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Trash Off coming up April 8

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

Don't Mess With Texas and Keep Big Spring Beautiful have partnered up once again to help clean the city of some unsightly litter during the Texas Trash Off, taking place in the Heart of the City Park Saturday, April 8. Each year, events like this are held in order to help encourage people to do their part and help Big Spring look its best. Willia Ledford, a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, stressed the importance of citizens in the community volunteering and helping with the clean up.

"We think its important to do this every year for people to take pride in their city and property," said Ledford. "We want when people to come through to think this is a nice town." With more than 100 people partici-



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pating in last year's event, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is hoping to top those numbers at the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off next week. "We would like to see at least a 20 per-

cent increase from the turnout of last year," said Ledford "But we had great participation last year." Volunteers can choose where they would like to pick up trash, so if you know of a spot that needs some attention, or simply wish to pick up around your neighborhood, all help is welcomed, said Ledford. Those interested in participating in the event, can stop by the Chamber of Commerce Friday, April 7 between 9 a.m and 2 p.m to pick up trash bags. See **KBSB**, Page 3A

A note to our readers:
 Delivery of the *Big Spring Herald* was late the last several days because of loss of power at the Herald's sister paper the *Sweetwater Reporter*. The *Reporter* lost power after power lines were downed by heavy weather that passed through the area Tuesday night.



HERALD photo Robert Barlow

Nati Saldivar of the North Side Movement and Brint Ryan of the Ryan Foundation, along with many city and county dignitaries, cut the ribbon on the St. Thomas Community Center Friday.

A new life for historic Big Spring church building

North Side Movement, Ryan Foundation hold ceremony to introduce new community center

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

Progressing forward to a better Big Spring was the main theme at Friday's dedication of the new St. Thomas Community Center.

With a generous donation and a huge effort from both the North Side Movement and the Ryan Foundation, new ground was broken in an effort to improve both the community as well as the city.

"As of today this will no longer be known as the St. Thomas Cathedral," said Nati Saldivar of the North

Side Movement. "But the quality of life and the things it provided will be continued."

Brint Ryan, head of the Ryan Foundation and owner of the Hotel Settles, spoke about the importance of reviving the historic building and adding new life to the area. The property holds a special significance to the community, as well as to both Ryan and Saldivar because of their history with the building.

"Nati and I share exactly the same goal, to see Big Spring improve," said Ryan. "Nati asked me to help,

and when I saw the mission, it was hard for me to say no."

Ryan called out to the community to step up and support this project and more like it by supporting similar efforts and standing behind the North Side Movement, as well as his foundation.

The new community center will serve as a venue for many different kinds of events, offering a new location on the north side of Big Spring, giving people in the area something to look forward to.

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Monday is last day for AARP Tax Assistance program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Residents have one last session to receive free assistance with their 2017 federal tax forms as volunteers with the AARP Tax Assistance program will

wrap up their season Monday.

The last session will begin at 8 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, located in the Comanche Trail Park. Although volunteers open the doors at

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Become a volunteer for CASA of WT

Informational sceduled for April 18 at First United Methodist Church

Special to the Herald

CASA of West Texas (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will host an informational meeting April 18 on how to become a volunteer for the organization.

CASA recruits, trains, and supports volunteers from the community who stand up and give a "voice" to children in foster care.

"Our volunteers served 481 abused and neglected children in 2016, newborn to 18 years of age, in seven counties in West Texas including Midland, Martin, Dawson, Gaines, Howard, Glasscock, and Andrews," said Kathy Harmon, CASA of West Texas marketing specialist.

In 2016 there were 163 confirmed victims of child abuse in Howard County, and 147 children in foster care from Howard County, Harmon added.

"These children deserve a chance of having a better life and they need an advocate," she stated. "CASA volunteers are everyday members of the community doing extraordinary work by choosing to speak up for abused and neglected children in their communities."

See **CASA**, Page 3A

The dangers of texting while driving

HOUSTON (AP) — A witness says the driver of a pickup truck that collided with a church minibus in rural Texas, killing 13 people, acknowledged he had been texting while driving — highlighting the dangers of sending messages on smartphones while behind the wheel.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Conrad Hein wouldn't comment Friday on whether texting might have played a role in the Wednesday collision on a two-lane road about 75 miles west (120 km) of San Antonio, near the town of Concan. But officials have said the truck driver appeared to have crossed the center line. Jennifer Morrison, the investigator

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Obituaries

Jean "Juanita" Garcia Oliver



Jean "Juanita" Garcia Oliver of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Providence Hospice at St. Catherine.

Funeral Mass will be 1 p.m., Monday, April 3, at St. Jerome Catholic Church with Fr. Selvaraj officiating.

Jean was born July 15, 1918, in Deming, N.M., to Pedro and Maria Garcia. Jean was raised in Big Spring by her godmother, Francisca Gomez, and her husband, S.A. Gomez. Jean and her husband, Lawrence Oliver, raised their family of five in Big Spring and Littlefield, Texas. She was employed as a Head Start teacher's aide and also worked many years as a waitress in Big Spring. Her latest accomplishment was exhibiting and selling her still life drawings at The Art Forum Gallery of Waco.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence Oliver; and her son, Thomas Lee Oliver.

