing the tax burden on local residents, increasing tuition and fees, or increasing the number of students that enroll.

In an ideal situation, enrollment by high school graduates would be near 100%. More students mean that fewer funds are needed from taxpayers. I would love to see more local youth learning real-world skills and trades through Howard College. More of our college-age children that want advanced degrees need to take advantage of the savings that Howard College offers. Perhaps Howard College needs to expand their curricula to keep up with the demands in our local economy. I know that in the medical field, where I work, there are great demands for skilled professionals.

All of our public universities receive some state appropriations, and as Americans we have decided that educating our citizens is a worthy investment. If our legislators decide that they don't want the State of Texas to "pony up," then they pass those investment obligations to local taxpayers.

I would like to see the appropriations for community colleges in Texas bolstered by all Texans (lessening the taxes of communities that host the college) as many graduates go on to strengthen our great state's work force.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

I am still not familiar with all of the courses and services offered by Howard College, but I cannot see how cutting anything could be justified. There are many students with a multitude of interests attending Howard College. Many of our local business rely on Howard College graduates and certificate holders to expand their businesses. Also, students need courses that they can transfer to larger universities.

I have had local residents ask me if I felt all of Howard's athletic programs were necessary. Some might consider all recreational activities to be non-essential. College is a challenging and stressful time for many. I would hate to take time away from athletes and their many fans, as this time constitutes their RE-CREATION of good spirit and motivation. Without these student athletes, Howard College would suffer. These student athletes enroll in classes, which then ensures that the classes have enough enrollments to warrant offering the classes. This then allows the college to offer a wider variety of courses to meet the needs of all students.

Howard's athletic program is a diverse group of young athletes from all over the country and even a few from other parts of the world. This provides students with the chance to gain some perspective of the bigger picture. Much of what we learn is outside the classroom, and a diverse group of people with different ideas and backgrounds enriches our students' experiences.

We should encourage our youth to be well rounded, and offer them as many pertinent and stimulating courses as we can. As we cut programs and courses, we chip away at Howard College's foundation. Before any cuts are made, we need to exhaust all other options for increasing operational revenue.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

Modern economies rely on a more skilled workforce. Texans need to be leaders in producing highly educated and skilled workers. Howard College, along with 1000 plus community colleges across the nation, educate nearly half of America's undergraduate students. Howard College has and continues to serve as the stepping-stone towards higher education for historically underrepresented populations. Howard College has also helped many older citizens improve on their marketability in today's more competitive job market. Many local high school students can earn dual credit, and some may graduate high school with certificates allowing them to jump right in to a career after graduation.

Howard County has been my family's home for almost 100 years. I love West Texas. I am proud of and love Howard College. My hope is that more citizens take advantage of the many opportunities that Howard College can offer. In doing so, we can diversify our workforce and strengthen the economy of Howard County. I hope that I am elected to serve on the Howard College Board so that I may continue to improve upon the education of our citizens.

Howard College Prct. 1

Steve Escanuelas

Why are you running for office?

I want to represent my constituents and give precinct 1 a voice.

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To approach our state legislation for a permanent change and secure funding for all community col-

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leges fair and equal.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

An in depth audit of the budget for each department will have to be analyzed and scrutinized. One will have to consider what is classified as non-essential.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

Continuing education. The enrollment numbers speak for themselves including dual credit earned by Howard College students.

Michael Flores

Why are you running for office?

I have 20 years of service as a board member for Howard College. The college gave me the opportunity as a graduate from a great institution. The challenge we face as a community college is to continue to proved students access, opportunity, and the tools necessary to achieve their career goals. The cost of an education is affordable as compared to a university and the support services provided at Howard College can help a student can make the transition from high school to a college environment. We live in a diverse and global economy to which I would like to continue to be a advocate for the student success.

With the continuing decline in state appropriation, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

The revenue for Howard College come from tuition's fees, state appropriations, the local taxpayer, and also from gifts/donations. By looking at our budget expenses, we can take the necessary steps in continuing to work with grant writers and by seeing what other community colleges are doing to bring in more revenues and also by working with state legislator on the funding community colleges for creating a new funding formula.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

Before we decide to cut non-essential courses and services, we need to make sure that students are not affected and that the support services are there. The decision we make can ultimately end up changing their career goals.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

The role of Howard College is to establish partnerships with the community, working with community leaders, and address the demands needed in our community.

Howard College Prct. 2

Greg Moore

Why are you running for office?

I am seeking this position because I believe that I can apply my business and personal skills to further the district's tradition of excellence. I have been working in the information technology field for more than 20 years. Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to not only support the day to day operations for a hospital information system, but also have extensive management experience in human resources, budgeting, and project management. I believe I can draw from my personal experience to lend an ear, a voice, or an idea regarding the growth of Howard College. Lastly, I will challenge the administration, faculty, and students in plotting a bold new approach to excellence.

With the continuing decline in state appropriation, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

Higher education is the largest discretionary item in the state's budget. State funding for public and private colleges tend to rise when the economy is good; however, as we have seen when the economy is struggling the funding drops. Howard Col-

lege may need to reevaluate some of the programs that it offers to students, but they must also look at ways to add more students by looking at the type of jobs available in the workforce and how they can use that as a leverage to help make up the difference in state funding. Howard College could also look at working with state and federal agencies to help with grants and contracts for activities such as research projects that could help with revenue shortfalls.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

Howard College is answering the call with classes that are vital part of the local workforce. If the financial crunch continues Howard College will need to look at programs to see which ones could be revamped to make them profitable. I will work alongside Howard College administration, faculty, students, and fellow board of trustees and review the most effective and efficient ways to maintain a positive impact on the community.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

Howard College serves multiple roles to include workforce training and preparing students for higher education. Howard College fulfills this role by working with local companies to develop curriculum and provide training that is needed in the work environments whether it is oil field, wind technology, welding, or law enforcement. They are also work with local high schools to provide dual credit courses that allow the student to not only complete their high school education but also earn credits for a head start on their college degree. Howard College is vital part of this and surrounding communities and I believe they have gone above and beyond to fulfill the role that it has set out to be.

Mark Morgan

Why are you running for office?

I have a great respect for Howard College, how it has operated, and what it means to our area. I felt that it was an opportunity for me to bring my experience and expertise to the board. I try to serve in meaningful ways and this is a place to make a difference in our community.

With the continuing decline in state appropriation, how can Howard College best maintain current revenue levels?

This is one of the biggest issues that will face the board of trustees. My first hope would be to reverse the decline in state appropriations. I hope to help show the legislature how they have failed the community colleges in the last session and work to restore appropriate funding. Understanding the political obstacle this poses, the board will have to continue to look at all alternatives. The most important thing will be to make certain that we continue to have educational choices in Big Spring, at affordable prices.

If the financial crunch continues, are there any non-essential courses or services the college could discontinue?

I am too optimistic to consider cuts in the beginning. I would rather focus on the revenue side. If it comes to cuts, I am not afraid to make those difficult decisions. They would have to be dealt with on a case by case basis.

What do you feel is Howard College's proper role in the community? Do you believe the college currently fulfills that role?

The role of Howard College is to provide students the opportunity to continue their education, often in their home town, at a reasonable cost, building a pathway from high school to a college education or successful vocational career. Another role is to help provide local industry with trained and skilled employees. The college through education should make the Big Spring Area a better place to live. I believe that the college has succeeded in all of these rolls. It is rare to find a person not directly connected to the college in some way. It is this visual evidence that provides support to the valuable ways Howard supports our community.

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Texas' delegates could all go to Cruz at convention

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — If Ted Cruz can prevail in Indiana and keep alive his slim hope of denying Donald Trump enough delegates to secure the Republican presidential nomination outright, Texas' full slate of delegates will be poised to help him become the party's White House contender.

Cruz won 104 of his home state's 155 GOP delegates in the March 1 primary, but his supporters should so dominate the delegation of Texans attending the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July that all would likely back him if a multi-round floor fight breaks out.

"I don't know if all of them will be, but I can tell you that a very large majority will be" Cruz supporters, said Eric Opiela, the Republican Party of Texas' assistant general counsel, who hasn't endorsed any presidential candidate.

Trump's path to securing the nomination before the convention improved last week after he swept five Northeastern states. The billionaire businessman has 996 of the 1,237 majority of delegates he'd need to grab the nomination without a floor fight in Cleveland. And he has to win just 48 percent of delegates in the states that haven't yet voted to reach that mark — which is why Cruz is campaigning so hard ahead of Indiana's primary Tuesday.

The Texas senator has

565 delegates and can't reach 1,237 through the remaining primaries. If Cruz can keep Trump from getting to 1,237, though, he could still force a "contested" national GOP convention in which a nominee would be chosen through multiple votes.

Trump's second-place finish in the Texas primary netted him 48 delegates and Marco Rubio's now-defunct campaign got three. State party rules bind delegates to vote according to those results on the first vote in Cleveland. If there's a second, Rubio's delegates can support another candidate since he won't be among the top-two delegate recipients on the convention's first ballot.

By the third, all Texas delegates would be unbound.

Each state sets its own rules and may bind delegates past a second floor vote. That means it's unclear if eventually garnering all 155 Texas delegates would be enough to put Cruz over the top.

Still, only California, which holds its primary June 7, has more delegates to the Republican convention than Texas with 172. Its Cleveland delegates will be chosen by the presidential campaigns, however, which means they should be less likely to waver. That could make Texas the largest potential delegate prize up for grabs should multiple convention votes become necessary.

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News in brief

Rowdy Trump protests portend explosive California primary

BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of rowdy protesters broke through barricades and threw eggs at police outside a hotel where Donald Trump addressed the state’s Republican convention. Several Trump supporters said they were roughed up but no serious injuries were reported.

The protest just outside San Francisco occurred Friday, a day after anti-Trump protesters took to the streets in Southern California, blocking traffic and damaging five police cars in Costa Mesa following a speech by the leader in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Demonstrators at both locations waved Mexican flags, an action meant to counter Trump’s hard stance on immigration and disparaging remarks about Mexico.

Because of the protest, Trump was rerouted to a back entrance. In a surreal scene, news helicopters showed the billionaire businessman and his security detail walking between two concrete freeway barriers before hopping down onto a grass verge and walking across a service road.

“That was not the easiest entrance I ever made,” Trump quipped when he started speaking to the convention delegates. “It felt like I was crossing the border.”

Pennsylvania GOP delegates voice strong support for Trump

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A solid majority of Pennsylvania Republicans elected as delegates to the GOP’s presidential nominating convention in Cleveland say they intend to vote for the candidate who won a thumping primary victory in their state — Donald Trump.