She is survived by her four daughters, Jean Reboli and husband Roy of Waco, Diana Marquis and husband Dave of Dallas, Theresa Oliver Lauffer and husband Mark of Fort Worth, and Elaine Oliver Murphy and husband Skeeter of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Danielle, Francesca, and Brienne Reboli, Noel and Dominique Navarrete, Robert Frierson, Sacha Warrum, Sterling and Lawrence Drinkard, Chad Statham, and Ian Whitcomb and Lacy Pollard. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, Thomas and Noah Reboli, Exene Vandenberg, Tyler, Caleb, Joshua, Alexia, and Bella Warrum; Abigail and Asher Frierson; and Archer and Sidney Pollard.

Memorials may be made to St. Jerome Catholic Church. The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WHB-family.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home in Waco.

Paid obituary

Susan Jill Pierce



Susan Jill Pierce, 53, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at her residence.

Celebration of life services will be at a later date.

She was born Oct. 3, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Jill attended Permian High School in Odessa and came to Big Spring in the late 1980s. She worked as a receptionist at Family Medical Center until retiring due to her health. Jill valiantly fought ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) for three years.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Pierce of

Crystal Beach; one son, Wesley Kinsey and fiancée Kimberly Henry of Big Spring; her mother, Carol Hardin of Big Spring; a sister, Lee Tollison of Madison, Wis.; three stepchildren and their families, Ashley Patterson, Derek Pierce, and Chase Pierce; and an aunt and uncle, Barbara and Wes Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Gene Hardin.

The family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice, 602 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; the ALS Association at alsa.org; or to a favorite charity.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MELVIN TURNER BRUNSON**, 60, of 300 E. First St. was arrested on charges of no/defective white light on the front of a bicycle at night, and failure to appear.

- **CANDIDO MORALES RODRIGUEZ**, 41, of 1131 Cherry Spring in Houston was arrested

on an outstanding warrant.

- **JEREMY R. MINTER**, 37, of 3310 X Ave. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

- **STACY TIRRELL JACKSON**, 37, of 1708 Laurie St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR.**, 31, of 807 Wyoming St. was arrested on an outstand-

ing warrant.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of East 23rd Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of Dawson. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Todd Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- The 19th annual "Master the Mountain" event will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Big Spring State Park. Master the Mountain will consist of both a 10K run and a 5K fun run/walk. Master the Mountain will help support the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (The Life Center of Big Spring) and Big Spring State Park. Those interested in participating in the event can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com, by email at info@permianbasinevents.com or usatcraig@sudenlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race day.

- The Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is being offered in Big Spring on April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. at Howard College's GC Broughton Agriculture Complex, 2411 Echols Drive. The class, which is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure such safe food practices as: good personal hygiene, prevention of cross contamination, and good time and temperature practices. The cost of the program is \$20. To register, call 432-264-2236.

- Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

- The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual

quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. April 3 and 4 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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Tonya Fowler Barrick

Tonya Fowler Barrick, 46, of Midland died Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MELVIN TURNER BRUNSON**, 60, was booked by BSPD on charges of no/defective white light on the front of a bicycle at night, and failure to appear.

- **DAVID LOUIS FLORES**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).

- **HOWARD FOSTER**, 41, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

- **FABIAN GARCIA**, 59, was booked by BSPD on warrants for assault/family violence and failure to appear.

- **JIMMY WAYNE HECTOR**, 54, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$500 to \$1,500); and on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **KAYLA MARIE KIRKHAM**, 29, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and possession of a dangerous drug.

- **LISA ANNE LOPEZ**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **KIMBERLY KAY MCGEE**, 31, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams) and driving with an invalid license.

- **CANDIDO MORALES**, 41, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft over \$200,000.

- **FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ III**, 28, was booked by HCSO on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana (5 to 50 lbs.), and theft of firearm.

- **MARK HOLLIS RYERSON**, 29, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), and possession of a dangerous drug.

- **ROSEMARY VASQUEZ**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **CODY LEE WEBSTER**, 21, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), and possession of a dangerous drug.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- 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.

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

TUESDAY

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

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Nati Saldivar, left, listens to Brint Ryan speaks during the ceremony to introduce the new St. Thomas Hall Community Center held Friday.

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ST. THOMAS

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Ryan went on to talk about the future development of the property and more like it stating this was “just the start” of bigger and better things to come to Big Spring.

“I can’t wait to come back in a few short years and see what this becomes,” said Ryan

Both the North Side Movement and the Ryan Foundation have big plans for the future of the building, and will continue to develop it as time goes on.

He went on to urge city officials to declare the park adjacent to the new community center as part of the location.

“I want to see Big Spring improve and grow,” said Ryan.

Following the introduction of the new center, a ribbon cutting took place on the steps of the church, marking the beginning of its new life as a community center. A reception was held at the Hotel Settles after the presentation for all those who attended the event.

KBSB

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“If you just do your own yard and help a neighbor that will have a real effect,” Ledford stated.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is reaching out to all volunteers, including civic groups, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and church groups to help participate in this year’s event to make it the most successful one yet.

“Our goal is always to pick up a little more than the previous year,” mentioned City Council member Jim DePauw at the last city council meeting. DePauw is also a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Dumpsters will be on site at the Heart of the City Park, located across from the Howard County Courthouse, on Saturday, April 8, from noon to 1 p.m for people to come out and dispose of the trash they collected. Although there will not be a unit for electronic waste, there will be dumpsters available for cardboard, trash, and even tire disposal.

Hot dogs and cookies will be available at the park for all participants when they drop off their trash. The whole community is encouraged to come out and help with the efforts.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

CASA

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Often the CASA volunteer is the one constant in a child’s life while he or she goes through the overburdened foster care system,” Harmon explained.

CASA volunteers work to move

the children through foster care and into safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. CASA is not foster care, and volunteers only advocate for the children.

“CASA’s vision is a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one,” Harmon stated. “Help us achieve that vision by attending a volunteer information meeting.”

CASA of West Texas is hosting an information meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, in the Open Door Meeting Room, located at 400 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas. For more information visit www.casawtx.org or call Harmon at 432-683-1114.

AARP

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8 a.m., usually by 9 a.m. the session is filled. Many people show up about 7:30 a.m. to wait in line.

To receive help, please bring a photo ID, your Social Security Card and all tax information such as W-2s, 1099 forms, a 1095 form that shows you have health care insurance, and any other forms needed to deter-

mine income. Bringing a copy of last year’s filing and paperwork is strongly recommended.

Once all the paperwork is filled out, volunteers can then e-file the returns for those who request it.

Volunteers are not trained to assist with more complex tax issues such as rental property, debt forgiveness, and foreclosures.

The deadline to file the 2016 federal tax forms is Tuesday, April 18.

Ship carrying 16 Filipinos, 8 S.Koreans missing near Uruguay

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea’s government said Saturday that a cargo ship being used by a South Korean shipping company has gone missing in seas near Uruguay with 24 crew members.

The ship went out of contact late Friday, South Korea time, shortly after one of the crew members

sent a text message to the shipping company saying the ship was taking on water, according to an official from Seoul’s Foreign Ministry.

The official said the Uruguayan maritime police and a commercial vessel that had been in neighboring waters were searching for the Stella Daisy, which had departed

from a port in Brazil on March 26.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing office rules, said 16 Filipinos and eight South Koreans were on the ship. He said it wasn’t clear whether the ship sank or if the crew members escaped.

He said the ship was registered in the Marshall Islands.

CRASH

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in charge of the team from the National Transportation Safety Board, would only say that distracted driving will be among the issues investigated.

The witness, Jody Kuchler, a 55-year-old self-employed welder, told The Associated Press he and his girlfriend were driving back to their home in the nearby town of Leakey when he came across a truck that was driving erratically across the road.

“He kept going off the road and into oncoming traffic and he just kept doing that,” said Kuchler, who first shared the account of what happened with the San Antonio Express-News.

Kuchler, who followed the truck for at least 15 minutes, said he called the sheriff’s offices for both Uvalde and Real counties and told them “they needed to get him off the road before he hit somebody.”

Kuchler said he witnessed the crash and afterward, he checked on both the bus and the truck and was able to speak with the driver of the truck, who the Department of Public Safety has identified as 20-year-old Jack Dillon Young, of Leakey.

“He said, ‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry. I was texting.’ I said, ‘Son, do you know what you just did?’ He said, ‘I’m sorry. I’m sorry.’” Kuchler recalled.

Texas is unusual in that it has no statewide ban on texting while driving. Dozens of cities across the state prohibit the practice, but local ordinances may not have applied in the rural area where Wednesday’s crash occurred. Laws in 46 other states ban sending or reading email, using apps or engaging in other use of the internet while driving.

The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature approved a statewide ban in 2011 but it was vetoed by then-Gov. Rick Perry,

who characterized such prohibitions as government micromanagement and said educating drivers was the key to deterrence. A similar proposal passed the Texas House a few weeks ago but has yet to make it to a Senate floor vote.

The wreck on Wednesday occurred along a curve in the road where the speed limit is 65 mph, according to Department of Public Safety officials. The bus occupants — members of First Baptist Church of New Braunfels in Texas — were returning from a three-day retreat in Leakey, about 9 miles (15 kilometers) from where the crash happened.

Twelve people on the bus died at the scene, authorities said. Another died at a hospital. One bus passenger remains hospitalized in serious but stable condition, according to the church.

Young, the driver of the pickup, also remains hospitalized.

The number of motor vehicle deaths in the U.S. last year topped 40,000 for the first time since 2007, according to the National Safety Council. The number of vehicle crash deaths in Texas rose 7 percent last year to 3,464, slightly higher than the national rise. One-in-10 driving fatalities in 2015 were caused by some kind of distraction, the U.S Department of Transportation said.

Morrison said most, if not all, of the bus occupants in the Texas crash — who ranged in age from 61 to 87 — were wearing seat belts. The driver and front-passenger seats had three-point lap-and-shoulder belts while the rest of the seats behind had lap belts

only, she said.

Three-point seat belts are always preferable to lap belts because they hold the upper torso in place and help prevent head injuries, said automotive safety advocate Joan Claybrook. One of the problems with lap belts only is that in a frontal impact crash, people will remain in their seats but their upper bodies will go forward and their heads can strike the back of the seat in front, she said.