The ballot didn’t tell voters which candidate the delegates support, and the 54 people who were elected can vote for whomever they want. It’s an unusual system that raised the prospect that the Pennsylvania contingent could be decisive in depriving Trump of the nomination by scattering to his rivals despite his victory in the state.

That appears unlikely.

A canvass of the winners by *The Associated Press* after Tuesday’s primary found that 40 of the 54 intend to vote for Trump, propelling him closer to the support he needs to win the nomination on the first vote at the convention in July.

About two-thirds of those 40 were Trump supporters from the start; the rest said they would support him because he won their congressional district. Four are expected to vote for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, nine are uncommitted and one is waiting for a final tally in her congressional district.

UN says N. Korea accusations vs US troops ‘unsubstantiated’

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The American-led U.N. command on Saturday dismissed as unsubstantiated accusations from North Korea that U.S. troops at a border village tried to provoke its front-line troops with “disgusting acts.”

A North Korean military statement Friday warned U.S. soldiers to stop what it called “hooliganism” at the inter-Korean border village of Panmunjom or they’ll meet a “dog’s death any time and any place.”

It said U.S. troops pointed their fingers at North Korean soldiers and made strange noises and unspecified “disgusting” facial expressions. It also said that American troops encouraged South Korean soldiers to aim their guns at the North.

A statement from Christopher Bush, a spokesman for the U.N. command, said they looked into the allegations and determined they were unsubstantiated.

North Korea occasionally accuses South Korean and U.S. troops of trying to provoke its border troops and vice versa. After North Korea’s first nuclear bomb test in 2006, the U.S. accused North Korean troops of spitting across the border’s demarcation line, making throat-slashing hand gestures and flashing their middle fingers.

Officials: At least 21 dead in Baghdad car bomb

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car-bombing Saturday in southeastern Baghdad killed at least 21 people wounded at least 42 others, according to police and hospital officials.

The attack targeted Shiite pilgrims walking to Baghdad’s holy Kadhimiyyah shrine, according to local police officials at the scene. But other Iraqi security officials say the attack targeted an open-air market. The two differing accounts could not be immediately reconciled.

The officials all spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to the press.

Thousands of Shiite pilgrims from across Iraq are expected to travel on foot to the shrine of 8th-century Imam Moussa al-Kadhim over the coming days to commemorate the anniversary of his death. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the Islamic State group has claimed similar attacks targeting Shiite pilgrims and civilians in Baghdad’s Shiite neighborhoods. IS views Shiites as apostates deserving of death.

The attacks come amid a political crisis in Iraq as the country’s Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is under increasing public pressure after repeated failed attempts at political reform to combat corruption and waste.

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Steers' season ends in Seminole

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — The Big Spring Steers traveled home from a baseball game together for the last time this season Friday night.

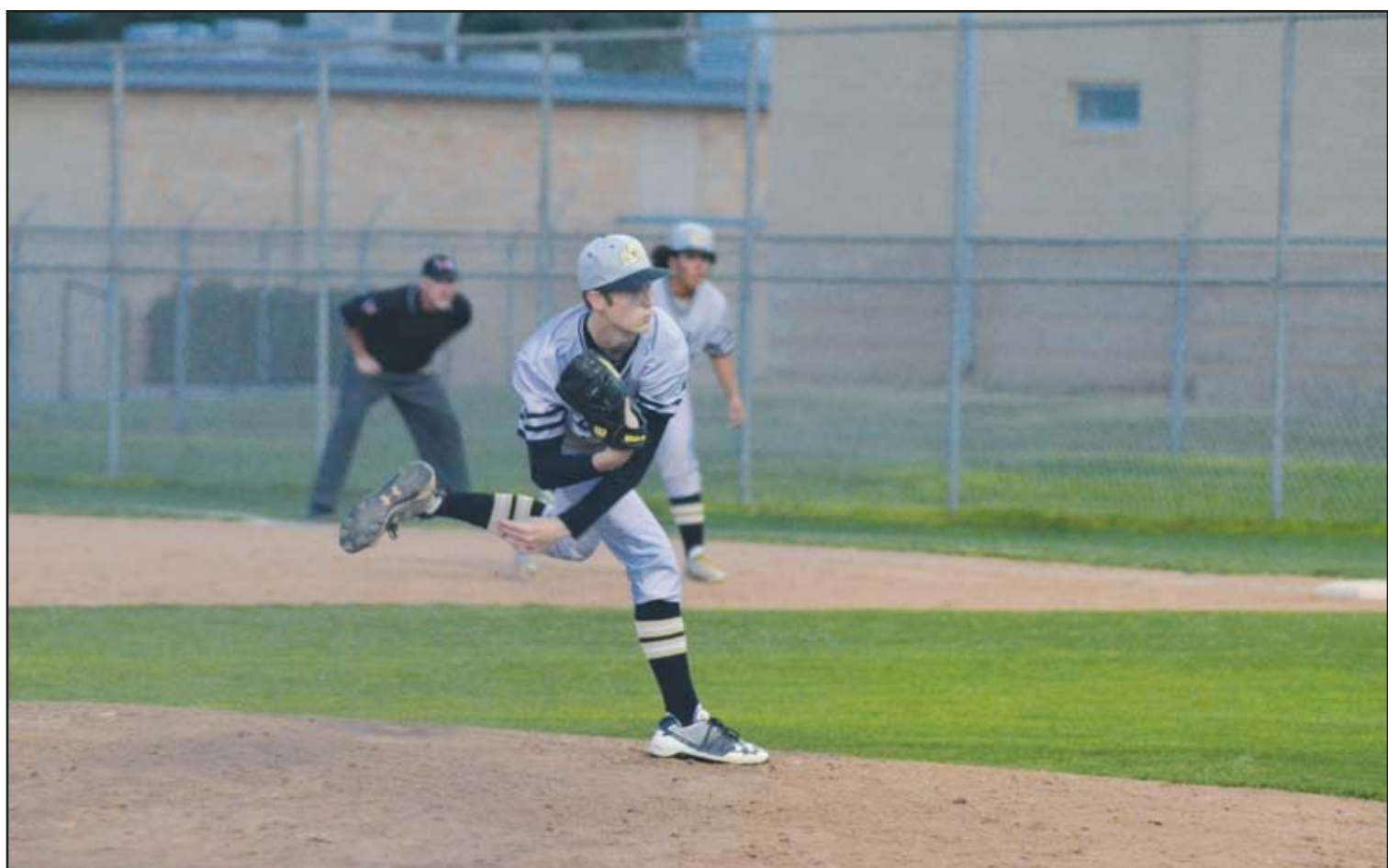
The Steers lost in extra innings to the Levelland Lobos by the score of 4-3 in a playoff play-in game in Seminole that would have given them the fourth and final seed out of district 2-4A.

Despite the loss, senior and team leader Anthony Godwin put together one of the most admirable performances one could imagine considering the situation. He pitched a complete game, giving up only two earned runs on six hits while striking out 11 in seven innings. At the plate, he was even more locked in. He finished 4-for-4, hitting for the cycle with a home run, a triple, a double, and a single. He also finished with all three of the Steers' RBIs.

The three Big Spring runs came in the top of the fifth inning with the Steers down 1-0. Dylan Cantu led things off with a single, and Dylan Marquez followed a Matthew Tarrats line out with another single to put two on with one out. Godwin then came to the plate and drove a 1-1 pitch to right field that brought all three runs home.

After a walk and two errors in the bottom of the sixth, Levelland got a run across to get within a run at 3-2. A single sandwiched between two more errors in the bottom of the seventh inning saw Levelland tie the game at three and send the game to an eighth inning.

In the top half, the Steers got a lead off single from Bryson Burt, but two outs followed in the form of a line out and a strikeout. Elijah Munoz came through with a double to give the Steers runners on second and third, but down to their last chance in the inning, Cantu flied out to left field to send the game to the bottom of the



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Big Spring starting pitcher Anthony Godwin delivers a pitch Friday against Levelland. He finished with 11 strikeouts, as well as hitting for the cycle with three RBIs.

eighth.

In the bottom half, Levelland led off with a single, and followed it with a double to put the winning run at third base with no outs. The Steers intentionally walked the next batter to load the bases and set up the force out at home plate, but Godwin came a little bit too far inside in the next at-bat and hit the Levelland batter to bring home the game-winning run.

Errors were the difference in the game, allowing crucial Levelland runs to score in the sixth and seventh inning, and more so because the Steers finished with four total while Levelland didn't commit one. Big Spring also outhit the Lobos 10-6. Levelland finished only 6-for-28 at the

plate as a team while the Steers were 10-for-33.

Despite the disappointing season, it's evident that better fielding from the Steers throughout the year could have, and most likely would have, resulted in a playoff berth. Three of their last four losses were by one run, including a 9-8 loss earlier this month to Levelland in which the Steers committed seven errors.

Lady Steers win game one

The Lady Steers won game one of their playoff series with Borger 4-3 thanks to a walkoff single from Jaci Aguilar Friday night.

The game was dominated by pitch-

ing. Borger's Kristen Money and Big Spring's Ysabel Soliz held both offenses in check. Borger was 5-for-25 at the plate while Big Spring was 5-for-26.

In the bottom half of the final inning with the score tied 3-3, Mariah Sarmiento hit a one-out single to shortstop, and Soliz followed by getting on base with the help of an error in left field. Ashley Gonzalez was then hit by a pitch, and with one out and the bases loaded, Aguilar singled to left field to bring Sarmiento home as the winning run.

The Steers will look to advance to the next round with a win Saturday. More on the Lady Steers to come in Monday's edition of the Herald.



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxton-photography.com)

Above: Howard's second baseman Jackson Owens hits a grand slam in the second game of a doubleheader Friday against El Paso Community College. He finished the game 2-for-3 with two home runs and six RBIs.

Right: Howard's center fielder and team captain James Davison makes a circus catch while jumping backwards in Howard's 15-2 win against El Paso Community College. He went 1-for-3 at the plate with an RBI and scored three runs. He also added a stolen base in the game, bringing his total to 34 for the year, good for second in the WJCAC.



Hawks win 9th straight

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks are rolling.

After a disappointing start, the Hawks have now won nine games in a row as part of a winning streak that started April 14. They beat El Paso Community College 9-6 and 15-2 in a doubleheader Friday.

The Hawks got off to an 8-0 start in the first two innings on the strength of five home runs. Domininc Thornton hit two, while Andrew Beck, Rahman Williams, and Robbie Lammons each drove one over the fence. Going into the bottom of the sixth, however, the Hawks saw their lead shrink to 8-6.