If the passengers wearing lap-only belts are seated along the sides of the buses, instead of facing forward, they will often hit their heads on the sides of the vehicle or the windows, said Henry Jasny, senior vice president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. A frontal crash of this type would be like

“hitting a brick wall,” he said.

The NTSB identified the church vehicle as a 2004 Ford E-350 series van that had been converted to a minibus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the only safety issues identified with that vehicle model from that particular year was a fuse problem reported in 2007 in vehicles that had been retrofitted to become ambulances.

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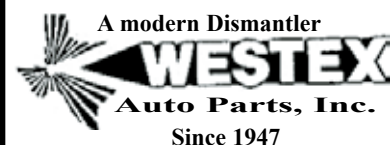
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Deborah just can't stop writing

I met Debra Burkett a few years ago when she had just retired from a 21-year career of teaching medical doctors (she has a PhD in the field of medical education) and moved onto some family land near Mixon in Cherokee County. Although she grew up in Florida, she spent summers with her grandparents who lived on that East Texas land.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Deborah is an adventurous sort. In the 1970's she took a teaching job in Alaska. "They were paying big salaries for teachers back then," she says, "a lot more than I was making as a teacher in Houston. I went to Alaska on a whim and stayed there eight years. My parents had recently died and I was getting away, trying to explore a new life." Her house in the woods has artifacts from her time in Alaska.

Deborah became interested in local and area history and got involved with historical groups. She put her research skills to work and collaborating with oth-

er kindred souls started producing books. One is about veterans; another is the history of the community of Troup, where she had an antique store for a number of years. It was while she had the store that she almost got completely consumed by quilts. She had an annual quilt show at her store and met many quilters. She produced a handsome coffee-table book about quilts that has become sort of the encyclopedia of quilting. It is full of pictures and stories from the quilt makers. In fact the title is *Quilts and Their Stories*. It's 357 pages and is documented like a dissertation.

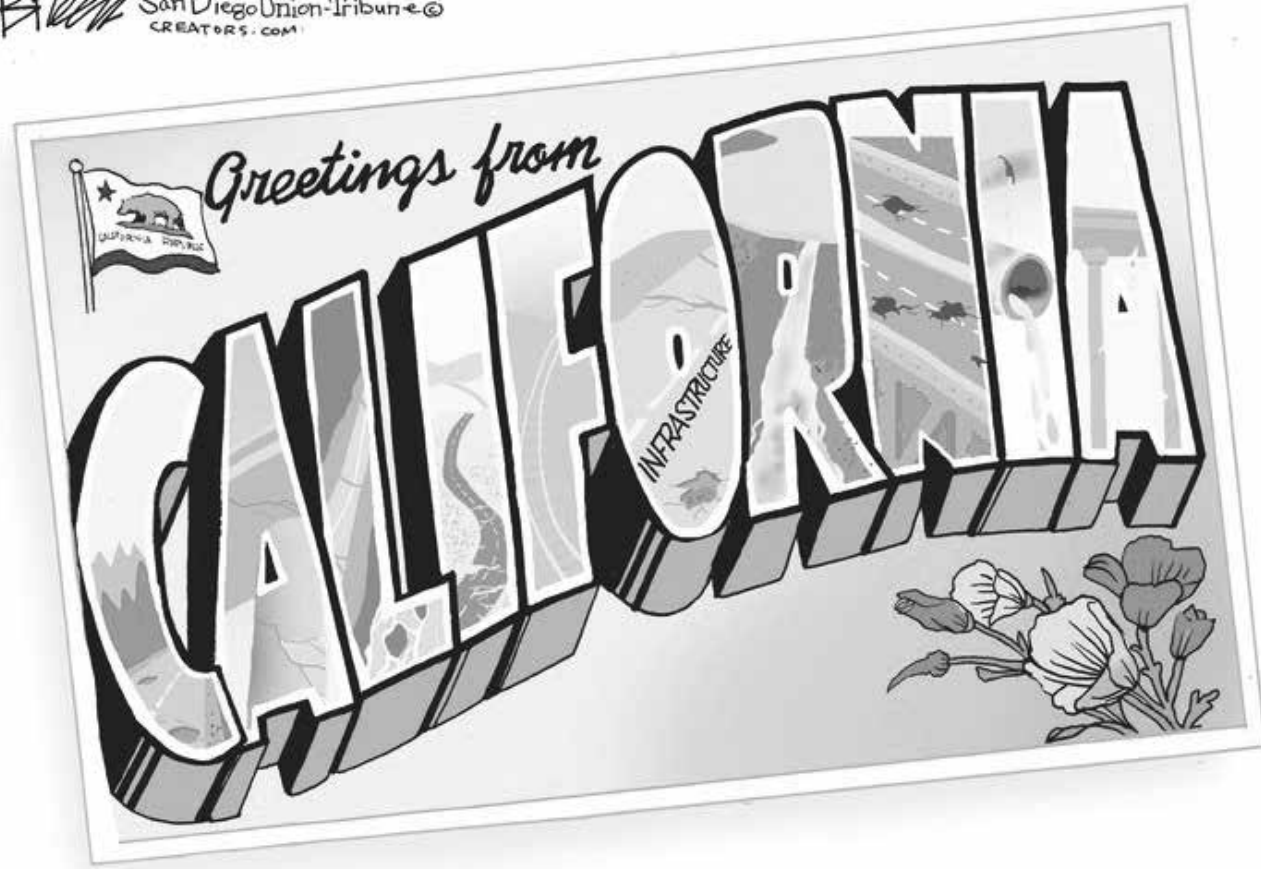
Deborah can't get away from her time spent doing diligent research. She loves digging through old newspapers, magazines, personal letters, archives and interviewing the people who appear in her books. She took an oral history seminar from Baylor University to learn how to conduct interviews and what to do with them. She uses a video camera on her interviewing trips. "I know it sounds hokey, but doing this interviewing, researching and writing has really changed my life because after I work on a project for a long time, the people I talk to (or listen to) become like

family."

Deborah makes speeches about some of the women whose stories she has discovered. In one of her presentations she mentioned four women who hiked from Colorado to Texas in 1914 to protest women not being allowed to vote. Someone told her those women had spunk. That triggered something in Deborah's mind and she set out to find stories about spunky women in East Texas. After about three years that effort resulted in a book titled *East Texas Piney Woods Spunky Women 1830s-1950s*. It is 240 pages and is full of photos and stories. It is her latest book and is just now available. The book is dedicated to Angelina, an Indian woman who served as a translator and guide to Spanish and French explorers in the early 1700s. Angelina County is named for her. It's the only county in Texas named for a woman.

As Deborah was putting away her equipment after interviewing a woman in her 90's who had worked in a bra factory in Jacksonville, the woman said in addition to her duties at a sewing machine, she was also a model. "I was a perfect 36," she said.

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DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, brings peace and serenity to our hearts and minds.

Amen.

Proof in the picture

My friend John, whose profession requires his being on airliners much of the time, is pretty much a "follow the rules" kind of guy. He adheres to flight attendants' directives to the letter. If you guess he keeps his seat belt securely fastened at all times—just like the pilots do up front—you are correct.

He acknowledges that many fellow flyers are way off course on travel etiquette, however, and just when he thinks he has seen all possible gross conduct, up pops another vignette that begs for inclusion on the list. The other day—flying at 35,000 feet with his tray table in the upright and locked position—he glanced across the aisle.

Curling up on the seat was a passenger whose tray table was in the downright and dirty position. Resting thereon were both feet, shoeless and sockless. He took a picture of said feet, sending it along to Facebook friends with this notation: "Flying at 35,000 feet where it smells like 35,000 feet."

Speaking of feet, my Uncle Mort—already planning his 105th birthday party come July 4—says some of his friends in the thicket are mighty shy. "It's a long spell after making new acquaintances before they'll look 'em straight in the eye," he says. "These shy

souls say little, mostly staring down at their feet."

There's hope for one of his neighbors, Mort believes. "The other day—after shaking hands with a new friend he met at the general store—he looked down at the other guy's feet."

My uncle warns that too much should not be made of this. This may be the closest he ever gets to being an extrovert.

Feet get quite a workout, if not physically, certainly they do conversationally. In poetry, cat feet are what the fog comes in on, according to Carl Sandburg.

In measurement, signs tell us how far away hazards are.

And some of us open our mouths only to change feet.

In the "golden days" of radio, we listened intently to certain entertainers, who, week after week, made unchanging statements.

We were easily entertained, laughing every week at the Duke of Paducah's invariable segment ending Saturday nights on The Grand Ole Opry: "I'm goin' back to the wagon 'cause these shoes are killing me."

Another entertainer who always landed on his feet was the inimitable Red Skelton, both on radio and TV. His memorably closing words, unquestionably sincere, warmed hearts: "Good-night, and may God bless."

Who can forget the duck feed joke? It conjures imagery of Daffy Duck, and thinking of the memorable cartoon figure's padded feet makes it funnier.

You know the account: A duck wanders into a feed store, in-

quiring about duck feed. "We have cattle feed, chicken feed, horse feed, sheep feed and goat feed," the guy says. "But, no duck feed."

This vignette plays out three consecutive days, and the clerk tires of the question.

"I've told you daily what kind of feed we have, and that we don't have duck feed," he snorts.

Fearing the fowl doesn't believe him, he adds that if the duck comes in with the same question on the morrow, he will "nail his little padded feet to the floor."

Undaunted, the duck wanders in the next day, this time asking, "Do you have any nails? Do you have any hammers?" The feed store guy shakes his head. "Got any duck feed?" the duck asks, hurriedly exiting the store.

Feet certainly aren't forgotten in the Bible. Without numerous Scriptures referencing feet, it would be a much smaller book.

Our spirits are buoyed by Isaiah 52:7 (NIV). "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

Such tidings are desperately needed; the world's view of what is good grows dim.

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Forsan Elementary School Pre-K and Kindergarten registration begins Monday

Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

Coahoma ISD Pre-K, Kindergarten to hold pre- registration April 18-21

COAHOMA ISD - Pre-K pre-registration is from April 18-21 at the Coahoma Elementary office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, parents must first go to administration building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it and then head to the elementary and fill out a pre-registration form.

You must bring the following: a state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies.