"We were bad after the first couple of innings in game one, guys just got selfish and started swinging to hit the ball out of the park, and we're not good enough to do that. And it showed when we let them right back in the game, because on a day like this, Jose pitched pretty good and still gave up six runs," Howard head coach Britt Smith said. "When the winds blowing this hard and it's

this hot, and the field hardens out...that's just part of it."

But starting pitcher Jose Quezada would settle down, and Beck would drive in Lammons on a sacrifice fly to get to the final score of 9-6.

"Fortunately, we were good enough to win and we played solid defensively," Smith said.

Playing solid defensively is something the Hawks have been dreaming about since the start of the season. Errors plagued the early half of the schedule, but the defense is as much of a reason as any for the current winning streak.

"We're getting better. And we knew after not having a field in the fall to practice that we were going to play better as the season went along. We started off so poorly that guys had kind of lost focus in the improvement value and started feeling sorry for themselves, and panicking a little bit, and we've gotten a little better as the season's gone on," Smith said. "Our pitching's gotten better because our defense has gotten better, and our defense has gotten better because our pitching's

gotten better. Those two go hand in hand."

With scheduled starter Tyler Giovanoni out with a tweaked ankle, the Hawks turned to reliever and most-of-the-time closer Jake Davis to start the second game. He surrendered two earned runs on seven hits in five innings in a game shortened by the run rule thanks to more home runs from Lammons and second baseman Jackson Owens.

"We didn't know what we were going to do. We just told him about 15 minutes before game one that he was going to throw the second one. That was a little bit of ease and comfort for the two guys who are scheduled tomorrow, because I think they were wondering if they were going to have to throw a day early," Smith said.

Lammons finished with five RBIs and Owens with six. As a team, the Hawks were 13-for-25 at the plate and didn't have any problems picking up El Paso's starting pitcher's knuckleball.

The Hawks will look to continue their winning streak Saturday. More on Hawks baseball to come in Monday's edition of the Herald.

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Cowboys take risk in 2nd round with Smith

By **JIM LITKE**

AP Sports Columnist

If you had a nickel for every time someone in the front office of a pro sports team said “We’re not running a charity here,” you’d barely have enough to cover the cost of a “Happy Meal.”

But it’s not how many times you hear the sentiment expressed that makes it memorable. It’s how often it’s invoked by teams to avoid drafting or hanging onto players with hard-luck injuries or heart-breaking setbacks in their recent pasts. And while some franchises are willing to roll the dice occasionally on bad characters, bad knees used to be a different story

That’s what made the Dallas Cowboys’ pick of Notre Dame linebacker Jaylon Smith early in Friday night’s second round of the NFL draft — No. 34 overall — something special. You only had to see him celebrate with family and friends (watch it here: <http://bit.ly/1NHEfRz>) to know how special. Ditto for the Jacksonville Jaguars; selection of UCLA linebacker Myles Jack two picks later.

Smith and Jack are arguably the two best linebackers leaving the college ranks and both are struggling with bad knees. But because of improvements in surgical techniques and suc-

cessful rehab stints by players like the Rams’ Todd Gurley, knee injuries have become the pro football equivalent of “Tommy John surgery.”

Some players do make it back from injuries that only a handful of years ago were guaranteed to be career-ending. Smith promised to add his name to that list.

“It’s been the most challenging time of my life, but at the same time it’s been the best time of my life where my dream has just come true,” he said. “I’ve been wanting to play in the NFL since I was 7 years old.”

Between the two, Smith suffered the more serious injury. He tore both the ACL and MCL in his right knee during the Irish loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl — on a block by former Buckeye and newly minted Detroit Lion tackle Taylor Decker. Otherwise, chances are good Smith, a consensus All-American in 2015, would have been not just a first-rounder, but one of the first players taken — period.

Following surgery in January, however, Smith is a possible red shirt for the entire 2016 season, even if he insisted otherwise.

“Absolutely,” he said. Just don’t bet on it.

The one apparent advantage

in the Cowboys’ selection of Smith is that their team doctor, Dan Cooper, performed the surgery. But while he may know more about the ligament injuries, he also knows that the peroneal nerve — also damaged in the collision — could require as much as 15 months to fully regenerate.

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly called Smith the best player he ever coached and that he’d “be picked higher than people think.” Yet plenty teams erased him from their selection boards entirely and more than a few draftniks had Smith languishing until the fourth round.

Considering the Cowboys had other needs on defense, cbssports.com got it exactly right by calling Smith’s selection “the kind of thing you can do as a GM if you know the owner’s not going to fire you, which is obviously the case in Dallas, where Jerry Jones is the owner and the GM.”

So maybe defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli wasn’t afraid to join Jones out on that limb, crowing, “we got one of the best players in the draft.

“Obviously there is patience and all those things that go with that,” Marinelli added, “but he is well worth it.”

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In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, Notre Dame linebacker Jaylon Smith watches during drills at the NFL football scouting combine, in Indianapolis. Smith is sharing his journey with fans through a 360-degree virtual reality video. Smith was viewed as a certain top-10 NFL draft choice before he tore up his left knee in the Fiesta Bowl. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

Former Ohio St star Braxton Miller drafted at WR by Texans

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Braxton Miller spent just one year at receiver after two celebrated seasons as Ohio State’s quarterback.

Those 13 games were enough to convince the Houston Texans to draft him in the third round of the NFL draft on Friday night.

“He’s into it,” general manager Rick Smith said. “It’s important to him. He loves football. We think that he’s

got all the skillset that is necessary to be successful at the position.”

Houston also drafted a receiver in the first round when they traded up one slot to take Notre Dame’s Will Fuller with the 21st overall pick. They stayed with offense in Round 2 when they traded up two spots to get Fuller’s teammate, Fighting Irish center Nick Martin. It was the first time since their first draft in 2002 that the Texans used each of their first three picks

on offense, and they did it after adding quarterback Brock Osweiler to the roster.

“We wanted to add playmakers to this football team,” Smith said.

Miller, who was the 85th overall selection, converted to receiver this season after sitting out a year with a shoulder injury. He was the two-time Big Ten offensive player of the year in 2012 and 2013 after throwing for more than 2,000 yards and rushing for more than 1,000 in both

of those seasons. He finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2012 when he ran for a career-high 1,271 yards and was responsible for 28 touchdowns. The next season he led the Big Ten by accounting for 36 touchdowns.

After his return from injury he was unable to throw more than 45 yards, so he requested a move to receiver. He finished with 26 receptions for 341 yards and three touchdowns and ran 42 times for 281 yards and another score.

Miller definitely doesn’t lack confidence and had a lot to say when asked about his best attributes.

“Explosiveness, big-play ability, speed, quickness, strength and just making people miss in a smaller area,” he said. “Just making it easy for my quarterback and the offensive coordinator to call plays.”

Houston star receiver DeAndre Hopkins was excited

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In this Feb. 27, 2016 file photo, Ohio State receiver Braxton Miller runs a drill at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis. The facts about Miller's potential NFL career are clear: a transition from star quarterback at Ohio State to maybe wide receiver as a pro. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

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Replays don't go Angels' way in 4-2 loss to Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A rough night with replay cost the Los Angeles Angels against Texas.

One reversal blunted a potential rally as the Angels fell 4-2 to the Rangers on Friday night.

The Rangers successfully argued that Albert Pujols briefly lost contact with second base while second baseman Rougned Odor kept the tag on in the sixth inning. What would have been runners at first and second with none out changed dramatically, and Texas added to a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning with three runs. Pujols said he was shifting his feet after pulling in following Kole Calhoun's single to center field and thought he'd maintained contact. "You can't probably

squeeze a piece of paper through there," he said. "I don't think that's what replay was meant to be."

"Now, the camera sees everything," Odor said. "I just want to stay with the runner all the way. Until they call time out."

"The slightest little hop you have - you're off the base and the glove's on you - they're going to look for that," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "It's the basic rule; you have to be on the bag."

Los Angeles was denied a challenge in the first inning when Odor slid into second base, grabbing the bag with his left hand while making contact with short-



Texas Rangers right fielder Nomar Mazara reaches and makes the catch on a fly ball by Los Angeles Angels' Kole Calhoun during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Friday, April 29, 2016, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

stop Andrelton Simmons off the base.

Scioscia said he was told by the umpiring crew that it was a clean slide.

"We were told that you couldn't veer even

if you could still touch the bag with you hand," he said. "He obviously veered. Where he ended up was three feet to the outfield side of the bag. So, I think we just have to grow with this rule

and how it's going to be interpreted."

Colby Lewis (2-0) allowed two runs and nine hits in seven innings to reverse his fortunes against the Angels. He went into the game 6-11 all-time against Los Angeles with a 6.82 ERA.

Hector Santiago (2-1) went into the game tied for sixth in the American League in opponents' batting average (.179). He allowed all four runs and a season-high eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Ryan Rua hit a two-out homer for the Rangers in the fifth inning, his first of the season. He was 3-for-8 previously against Santiago.

"The 2-0 pitch to Rua for the home run

and then, obviously, couldn't finish that sixth inning," Scioscia said of Santiago. "But if he keeps throwing like that, he's going to be fine."

Geovany Soto had a home run and both Angels RBIs off former battery mate Lewis. Soto played parts of three seasons with Texas (2012-14).

Soto's homer was the seventh hit this season off Lewis, tied for most in the AL.

Mike Trout doubled and singled to extend his hitting streak to nine games. He has reached base in 15 straight.

Cam Bedrosian appeared in relief for Los Angeles after being called up from Triple-A Salt Lake City. He filled the roster spot vacated

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Alonso's 3-run homer gives A's 7-4 win over Astros

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A's first basemen Yonder Alonso has spent the past few weeks doing extra with hitting coaches searching for anything to get him out of a dreadful funk.

He bursted out in a big way, hitting a three-run game-ending homer on Friday night to lift Oakland to a 7-4 win over the Houston Astros.

"I've just been trying to get back to what I know I can do and what they know I can do," he said.

Alonso's first homer of the year and first career game-ending one came on a 1-0 sinker off Pat Neshek. The ninth inning rally capped a comeback from a 4-2 deficit going into the bottom of the eighth inning.

"Obviously given the situation of the game, you know how we came back down 4-2 says a lot about our team and a lot about our bullpen (which

has been fantastic all year," Alonso said. "We played good defense and we battled. Just a good team win."

"We needed that."

The A's had lost five of their previous six games.

Alonso, who was hitting .154 going into Friday, is unlikely to forget any of it.