The student must meet the following qualifications:

- Transfers accepted for Pre-K.
- Students must be four on or before Sept. 1.
- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program.
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- Be the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty
- Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

Coahoma ISD kindergarten pre-registration

To qualify, students must reside in the district to pre-register and be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Transfer requests will not be processed until June 1st.

Parents must first first, go to Administration Building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it. If the child is already enrolled, this step may be skipped. Next, the parent must go to elementary and fill out a pre-registration form.

The parents must bring the state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies

Kindergarten Round UP day will be on Friday, April 28 from 8 a.m until 11 a.m. Parents must pre-register their child during the April 18-21 dates to attend on this day. Register April 18-21 to attend on this day.

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Howard County

#1 CP Rectifier "MP 42.7", drill, El: NA
Wildcat Field (cathodic protection well)
4.50 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-112, Section 17, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 510 feet
Latitude 032.235651, Longitude -101.357440. Datum: NAD 27
147.6' FEL, 147.6' FSL of 2-acre lease
200' FWL, 1525' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1LS Allar "19A-30", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
6.90 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-113, Section 19, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8999 feet
Latitude 032.216298, Longitude -101.366702. Datum: NAD 27
1015' FWL, 2340' FNL of 480-acre lease
1015' FWL, 2340' FNL of the survey

#103H Gaskins "SN 6-43 03", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
2.70 miles north of Knott
A-1678, Section 6, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.441400, Longitude -101.637218. Datum: NAD 83
269' FSL, 350' FEL of 497.39-acre lease
2364' FNL, 350' FEL of the survey

#803H Gaskins "SN 6-43 03", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
2.70 miles north of Knott
A-1678, Section 6, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.441482, Longitude -101.637376. Datum: NAD 83
269' FSL, 400' FEL of 497.39-acre lease
2364' FNL, 400' FEL of the survey

#7HB Guitar Galusha, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 8600 feet
Latitude 032.185050, Longitude -101.361598. Datum: NAD 83
419' FEL, 2170' FNL of 980-acre lease
2223' FWL, 2710' FNL of the survey

#1H Hyden "47-38 WA", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
5.70 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-298, Section 47, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 15,000 feet
X=771821, Y=320034. Datum: NAD 27
227' FSL, 698' FWL of 640-acre lease
227' FSL, 698' FWL of the survey

#8HA Guitar Galusha, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 8400 feet
Latitude 032.185042, Longitude -101.361849. Datum: NAD 83
449' FEL, 2170' FNL of 960-acre lease
2193' FWL, 2170' FNL of the survey

#1BH Wolfe-Brophy Unit "45-04", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.50 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-356, Section 45, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.465193, Longitude -101.621976. Datum: NAD 27
300' FNL, 670' FWL of 955.11-acre lease
300' FNL, 670' FWL of the survey

Borden County

#112MP Snyder "10" "MP 112", drill, El: NA
Wildcat Field
3 miles east of Vealmoor
A-1254, Section 22, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 600 feet
Latitude 032.322172, Longitude -101.311481. Datum: NAD 27
131' FWL, 2109' FSL of 1-acre lease
131' FWL, 2109' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1AH Medusa Unit "A 28-21", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field

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Dakota Access attorneys fighting tribes' religion argument

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Attorneys for the developer of the Dakota Access pipeline are fighting an attempt by Sioux tribes to argue that oil under their water source potentially interferes with their religion, even as the company steadily fills the line with oil.

The Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes sued last summer on other grounds, including that the pipeline threatened cultural sites and water supply, which they get from Lake Oahe, a reservoir on the Missouri River in North Dakota. Energy Transfer Partners this week asked a federal judge to reject an attempt by the tribes to amend their lawsuit in part to include the religion argument.

The tribes first raised the religion argument in early February, after the Trump administration cleared the way for final pipeline construction under the lake. They maintain that the pipeline threatens water they consider sacred.

ETP argued then that the argument came too late in the legal process, and U.S. District Judge James Boasberg, the Washington, D.C.,

judge overseeing the case, refused to allow the religion argument as a basis for stopping construction of the pipeline.

The tribes have appealed his decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which also recently refused to grant an emergency order stopping oil from flowing through the pipeline.

The company also filed documents objecting to a request by 13 members of the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River and Oglala Sioux tribes to join the lawsuit as individual plaintiffs. Members of the group, which includes Ladonna Brave Bull Allard, one of the main organizers of opposition to the pipeline, argue in part that they might be better suited to make the religion argument because they are personally affected.

ETP attorneys said there's no evidence the individual tribal members would be "substantially burdened" by the pipeline, and that intervention by the group would further delay a lawsuit "that is finally approaching conclusion."

Scholarship opportunities

PBUWCD 2017 scholarship essays due Tuesday

The due date is nearing for students to submit their essay for the 2017 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) scholarship contest.

All graduating seniors who attend a school within the district (Forsan, Grady, Sands, Stanton) are invited to participate. There will be a scholarship offered to each of the four schools in the District and the winners of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2017. They may

be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W Saint Peter St., Stanton, Texas. This year the topic for the essay will be: "Write a 1,000 word essay about the water cycle and discuss the importance of runoff and why it is crucial to our aquifers and for our very existence."

For further criteria and information, please contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or email pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com. You may also find more information onat www.pbuwcd.com.

Howard County A&M Club scholarship applications

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours.

Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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Owner nixes coal mine expansion over German climate plans

BERLIN (AP) — The owner of one of Germany's biggest coal mines is shelving plans to expand the site because of government efforts to curb the country's carbon emissions.

Czech-owned consortium LEAG said late Thursday that lignite extraction at Jaenschwalde, near Germany's eastern border

with Poland, will end in 2023.

A nearby coal-fired power plant will continue operating for another eight to 10 years using lignite from other mines.

The company said plans to expand a mine in Nochten, to the south, will also be scaled back. It intends to decide on the future of

a third mine by 2020.

LEAG said the German government "obviously wants to achieve Germany's climate goals largely on the back of lignite."

The consortium bought the German coal assets of Swedish energy company Vattenfall last year.

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8.25 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-1177, Section 28, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.540671, Longitude -101.431555. Datum: NAD 27
420' FSL, 329' FWL of 638.41-acre lease
420' FSL, 329' FWL of the survey

#4AH Dragon Unit "A 20-29", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
2.25 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-1052, Section 20, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.540607, Longitude -101.549409. Datum: NAD 27
300' FNL, 232' FEL of 639.87-acre lease
300' FNL, 2407' FWL of the survey

Glasscock County

#1 Foxtrot, drill, El: NA
Jailhouse (Fusselman) Field
11.70 miles southwest of Garden City
A-1254, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
Latitude 031.706598, Longitude -101.406911. Datum: NAD 83
1220' FSL, 600' FEL of 480-acre lease
1220' FSL, 600' AFEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Sterling County

#9 Bailey "16", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-431-32600
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
21.60 miles southwest of Sterling City
A-1151, Section 16, Block 2, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8200 feet
Latitude 031.350186, Longitude -101.114861. Datum: NAD 27
2189' FSL, 2073' FEL of 640-acre lease
2189' FSL, 2073' FEL of the survey

#13 Bailey "16", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-431-32704
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
21.60 miles southwest of Sterling City
A-1257, Section 16, Block 2, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8200 feet
Latitude 031.351447, Longitude -101.121877. Datum: NAD 83
1943' FNL, 660' FWL of 640-acre lease
1943' FNL, 660' FWL of the survey

#16 Bailey "16", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-431-32724
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
21.60 miles southwest of Sterling City
A-1257, Section 16, Block 2, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8200 feet
Latitude 031.352758, Longitude -101.121860. Datum: NAD 83
618' FNL, 661' FWL of 640-acre lease
618' FNL, 661' FWL of the survey

#1 Morita, API #42-227-38695
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2474' GR
10.80 miles west of Big Spring
A-1521, Section 8, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
2082' FNL, 467' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.1850299, Longitude -101.6451695
Total Depth: 10,615 feet. PBT: NA.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 227 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 387 BWPD
Gas Lift. GOR: 1480
Spud: 8-17-16. Completed: 12-03-16. Pay: NA
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5-1/2" @ 10,613 feet w/ 1,050 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7348 feet
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Leonard scores 27, Spurs rally to top Thunder 100-95

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are quick learners.

Two days after they blew a 22-point lead in a loss to Golden State, the Spurs overcame a 21-point deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-95 on Friday night.

Oklahoma City led 69-48 with 5:56 left in the third quarter.

"It's a great win," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We needed one like this. We didn't play good for 30 minutes of the game, but we bounced back. We were aggressive, we stayed together and we bounced back."

Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points for the Spurs, who didn't lead until the final minute. LaMarcus Aldridge's dunk with 20.7 seconds left put the Spurs up 96-95. Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook drove to the hoop, but Aldridge blocked his shot. Leonard then drove the length of the floor, scored and was fouled. His free throw with 5.8 seconds left put the game out of reach.

"I was real impressed with the grit of the whole group," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's late to be doing that, and they just kept motoring along and trying to be disciplined, and it worked out."

Westbrook had 32 points, 15 rebounds and 12 assists for his 39th triple-double of the season. He needs two more to tie Oscar Robertson's single-season record of 41 set during the 1961-62 season. He was disappointed in the result,



AP Photo
San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) passes over Oklahoma City Thunder forward Domantas Sabonis (3) and center Steven Adams (12) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Friday, March 31, 2017.

but said his young teammates will learn from it. "It happens like that sometimes," Westbrook said. "Sometimes you don't win a game. Stick with it. We'll be all right."

Westbrook was coming off a 57-point performance in an overtime win over Orlando during which he set an

NBA record for most points scored in a triple-double. He had 19 points, seven rebounds and seven assists in the first half to help the Thunder take a 54-41 lead. Leonard and Aldridge shot a combined 5 for 18 before the break.

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Bulldogs dominate Buffaloes in just five innings 11-1

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldog varsity baseball team hosted the Stanton Buffaloes in a district game last night where they came out on top in a one-sided 11-1 victory.

Stanton was able to put the first run on the board as a runner was driven across the plate on a ground out play. Unfortunately for them, that would be it as far as scoring goes, as the Bulldogs were able to keep them scoreless for the rest of the game.

In the bottom of the second inning, Coahoma drove in a whopping eight runs thanks to a two-RBI single by Bracey Bacon, four runs scored on errors, an RBI single by Fletcher Mashburn, and an RBI single by Braden Pearson.