"Incredible," he said. "You don't feel anything. You're flying around the bases and to be honest you get goose bumps running around and you just want to take it all in."

Stephen Vogt started the decisive rally leading off the ninth with a double to left off reliever Tony Sipp (0-1).

Ryan Madsen (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for Oakland that started with Carlos Gomez getting

thrown out at third trying to stretch a double to left.

Madsen was the fifth A's pitcher on the night.

Sean Manaea, a hard-throwing left-hander acquired from the Royals last season in the Ben Zobrist trade, became the 45th pitcher to start in his major league debut in franchise history.

The highly-touted left-hander allowed four runs on four hits and four walks in five-plus innings. He had three strikeouts and hit a batter.

"That was a really awesome

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Right: Oakland Athletics' Yonder Alonso is doused by Stephen Vogt (21) after hitting a three-run home run against the Houston Astros to win the baseball game in the ninth inning Friday. The A's won 7-4. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)



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Faksa has goal and assist, Stars beat Blues 2-1 in Game 1

DALLAS (AP) — The kid is all right for the Dallas Stars.

Radek Faksa, the rookie center who split his season between the AHL and the NHL, scored the winning goal off a rebound with 4:44 to play and had an assist on the Stars' other goal in a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference second-round series.

"He brings enthusiasm, a big smile on his face, the willingness to do whatever it takes to win right now," coach Lindy Ruff said about the 22-year-old Faksa. "He's having a great time. He's a kid that. He's enjoying every minute he plays, and you can see it in his game. His play has been infectious for our team."

Like Antoine Roussel did on his second-period goal when Faksa had an assist, Faksa started the rush that led to his tiebreaking goal.

After Faksa pushed the puck up the ice, Alex Goligoski made a pass to Ales Hemsky for the initial shot stopped but not secured by Brian Elliott. Faksa, who lives with the family of fellow Czech and 10-year older Hemsky, was there to score his second goal of the playoffs.

"I'm very excited after every goal, maybe too excited," said Faksa, who dropped to a knee and put his hand to his ear after scoring. "Just a big excitement for me. It just feels great."

The Blues had gotten even at 1 when defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk scored on a shot from the top of the left circle after Dallas failed to clear the puck out of the zone with 8:28 left in the game.

St. Louis was coming off a seven-game opening series against defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks, and maybe there was

some hangover from that series that ended Monday.

"Well, I think what you're hoping for, is that is it," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said. "But we can't have that excuse in Game 2, we need to take a game in this building."

Game 2 is Sunday in the best-of-seven series matching the Western Conference's top two teams from the regular season.

Hitchcock was coach of the Stars when they won their only Stanley Cup in 1999, ending on a disputed clinching goal in triple overtime of Game 6 against the Buffalo Sabres and coach Lindy Ruff, now in his third season with the Stars. The coaches also went head-to-head in the 2006 playoffs, when the Sabres beat Hitchcock's Philadelphia Flyers.

The two have become good friends since being assistant coaches as Team Canada won gold medals in the last two Winter Olympics.

Kari Lehtonen stopped 31 shots, withstanding a final surge when the Blues pulled Elliott out of the net and had an extra skater the final 1:40.

Elliott, who has played all eight playoffs games for the Blues, had 40 saves.

"Just a very fast game, they're very fast through the neutral zone, their transition game is a little faster paced than Chicago," Shattenkirk said. "They like to get that puck up and going to the net as soon as possible. It's not like they have any secret formula, they just throw a lot of pucks at the net and try to crash there and get second and third opportunities."

Dallas took its initial lead midway through the second period when Roussel started a rush down the right side and then had a cross-ice pass John



St. Louis Blues goalie Brian Elliott (1) stops a shot by Dallas Stars center Mattias Janmark (13) during the first period in Game 1 in the second round of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs Friday, April 29, 2016, in Dallas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

Klingberg before Faksa's wrist shot from the left slot. Roussel was there to knock in the rebound.

When someone remarked to Jason Spezza that they didn't know much about Faksa, the veteran center responded, "Well, you're going to learn. He's a heck of a player. Hockey I.Q. He's always in the right spot."

Notes: It was Roussel's second goal of the playoffs. His first came from behind the net in Game 2 of the first-

round series against Minnesota on a puck that ricocheted off a teammate's skate and then hit Roussel's, popping over the net and into the back of the goalie's head before falling into the net. ... Stars right wing Patrick Eaves was down between the circles and had a struggle getting off the ice after getting hit by a shot taken by teammate Stephen Johns early in the third period. Once to the bench, Eaves hobbled to the locker room.

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way to get welcomed to the bigs," Manaea said. "That was an unreal experience."

Manaea, 24, impressed his Oakland teammates too.

"I thought he was great," Alonso said "I think his command was great and his poise was incredible. That's what I really liked about him."

Coco Crisp was 2-for-3 with a two-run homer and Marcus Semien started a two-run rally in the eighth with a solo homer - his sixth.

Evan Gattis was 2 for 4 with a solo homer - the Astros' cleanup hitter's first.

Mike Fiers, looking to win his third straight start, allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings. He struck out five batters and allowed no walks.

He left the game with a 4-2 lead.

The Astros, who were expected to contend for the divisional title, lost for the eighth time in 10 games. They entered Friday tied for the league's worst record and haven't won consecutive games this season.

"We need to figure out how to win as a team," Fiers said. "It feels like something always happens that we can't finish these game. We know we're good enough to win these games and I know we keep talking about it. We need to show it and stop talking."

Astros manager A.J. Hinch echoed Fiers' frustration.

"What has been consistent is that every mistake we make has been

magnified and comes back to haunt us," Hinch said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers (shoulder) will throw approximately 60 to 75 pitches in an extended spring training game on Monday in Florida, manager A.J. Hinch said. McCullers felt good after a rehab assignment on Wednesday and a bullpen session on Friday, Hinch said.

A's: RHP Henderson Alvarez (shoulder surgery), on a rehab assignment with High-A Stockton, Calif., will throw approximately 60 pitches or four innings for the Ports in Modesto on Saturday, manager Bob Melvin said.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Chris Devenski (0-0) will make his first major league start. The 25-year-old rookie is has excelled in six relief appearances, striking out 12 batters and allowing one run on 11 hits in 13 2/3 innings.

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn (0-0) had blister problems and started the season in the minors, going 0-1 with 2.04 ERA in four starts at Triple-A Nashville. He'll make his 2016 major league debut.

STREAK STOPPED

Astros IF Jose Altuve was 0-for-4, snapping a 19-game on-base streak (the second longest of his career and tied for the fourth longest in the majors this season). Altuve had hit safely in 26 of his previous 29 games at Oakland, including hitting in 20 straight from Sept. 5, 2013 to Aug. 9, 2015. In his last at-bat A's first baseman Alonso made a sliding catch past the edge of the grass near the camera well on an Altuve foul ball leading off the top of the seventh.

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when Huston Street (strained left oblique) was placed on the disabled list on Thursday.

EIGHTH? NINTH? NO MATTER

Set-up man Joe Smith is the Angels' interim closer with Street out. Smith, who collected 15 saves last season in Street's absence, said he approaches games no differently working the

ninth inning.

"My routine starts one inning later; that's about it," he said. "It hurts losing our closer, especially right now. We don't need to be losing guys this early in the season."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: The issue with LHP Tyler Skaggs (shoulder) has grown from fatigue to tightness. Skaggs will be evaluated further in California.

Rangers: The rehab of OF Josh Hamilton (knee) will move to Dou-

ble-A Frisco beginning Saturday. RHP Yu Darvish (Tommy John surgery) will begin his at Frisco on Sunday.

UP NEXT

Angels RHP Matt Shoemaker (1-3) has the AL's eighth-lowest road ERA (1.46). In Globe Life Park, considered a hitter's park, he has a 2.89 ERA in three career starts. Texas LHP Derek Holland (2-1) will start on five days' rest for the first time this season. He's 9-6 in 24 career appearances against the Angels with a 5.52 ERA.

Houston over the past two seasons.

The 6-foot-4, 299-pound Martin is the younger brother of Zack Martin, who was a first-round pick by the Cowboys in 2014 and a two-time Pro Bowler at guard. Nick Martin said he patterned his game after watching his older brother and laughed when it was mentioned that the Cowboys and Texans are rivals.

"We've been teammates all of our lives and we're enemies now," he said.

Martin appeared in 50 games with 37 starts in a four-year career at Notre Dame, including starting all 26 games in his last two seasons there. Martin is versatile lineman, having also started several games for the Irish at left guard.

"He's a guy that can come right in," Smith said. "He'll compete right away we think."

SMITH

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As noted above, we'll see. But just the fact that the Cowboys were willing to take the chance with their second-round pick suggests how much times have changed.

Those who remember the movie "North Dallas Forty" might also remember the scene in which one of the players on the fictional North Dallas Bulls — played by the late John Matuszak, a two-time Super Bowl-winning defensive tackle and certified troublemaker — has had enough of the hypocrisy practiced by the team's front office. He finally calls over an assistant coach and explodes:

"Every time I call it a game, you call it a business. And every time I call it a business, you call it a game."

Don't kid yourself. The Cowboys didn't pick Smith this early out of compassion. It was a calculated, cold-blooded business decision, an attempt to get a potential franchise defender at a cost few of their rivals were willing to consider.

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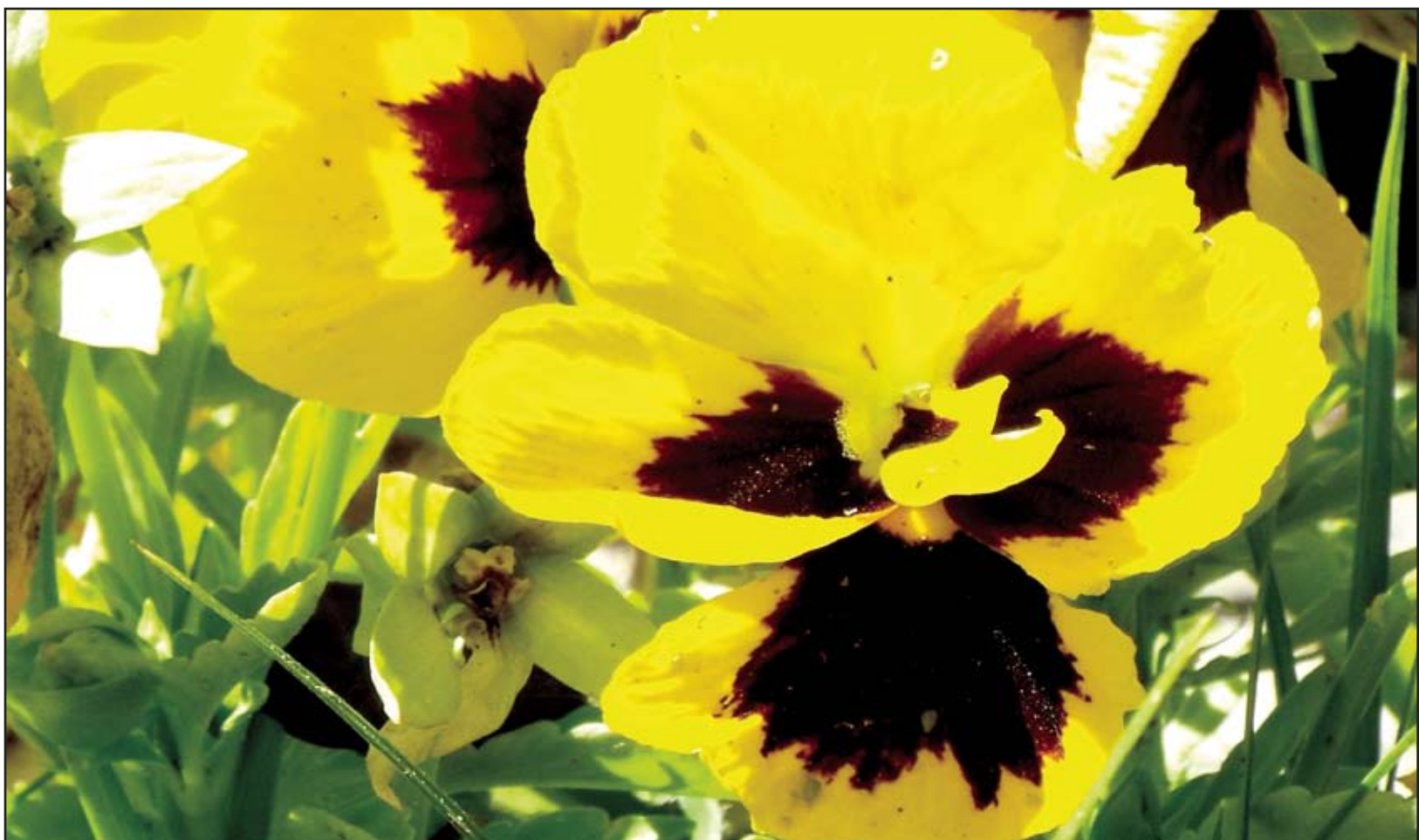


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Blake is a 2004 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of Tarleton State University. He is the agriculture teacher for Grape Creek High School.

The couple plans to marry in May.

Sweet, sweet summertime!



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Forsan Elementary students in Pre-K through first grade kicked off the start of summer early on Friday morning with a summer themed musical. Music teacher, Cheridan Fulgham, led the production.

Prince investigation focuses on flight, drugs, doctor

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Authorities are investigating whether Prince died from an overdose and whether a doctor was prescribing drugs for the musician in the weeks before he was found dead at his suburban Minneapolis home. A guide to the latest developments:

INQUIRY INTO EMERGENCY LANDING

Questions about Prince's health surfaced April 15, when his private plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois. He was found unconscious aboard the aircraft, according to a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation and spoke to The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

While the plane was on the tarmac, the person said, first-responders gave Prince a shot of Narcan, an antidote that is used to reverse suspected opioid overdoses.

At the time, Prince was returning to Minneapolis following a performance in Atlanta. The official said investigators are looking at whether he overdosed on the flight and whether an overdose killed him. One possibility is the powerful painkiller Percocet or something similar, the official said.

Investigators also want to know whether a doctor was on the plane and whether any drugs were aboard the aircraft or at Prince's Minnesota house.

While the investigation is far from complete, the mention of a doctor calls to mind other celebrity deaths, including Michael Jackson's. Jackson's

physician, Conrad Murray, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in prescribing a powerful anesthetic that contributed to the pop star's death in 2009.

A SEARCH OF STAR'S HOME

A second law enforcement official told AP that prescription drugs were discovered at Prince's home when the musician was found dead on April 21.

That official also spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak about the ongoing investigation. The official did not elaborate.

Prince's Paisley Park home and studio were searched on the same day he died. The warrant and accompanying documents were filed Thursday under seal at the request of investigators who said it would hamper their investigation if the contents were public.

An affidavit in support of sealing the warrant warned that disclosing details in the warrant could cause "the search or related searches to be unsuccessful" and risk injury to innocent people.

The person who signed that affidavit, Carver County Chief Deputy Jason Kamerud, declined to comment Thursday on the reports of drugs found at Paisley Park, and told AP that he disputed reports by several media outlets that investigators had asked the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for help.

"We have not asked them for help or asked them to be a part of the investigation," Kamerud said.

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Breakfast: pancake on stick, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: crispy tacos, baby carrots, Spanish rice, ranch beans, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, fruity Jell-O, rolls and milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: blueberry muffin, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: teriyaki sandwich, broccoli with ranch, baked chips, grapes and milk

Friday
Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: sloppy joe sliders, sweet potato tots, cucumber dipper, pineapple chunks and milk.

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Thursday
Chicken salad/macaroni salad, cherry tomatoes, fruit salad, banana cake, crackers and milk.

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Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith join Obama youth initiative



AP photo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are adding their star power to President Barack Obama's initiative to boost opportunities for vulnerable young Americans.

The Will & Jada Smith Family Foundation said Friday it will launch a "Careers in Entertainment Tour" to support Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative on its two-year anniversary.

In keeping with the initiative's goals, the tour will be aimed at helping underserved high school and college students interested in entertainment industry careers, the foundation said.

"The Careers in Entertainment Tour is an engine for change in our industry, and a means of closing the gap between dreams and the tools necessary to achieve them," Pinkett Smith said in a statement.

The president's initiative was launched in 2014 with the goal of helping boys and young men of color and other young people overcome barriers to fulfilling their potential. It has enlisted businesses, nonprofit organizations and local government in the effort.

The task force "applauds the Will & Jada Smith

Family Foundation for responding to President Obama's call to action to ensure all youth have clear pathways to opportunity and success," said Broderick Johnson, who chairs My Brother's Keeper, in a statement.

The announcement comes two months after the Oscars faced criticism for an all-white slate of acting nominees, which some observers said reflected both the movie academy's and industry's closed ranks.

The tours, set to begin this fall, will be done in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and other organizations, the foundation said.

Students will hear from film and TV industry professionals about a wide variety of jobs involved in the creation, distribution and marketing entertainment projects.

Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith join Obama youth initiative The foundation said it and affiliates will help students identify skills and knowledge needed for jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.

American Airlines apologizes to musician for barring violin

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A concert musician who was not allowed to board a flight with her violin says she hopes the incident will raise awareness of regulations that permit violins and other small instruments as carry-on luggage.

Rachel Barton Pine was told by a flight attendant and captain of an American Eagle flight that she could not bring her 18th century violin on board the plane Thursday from Chicago to Albuquerque, N.M. They offered to valet-check the instrument, but Pine declined. The airline, which is based in Texas, later apologized.

"Violins are too delicate to be checked," Pine said in a phone interview Friday. "It's not a question of if it might break. It will break."

She said the fact that her violin, a 1742 Guarneri, is a rare and valuable instrument, is irrelevant: "It could be a \$50 student violin and the same problem exists."

Pine said federal regulations

and American Airline's own policies specifically say "a musician may carry a small instrument such as a violin onto the plane" to be stowed overhead or under a seat.

"A law is only helpful if people know what it is," said Pine. "I hope that bringing this to light will help other musicians know their rights and obligations."

In an email, American spokeswoman Leslie Scott said the captain of the American Eagle flight "determined that Ms. Barton's instrument could not be safely secured in an overhead bin or under a seat. Scott confirmed that the airline offered to valet-check the violin, but Barton declined. She was then rebooked for travel Friday morning on a bigger plane, which Scott said could better handle the instrument as a carry-on item.

"American has reached out to Ms. Barton directly to apologize for the inconvenience," Scott said.

Pine says she flies 100,000 miles a year with American in every

type of aircraft — including the type of small regional jet she tried to board Thursday — "and I can guarantee that my violin easily fits on the airplane." There's even a photo of her instrument in an overhead bin on her Instagram account. She says while it's slightly longer than a standard rollerbag, it's narrower and thinner.

Pine also said that she offered to show the attendant that her violin would fit but she was not permitted to demonstrate, and that she cited the regulations allowing instruments on board to no avail. "There's not enough awareness about the existence of this law," she said, adding that American remains her favorite airline and that "this could have happened with any airline."

Pine said she was heading to Albuquerque to play for "inner city kids" and she made it to her Friday appearance on "two hours sleep." She was scheduled to solo Saturday with the New Mexico Philharmonic.

Beyonce offers no insight into album on tour

MIAMI (AP) — Whether scorned woman or confident seductress, Beyonce moved seamlessly between the two on the opening night of her Formation World Tour in Miami, offering no insight into the rumors of marital infidelity fueled by her latest album.

Queen B came out swinging Wednesday in an oversized black western hat and bodysuit, trading her normal stilettos for military-style combat boots. She opened the show with "Formation" and had the crowd in a frenzy as she moved to her latest anthem "Sorry," noticeable scorn in her tone as she sang, "Tonight, I regret the night I put that ring on."

Both songs were from "Lemonade," which she released days earlier in an HBO special with full visuals. Much of the album appeared to tie into Beyonce's life, and lines like "Are you cheating on me?" raised questions of whether her husband, Jay Z, had been unfaithful.

Her opening anthems were fueled by red lights and hot fireballs shooting into the night sky to punctuate her rage — and the angrier she got, the more excited the crowd grew. At one point, Beyonce donned a sequined bodysuit studded with red flames as she sang about her plans to "smack that trick" as a tempestuous lightning storm raged on a screen behind her and later a red, she-devil-esque number.

Just when you thought she was in full-on fury, she switched to "Rocket" and "Drunk in Love". She drew from an older song, "Me, Myself and I," to remind the crowd "I'm going to be my own best friend," and brought two girls from the audience who had perfected the choreography to the much-mimicked "Single

Ladies."

She moved so skillfully between vulnerable and in control, that it was impossible to tell what was real and how much was artistic posturing.

Beyonce did not mention her husband — aside from a quick thank you at the end — and said little about her new album, noting only that her favorite song was "All Night," a slow number that starts, "I've found the truth beneath your lies." There was no mention of the presumed other woman, the much-discussed "Becky with the good hair."

Noticeably absent from the two-hour concert were the political undertones of her Super Bowl halftime show earlier this year, where Beyonce's dancers donned berets, sported Afros and wore all black, similar to the style of the Black Panther party.

Police unions urged officers not to volunteer or work at her shows and criticized what they called her "anti-police" messages. The police presence at the Miami show seemed normal, and media reports have revealed that security sign-ups for her upcoming Tampa show have not been an issue.

She also did a quick cover of the Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams," cast her stage in purple to honor Prince during a costume change while "Purple Rain" played and dedicated her final number "Halo" to the late star as fireworks shot into the night sky.

In perhaps the most meaningful moment, Beyonce said her daughter reminded her on the way to rehearsal earlier in the day that "when I was a little girl and I dreamed, I dreamed of this day right now. ... You're witnessing my dream coming true right now."



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Getting your pool ready for summer

With temperatures warming up here in Texas, many residents are starting to fill their pools back up again. A home pool can be a nice addition to your home and a fun way to beat the heat – but it also requires time and maintenance, a good bit of money and the right contractor.

For those looking to build your own swimming pool this summer, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin offers the following advice:

- Determine the reason you are purchasing a pool. Before buying, prospective pool owners should consider these questions: Why do you want a pool? What is it for? The reasons for wanting a pool can vary: personal recreation, family recreation, exercise, physical therapy, entertaining, water safety instruction, etc. Once you have decided the “why,” then you can determine what type of pool you want.

- Decide what type of pool you want. There are two basic types of swimming pools: above-ground pools and in-ground. In general, above-ground pools are less expensive to install because of the materials and construction methods involved. Pool sizes, shapes and models vary.

- Compare costs. Obtain at least three bids from prospective contractors based upon the same materials, labor and time needed to complete the project. Keep in mind cost differences may include issues such as quality of materials, craftsmanship and subcontracting for specialized labor.

- Find out who will be doing the actual work. Will it be the contractor's employees or subcontractors? If the company uses subcontractors for some of their work (such as a tile company), you will need to research both the tile company's reputation as well as the contractor's. If possible, get references and visit and inspect completed projects.

- Verify licensing and insurance. Make sure the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents. Further, some contractors must meet licensing and bonding requirements set by the state, county or city housing authority. Confirm these details before the contractor begins work.

- Read the contract carefully. Make sure you get a written contract. The contract should include details of all work to be completed and the specific cost of all materials to be used. Consumers should verify the work has been completed and that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid before making the final payment.

- Don't pay large upfront fees. One of the most common complaints BBB receives against contractors is paying a substantial portion of the total cost upfront and not having the work completed. Work with the contractor ahead of time to agree upon a time frame to make payments that coincide with the progress of the project. Remember, use a credit card or check when paying a contractor.

For those who have a pool and need some help keeping it sparkling, BBB offers the following pool maintenance tips:

- Match the service to your pool. If you need assistance maintaining your pool, services vary depending on the business and type of pool you have. Standard service agreements typically include balancing water chemistry, cleaning filters as needed and checking equipment for efficiency. Normally, the chemicals are covered by the agreements to maintain water balance and generally are provided for weekly cleaning calls.

- Consider customer service. When choosing a pool service business, find out what kind of help they can offer, whether it's online assistance, a call center or ready and available staff. Customer service may also require pool repair staff to come to your home, so be sure to find out when you can expect help to arrive.

- Read your pool's instruction manual. Your contractor or the pool manufacturer should provide you with a booklet that tells you how to keep your pool water clean, how to use pool cleaning equipment and how to maintain the filter and heating equipment as well as the pool surfaces.

- Check with BBB. Use BBB to find a pool service business you can trust, especially when services could be performed when you're not home. Safety is important, so find out if the business conducts employee background checks, ask for multiple references and ask to see identification of the worker(s) performing the services.

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.



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FDA reconsiders training for painkillers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is reconsidering whether doctors who prescribe painkillers like OxyContin should be required to take safety training courses, according to federal documents.

The review comes as regulators disclosed that the number of doctors who completed voluntary training programs is less than half that targeted by the agency.

A panel of FDA advisers meets next week to review risk-management plans put in place nearly four years ago to reduce misuse and abuse of long-acting painkillers, powerful opioid drugs at the center of a national wave of abuse and death.

Under the current risk-management programs, drugmakers fund voluntary training for physicians on how to safely prescribe their medications. However, many experts — including a previous panel of FDA advisers — said those measures don't go far enough and that physician training should be mandatory.

According to FDA figures, only 37,500 physicians had completed the voluntary training programs by March 2015, less than half of the targeted number of 80,000. In fact, surveys conducted by drugmakers showed that 40 percent of prescribers were unaware of the programs more than a half-year after they launched.

The FDA says its own findings "show mixed results that make it difficult to draw conclusions regarding the success of the program," according to briefing documents posted online.

The FDA will present its findings over a two-day meeting beginning next Tuesday, then ask its panel of outside safety experts what changes should be made to improve the plans. The panel's advice is not binding.

In the last year, government authorities have launched a number of steps intended to reduce painkiller deaths, including new federal prescribing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state measures that



restrict and track opioid prescribing.

Prescription opioid overdoses have been rising steadily for well over a decade, reaching nearly 19,000 in 2014 — the highest number on record. Total opioid overdoses exceeded 28,600 that year when combined with heroin, which many abusers switch to after becoming hooked on painkillers.

The FDA first proposed its risk-management plan in 2010, before the CDC had formally identified opioid overdoses as a national epidemic.

While public health advocates urged the agency to apply the measures to all painkillers, the FDA decided to limit its action to long-acting painkillers like OxyContin and Opana, because of their high levels of drug ingredients. The risk-management measures don't apply to the most commonly-used opioids like Vicodin and Percocet.

The FDA's initial ideas to improve safety included mandatory certification for doctors and a national registry to track patients taking the drugs. But industry pushed back. Drugmakers and the pain specialty groups they fund argued that certification would be too bur-

densome for doctors, leaving many patients undertreated. And patient groups said that registries would unfairly stigmatize those who rely on painkillers to deal with long-term pain.

The FDA's final plans were ultimately much milder than its initial proposals. Patients would receive pharmacy pamphlets about the risks of opioids and drugmakers would fund optional physician training.

The FDA's own panel of outside advisers rejected that proposal by a vote of 25-10, saying the steps wouldn't do enough to curb misuse and abuse. At the time, FDA officials said the risk plans were designed to address inappropriate use of the drugs, not deliberate abuse.

In July 2012, the FDA put the risk plans in place, essentially unchanged.

In its briefing book, the FDA again notes that it actually supports requiring doctors to take training courses before renewing their prescribing registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Only physicians registered with the DEA can prescribe opioids. However, the FDA notes that putting this require-

ment in place would require action by Congress.

The FDA has its own

authority to require specialty training for certain drugs, but says such measures "impose

significant burdens on the health care system and reduce patient access."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Coahoma, Texas, to issue one or more series of interest bearing certificates of obligation of the City for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to be incurred in connection with (i) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, improvements, extensions and equipment for the City's waterworks and sewer system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor; and (ii) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in connection with these projects and to pay costs of issuance of the certificates of obligation. The City Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 122 North First Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511 at a meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2016. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$1,200,000. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided bv law. and from limited

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CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS

#9044 May 1 & 8, 2016

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TO:

MID-TEX CORPORATION, ALSO POSSIBLY KNOWN AS MID-TEX COMPANY; INCOME OIL & ROYALTY COMPANY; FRANK E. LEWIS; C.O. FLETCHER; C.W. VAN ALSTYNE; CARLOS MICHAEL JOHNSON; AND L.D MATLOCK, IF IN EXISTENCE OR IF LIVING, AND IF NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE OR IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSES, IF ANY, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR DECEASED SPOUSES, Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the 118th Judicial District Court in the County Courthouse in Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016, then and there to answer the petition of Vermilion Cliffs

Partners, LLC in Cause No. 1789, styled Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC v. Mid-Tex Corporation, also possibly known as Mid-Tex Company; Income Oil & Royalty Company; Frank E. Lewis; C.O. Fletcher; C.W. Van Alstyne; Carlos Michael Johnson; and L.D. Matlock, if in existence or if living, and if no longer in existence or if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives, their unknown surviving spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives of their deceased spouses, in which Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC is Plaintiff and Mid-Tex Corporation, et al, are Defendants. The said petition, filed April 13, 2016, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows: for appointment of a receiver to manage the oil, gas and mineral interests of the Defendants, the identity or whereabouts of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and undeterminable after diligent search, and to negotiate, make and enter into oil, gas and mineral leases containing pooling provisions and other contracts covering the mineral interests of the Defendants in Sections 9 and 10, R.R. Wade Survey, Glasscock County, Texas and Sections 25 and 26, Block 34, Township 2 South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas.

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ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 13 day of April, 2016, at Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas.

REBECCA BATLA, Clerk of the 118th Judicial District Court of Glasscock County, Texas

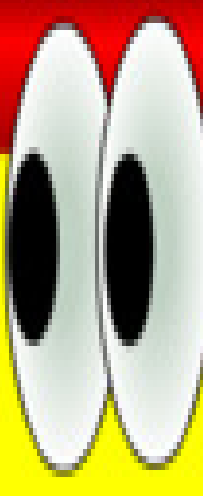
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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Beltane

In much of the world the first of May passes as gently and quietly as MATHIS a spring breeze. But peek into certain circles and you're likely to find feast, fire, ash, music and joyous revelry. The spiritual Pisces moon suggests good fortune will come of performing your own private ritual to honor all that grows and summon protection from all that eats it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you feel yourself getting angry, it's actually a good sign. Anger makes things happen. You can channel this well and use the power and momentum to make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may have a sense of being locked into your life, but don't forget that you're the one who put that safety harness on, and you have the key to it, too. Unlock anytime you wish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is the perfect moment to examine the way you begin and end the day. A few healthful tweaks to your routine in this regard will move you swiftly toward the life you want for yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be right in the middle of some decidedly unglamorous task when a generous force chips in to help. As if by magic, the whole job will get lighter and the rewards for doing it will get heavier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In the art studio of life, seek the larger canvas. Your ideas will be big or they'll be small but plentiful. Either way, you'll have more than enough creativity to fill up the whole thing with color.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). New discoveries are all well and good, but if you can't integrate them into your daily life they will quickly fade from memory. That's why it will be important to act right away on what you learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your truest sense

of inner power comes from deep inside you. So you may find it curious how badly you want to possess a certain external status trophy for all to see and envy. Keep this motivation in check and all will be well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Delegation is an art. Like all art, the way to get good at it is to practice. Keep reaching out. Eventually you'll become masterful at finding the right person for the job and at the right cost, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Words may escape you. Your brain is running on overdrive to work out problems you may not even be consciously aware of just yet. Don't worry about what to say. There are many better ways to communicate than talking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're too practical to build your day around your hopes for creativity, romance, fun and pleasure. You're also too practical not to realize that getting more of these things in your life is only

going to make it fuller and longer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are forgotten or newfound treasures lurking in your closets, kitchen drawers, garage ... anywhere you would go to store excess stuff will wind up being lucky for you today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's one of those rare days in which the way you see yourself happens to be perfectly in line with the way other people see you. There are multiple ways to benefit from this dynamic. Don't waste it!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). There is much to learn and even more to teach this year, as you enter a deeply satisfying cycle of reciprocity. June brings a kind of emancipation, and you'll go into a new venture personally empowered. Your family will grow in August. A global mindset will help you make money with October's opportunity. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 19, 22, 35 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The first day of May falls near the halfway mark between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, a time when Irish farmers would send their cattle out to pasture to fatten up. It was a frightening prospect, sending one's livestock/livelihood into the open where they were vulnerable to hungry predators and nature's whims. The farmers wanted to feel that gods were on their side in this regard: Their families' lives depended on it. The celebration of Beltane included rituals to summon protection of the gods. A great fire was built in the center of the gathering place. All other fires around were extinguished then relit with flames taken from the group bonfire. Cattle were paraded around the blaze and run through the ash and smoke to the green fields of tomorrow with heaven's blessings on their side.

The sun, Mercury and Venus are now all in the sign of the cow -- or, more precisely,

the bull, a symbol of livelihood. Most families are dealing in dollars instead of livestock these days, and the Taurus energy has us focused on what we need to do to protect our assets and balance them with our appetites. The supermoon on Friday, new in Taurus, will launch our best efforts in this regard.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tim McGraw's inspiring hit single "Humble and Kind" is being turned into a book available just in time for graduation season. McGraw was inspired by his own graduating daughter to sing an encouragement toward mindfulness, compassion and selflessness. The Grammy winner was born when the sun was in rootsy Taurus, the sign of the voice, with a moon in Aquarius, the sign of altruism.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: What do you think about a married couple whose only intimacy is make-up sex? My husband says he loves me and I believe he is faithful, but he never initiates anything in the bedroom, and we have sex only if I pitch a fit because I feel neglected. I don't do this often, so we've had sex only twice in the past 15 months.

We are both healthy 42-year-olds. We have a 3-year-old child who requires a lot of attention, but even so, I can't understand how he doesn't desire intimacy. He is an awesome husband, who cooks, cleans, bathes our child, and doesn't go out with the guys or do things I disapprove of. He just doesn't seem to want me.

I am attractive and still get looks from other men. A month ago, I came very close to an affair. I was not in love with the guy, but it sure was nice for a man to let me know he thinks I'm pretty. I told my husband about the encounter and guess what? We had sex. See what I mean?

My husband is a good guy and I love him, so should I just get someone on the side to satisfy me physically?

-- Sexless Lady

Dear Sexless: We'll be frank with you. Here are the likeliest possibilities: Your husband's testosterone levels are very low, he is having an affair, he is asexual, or he is gay. Please ask him to see his doctor for a complete check-up and specifically ask for his testosterone to be checked. We hope that's all there is to it.

Dear Annie: My unmarried 30-year-old daughter has a drinking and behavioral problem that has escalated over the past year. "Terrie" gets drunk at family

gatherings, insults people and starts arguments that often end with her throwing things and shoving people. A lot of her anger seems to be directed at me.

We have encouraged Terrie to get alcohol counseling or attend AA. She tried it once and quit. I believe she is bipolar, but mental health counselors will not treat her until she quits drinking. After her last outburst, I sent her a text message and said we could no longer have a relation-

ship unless she gets help. Shortly after, she left town and moved to Florida with a friend who also drinks.

Should I keep the lines of communication open, or will my ultimatum help her reach bottom so she can start climbing back up? I tried Al-Anon, but the members only offer support and friendship to each other, which is nice, but it doesn't change my daughter. She is an intelligent, beautiful woman who

has thrown her life away and it breaks my heart. -- Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned: Al-Anon is not intended to change the alcoholic's behavior, only your response to it. Choosing not to stay in touch would be for your mental health, not hers. No one can "fix" Terrie until she admits she has a problem, and she doesn't seem ready. Many who are bipolar self-medicate with alcohol and drugs, and there are treatment

programs that address both disorders. If Terrie wants help, she should contact a university medical center department of psychiatry for a referral. And you should contact NAMI (nami.org) about their Family-to-Family program.

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ANSWERS

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Answer to previous puzzle

NILE	AGRA	CHEEK
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KANYEWEST	AMITE	
ICEAXE	PICKMEUP	
ASS	PLS	ORE
	SOLAR	CHARGER
UTTER	VERA	ODE
SEATTLE	MONORAIL	
MCC	AMIN	NETTY
CHOPIN	NETTUES	
	ADD	SRI
CULDESAC	ILLSEE	ARB
RHODA	STEEL	MILL
TOWEL	ARCS	NAIL
SHEDS	PLOT	ONCE

4/30/16

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Tar alternative

8 FAO Schwarz operator

15 Brewed bean

16 Super Glue dissolver

17 What's compiled in *Journey to Cubeville*

18 Sweet-and-hot serving

19 Neutralize

20 Outlandishly

21 Prepare for cooking, perhaps

22 Frat letter

23 DC's CBS station

24 Summon officially

25 Bartender's accessory

29 With 33 and 51 Across, climactic count

30 Wishful thinker's plea

33 See 29 Across

34 Gibbon alias

36 Chowderhead

39 Imports from Hiroshima

43 Some Mozart movements

45 Baking basic

46 End of Revelation

47 Kind of person

49 Interruption

50 Hot heap

51 See 29 Across

52 Elmore Leonard western novel

55 Asian with a Communist president

57 Allocate

58 Have thirds and fourths

DOWN

1 "Much ___ is divinest Sense": Dickinson

2 Not-too-long song

3 Scotiabank Saddledome home

4 Name on the cover of *Voice of Israel*

5 Have less

6 The ___ (off-the-mark anagram of "hectare")

7 Slip preventer

8 Old El Paso products

9 Top female golfer, 2007-10

10 Old-style "truly"

11 Least bit

12 The Taxpayer Relief Act created it

13 Not touched at the table

14 Source of agar

20 Left school for work, perhaps

23 Wicked Witch in *Oz the Great and Powerful*

26 Be under par

27 Merchandise

28 New Horizons agency

29 It's being talked about

31 Distinctive aspect

32 All the ___

35 Word from the Latin for "husk"

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36 It has a self-descriptive "L" in its logo

37 Bug exhibiting "legionary behavior"

38 Polish ravioli

40 Tower on the water

41 Consistently

42 Angler's patron

44 4.184 gigajoules, vis-à-vis TNT

47 Carry out for the public

48 Baseball commissioner elector

52 Epic figure

53 ___ Focus (gag name for a photographer)

54 Cleanup candidate

56 Chafe

57 Opposite of "enhance"

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Right Time for Action

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 4
♥ A K 6
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 7 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 6 3
♣ K J 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

If the only way to defeat a contract depends upon your partner having a certain card, and if your partner's holding that card is consistent with the bidding, then you should proceed on the assumption that he has that card. To play otherwise would essentially be self-defeating.

For example, consider this deal where South is in four spades and West leads the queen of hearts. Declarer wins with the king and

draws three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy. The three of clubs is then led to the jack, losing to West's queen. What should West play next?

Actually, there is only one card he can return to defeat the contract: the jack of diamonds! If he leads that card, South goes down; if he leads any other card, South makes four spades.

The jack is the killing play because declarer cannot then avoid the loss of three diamond tricks regardless of what he does. But if West leads the ace of diamonds or a low diamond, South can hold himself to two diamond losers with proper play.

How can West know that the jack of diamonds — and only the jack of diamonds — is the right play? West sees that declarer has five trump tricks, the A-K of hearts and the ace of clubs. It is also fairly obvious that South took a club finesse at trick five with a holding that included the K-J. This brings declarer to nine sure tricks.

If West also credits South with the king of diamonds, he might as well give up and go home. Instead, he must assume that East has the king and that declarer has three diamonds. To do otherwise, as we said earlier, is a form of self-destruction.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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FBI: 'Argument can be made' fake AP story broke rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI officials say there's no clear evidence the agency violated its own rules when it posed as *The Associated Press* to unmask a criminal, according to a report obtained through a public records lawsuit.

However, the internal FBI report being made public by the AP and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press says "an argument can be made" that field agents bucked protocol by not informing senior brass in Washington of the 2007 operation.

The sting was aimed at identifying the hoaxer behind a series of bomb threats to Timberline High School in the suburban town of Lacey, Wash.

Agents crafted a fake AP article, digitally booby-trapped it and sent it to the suspect's MySpace account. Pretending to be an AP reporter, they asked him to review the piece before it was published. When the hoaxer opened what he thought was a story about his exploits, the digital trap was sprung, his location was revealed and he was swiftly arrested.

The FBI's use of the AP's name in the operation wasn't widely known until Chris Soghoian, a technologist with the American Civil Liberties Union, discovered a reference to the bogus news article in

a cache of previously released FBI documents in October 2014. The AP called the FBI's action "unacceptable" and, in a letter to the Justice Department a month later, AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt said the FBI's tactics amounted to "a theft of our reputation and credibility."

FBI Director James Comey defended the operation, saying in an editorial that the technique was "proper and appropriate under Justice Department and FBI guidelines at the time."

But the seven-page "Situation Action Background" report, drafted by the FBI's Cyber Division on Oct. 31, 2014, gives a more nuanced take.

It notes that undercover operations involving agents who pose as members of the media are typically categorized as "Group 1," the label given to sensitive operations flagged to the agency's Washington headquarters for review and approval. That does not appear to have happened in the Timberline case. The report says it isn't clear whether the Seattle office ever even told headquarters about their impersonation of AP.

Despite that, the FBI's Cyber Division found in the Seattle office's favor, saying it acted reasonably "under the circumstances."

"Although an argument can be made the reported impersonation of a fictitious member of the media

constituted a 'sensitive circumstance' that would have made the undercover activity subject to FBI HQ review and approval required for a Group 1 undercover operation, the facts of the case do not clearly indicate that such a sensitive circumstance existed," the report says.

The "facts of the case" invoked by the report aren't made clear. The following four pages are heavily redacted.

The report was among 186 pages of material recently turned over to the AP and the Reporters Committee after they teamed up to sue the FBI for more information about the agency's impersonation of journalists. Both groups are still fighting the FBI for more documents about the bomb hoax case and others like it. In a legal brief filed Monday they described the government's disclosure as inadequate and some of its redactions as improper.

"We don't believe it's appropriate to fake being a journalist under any circumstances, whatever the FBI's own findings may be," AP Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll said. "AP journalists are independent and it is wrong, and potentially dangerous, to create a lie that then links them with government activities."

Comcast buying DreamWorks Animation for about \$3.55B

NEW YORK (AP) — Comcast is buying DreamWorks Animation, the film company behind the Shrek, Madagascar and Kung Fu Panda franchises, for approximately \$3.55 billion, strengthening its presence in the important and growing business of children's entertainment.

DreamWorks stockholders will receive \$41 for each share they own. That's a 24 percent premium to the company's Wednesday closing price of \$32.20. The companies put the deal's value at about \$3.8 billion.

DreamWorks will become part of the Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, which includes Universal Pictures. The studio has had some successful children's movies recently, including the Despicable Me and Minions franchises.

Comcast said the deal gives NBCUniversal a "broader reach to a host of new audiences in the highly competitive kids and family entertainment space, in both TV and film." In addition to the cartoon franchises, DreamWorks also owns what Comcast called a "thriving TV operation" with an extensive trove of family programming.

Once the deal closes, DreamWorks

co-founder and CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg will become chairman of DreamWorks New Media. He'll also serve as a consultant to NBCUniversal, a unit of Comcast Corp.

Earlier this year, DreamWorks expanded a licensing deal with Netflix Inc. to have the online video service feature more of its series and movies. The expanded licensing agreement announced in January allows Netflix to showcase several new DreamWorks series, including "Trollhunters," a fantasy created by acclaimed movie director Guillermo del Toro. The deal gives Netflix more video likely to appeal to children, an audience segment that has played an important role in its service more than doubling in size to 69 million subscribers during the past three years.

The boards of both Comcast and DreamWorks have approved the transaction, which is targeted to close by year's end.

Shares of Comcast rose 58 cents to \$61.88 in morning trading Thursday, while shares of DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. leapt \$7.80, or 24.2 percent, to \$40.

Twitter's destiny: staying small?

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter gets lots of grief from investors because it hasn't taken over the world the way Facebook did, at least in terms of amassing users.

But maybe it's destined to stay small, serving a vital, if limited, role for the public. Maybe Twitter just isn't meant to be an all-encompassing social utility. Maybe stock price is not the only lens through which a company can be valued. Twitter, perhaps even in spite of its difficult interface and site-specific lingo, has become a cultural force since its 2006 founding.

"I don't think at this point Twitter is ever going to reach the size of Facebook and I don't know if that necessarily matters," says Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst at research firm eMarketer. Assuming, that is, that Twitter can figure out some way to make money off people who read tweets but don't ever log into the service.

Things got worse on Tuesday, when Twitter reported dismal user figures — 310 million, up from 305 million a year ago but down from 320 million in the fourth quarter. That makes it about one-fifth Facebook's size. It can't even brag about being larger than LinkedIn, its more buttoned-up (and buttoned-down) professional networking cousin.

While Twitter's per-share earnings beat Wall Street's expectations, revenue fell short. Revenue grew 36 percent to \$595 million from \$436 million a year earlier. Analysts polled by FactSet had expected \$607.9 million. Twitter's already-clobbered stock fell \$2.09, or 11.7 percent, to \$15.67 in after-hours trading.

Ever since returned to helm the company he co-founded in 2006, CEO Jack Dorsey has insisted that Twitter needs to work harder at both attracting new users and giving occasional visitors more reasons to check back in. To date, neither has happened.

Yet Twitter has a firm hold on the public consciousness. Even non-users are at least aware of its existence, if not totally up to speed on its purpose. The Pope is on Twitter; so are President Obama and Beyoncé, along with a cadre of lesser celebrities. Unlike Facebook, a place for friends, family and near-forgotten grade school classmates, Twitter is a great place to follow actors, soccer players, late-night comedians and newsmakers to feel like you are in the know.

"Twitter's problem is that the management does not understand what they have," said Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter, who argued that the company is

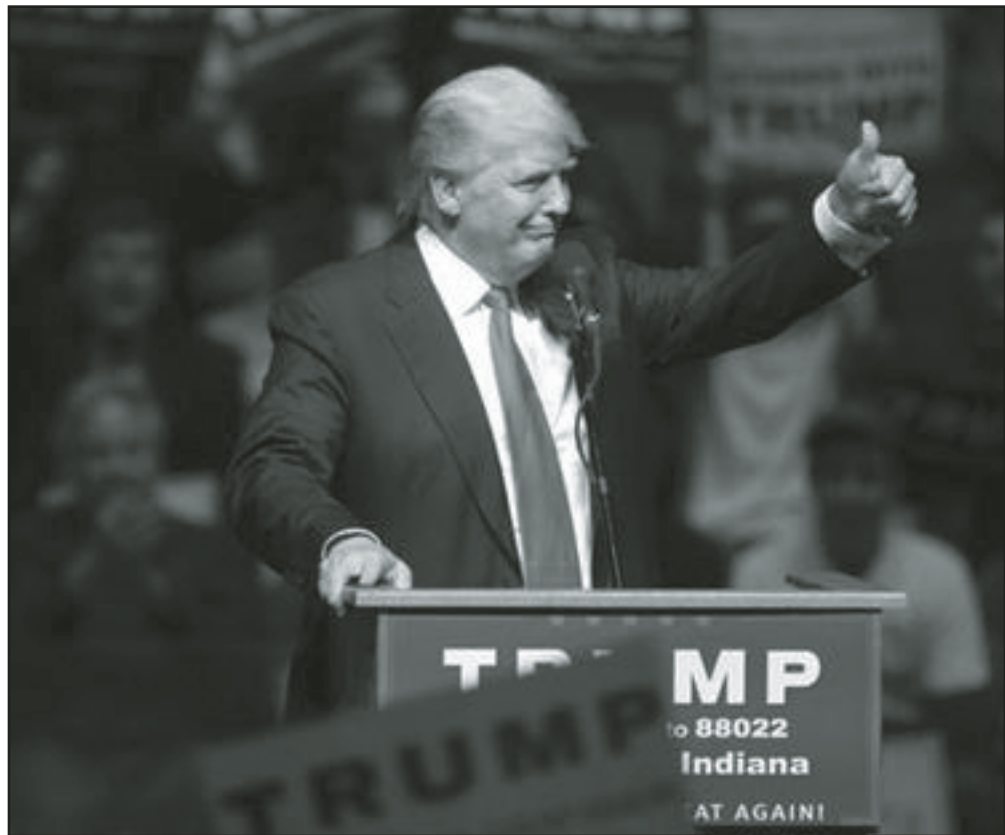
still failing to retool itself for new users.

Calling the service "horribly complicated," Pachter rattled off a series of his own Twitter issues, even though he considers himself a power user. For example, he just got an email telling him how to "mute" people he follows. (Muting someone means you won't see their tweets in your timeline, although you still follow them. It's like a brush-off without the awkwardness.)

"I didn't know you could mute somebody," he said. "How did I not know that?"

Another frequent complaint involves Twitter's somewhat arcane 140-character limit, a relic of its early technology. To get around the limits, users have taken to posting screenshots of longer blocks of text.

Dorsey has hinted at expanding that limit, even tweeting a 1,325-character message — as a screenshot — on the subject back in January. So far, the limit remains unchanged.



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Trump mention of 'woman's card' draws backlash

ATLANTA (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's claim that Hillary Clinton is playing "the woman's card" drew intense backlash Wednesday, from the Democratic front-runner herself as well as tens of thousands of critics on social media.

"If fighting for women's health care and paid family leave and equal pay is playing the 'woman card,' then deal me in," Clinton said in Philadelphia as she celebrated wins in four out of five of Tuesday's Democratic primaries.

Trump had leveled the "woman's card" accusation Tuesday after his own five-state primary sweep.

"She's got nothing else going," Trump told supporters in New York. "And, frankly, if Hillary Clinton were a man, I don't think she'd get 5 percent of the vote." He added in an immediate contradiction that "the beautiful thing is women don't like her."

Trump's remarks prompted social media hashtags like #dealmein and #womancard, the latter ranking among the top 10 global trending topics on Twitter Wednesday, with more than 45,000 tweets by late afternoon.

Voters also circulated video of Mary Pat Christie, the wife of Trump backer and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who stood behind Trump during his victory speech Tuesday and looked as though she was rolling her eyes as he made those comments.

The exchange highlights Trump's perilous standing among female voters who could help propel Clinton to the White House.

An anti-Trump super PAC, backed by

Republican donors, last month launched an ad in which unnamed women read aloud quotes Trump has proffered about females. "Bimbo. Dog. Fat Pig," the ad begins, with later references to Trump critiquing "flat-chested" women and referring to "a young and beautiful piece of a—" and a woman "dropping to your knees."

In March, Trump distributed via social media an unflattering image of Heidi Cruz, Trump rival Ted Cruz's wife, prompting the Texas senator to assert that "strong women scare Donald."

Cruz, who's aiming to topple Trump at the Republicans' July convention in Cleveland, implicitly emphasized the front-runner's turbulent relationships with women Wednesday as he tapped former candidate Carly Fiorina as his would-be running mate, praising her as someone who has "over and over ... shattered glass ceilings."

Four years ago, 11 out of 13 general election swing states went to the nominee who won among women. Of those 11, President Barack Obama, with 55 percent of the female vote nationally, won nine; Republican Mitt Romney won just two.



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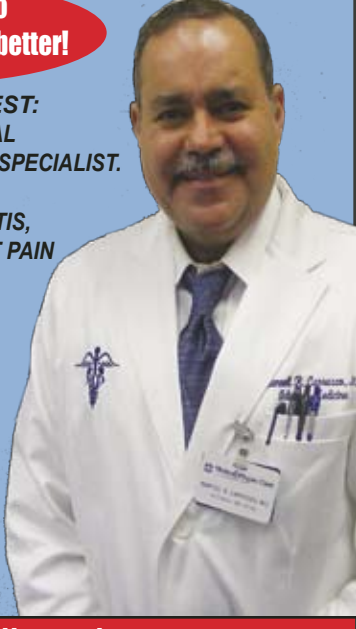
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