The Bulldogs followed with a quick three outs to bring themselves up to the plate once again, and they were able to bring another pair of runs in with another RBI single from Mashburn and an RBI single from Logan Franklin.

With the score at 10-1 going into the fourth, Coahoma pulled off another defensive stop and sealed the game with a solo home run by Adam Clark. This put the Bulldogs up by ten which enforced the run rule and ensured the district win over Stanton.

"The kids competed well tonight," said head coach Bryan Jacobs. "Routine baseball wins games, and we are making routine plays."

Franklin got the win for the Bulldogs. He threw for four innings, surrendering only one run, one error, one walk and six strikeouts.

"We had some trouble squaring up to the baseball tonight, but we had enough quality at bats to get runners on and had some players find a gap," said Jacobs. "Balls in play puts pressure on defenses, and we did a good job applying that pressure."

Coahoma got off a team total of 10 hits, with Mashburn and Franklin as the offensive leaders with two hits and two runs batted in apiece.

Coming up, the Bulldogs will prepare to hit the road for their big showdown against Clyde, which is scheduled to take place Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

"We plan on staying the course and keeping it routine," said Jacobs. "Never too high, never too low."

Grant throws shut out as Coahoma beats Stanton 10-0

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogette softball team displayed a dominant performance last night as they hosted the Stanton Lady Buffaloes and came out with a 10-0 win in just five innings of play.

The Bulldogettes began the game with a strong defensive start by getting three quick outs on the first three Stanton batters.

With a run scored by Lexi Montelongo on a fly out and an RBI single by STARR, Coahoma established an early 2-0 lead over the Lady Buffs.

The following inning, the Bulldogettes got another three quick outs on only six pitches from Cassie Grant.

At the bottom of the third, Coahoma added to their lead by driving in two more runs which came from an RBI single followed by a score on a passed ball, both from Madison Daniels. This brought the Bulldogettes up 4-0 over Stanton.

Coahoma continued to hold the Lady Buffs scoreless for the remainder of the game and would bring three more runs across in the fourth and another three runs across in the fifth.

The big innings were thanks to a two-RBI single by Grant, an RBI single by Starr, an RBI double by Caitlyn Corley, an RBI triple by Montelongo, followed by a score on a wild pitch also by Montelongo.

The Bulldogettes managed to put the game out of reach for Stanton in just five innings and got the shut out

win with a final score of 10-0.

"I can't say enough how well the girls played tonight. Coaching wise, we can only do so much," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "The girls are the ones who go out and put their skills to use and win games. They did a great job."

Grant had the hot hand as she pitched for five innings, only allowed one hit, zero runs, walked zero, and struck out one. She pounded the zone as 31 of her 44 pitches were strikes.

"Cassie has always been a great pitcher. She had a low pitch count averaging about eight pitches per inning," said Orosco. "She was working fast, throwing to contact, and as good as she threw she only had one strike out. That means Stanton was putting the ball in play and we were getting all the outs."

Coahoma knocked out seven hits for the game with Starr and Montelongo leading the team offensively with two hits each.

The Bulldogettes had an error-free performance in the field. Reagan Deel made the most plays with seven.

"Defensively, we had a huge game. We haven't had a game with zero errors all year," said Orosco. "We made routine plays which helped out the pitcher, and that was big for us."

Up next, Coahoma will travel to Clyde to try and take the first place spot in district. As of right now, there is a three-way tie for first between Coahoma, Clyde and Merkel. Their game in Clyde will take place Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Rangers' Hamels, Cashner shut out Royals on 3 hits, 3-0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cole Hamels and Andrew Cashner each had something to prove on Friday night.

Consider it done.

Hamels and Cashner combined for a three-hitter as the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 3-0 on Friday night.

After allowing four runs and retiring only one batter in his first spring "A" game start, Hamels allowed only one run in each of his next two starts.

Hamels grudgingly allowed Kansas City three hits, all singles, walked none and faced only 20 batters in six innings. He struck out four and threw 45 strikes among 69 pitches.

"It's nice to get a healthy spring training out of the way," Hamels said, "and then go into the season with something to build on. I thought it went pretty well, especially the last two games."

Texas manager Jeff Banister liked what he saw.

"The last time before the lights go on for real, we saw Cole Hamels tonight. The two-seam fastball was electric. The changeup was a really good pitch for him. The cutter was back in play."

Cashner pitched in an "A" game for the first time this spring. Returning from right biceps soreness, he walked one, struck out one and faced the minimum of nine batters in three innings to earn a save. He threw 30 pitches, 18 strikes.

Then Cashner went to the bullpen to throw some more.

"Excited about having him back out on the field," Banister said. "There's a lot of feel-good, I believe, for him."

No Royals runner advanced past first base.

Elvis Andrus had two hits, including an RBI double during a three-run second inning against Royals starter Ian Kennedy.

Four of Texas' first five batters in the second inning hit safely. Ryan Rua drove in the first run with a single. After Andrus doubled, Carlos Gomez hit a sacrifice fly for the third run.

Six Kansas City relievers blanked the Rangers on two singles in six innings.

STARTING TIME

Royals: After pitching 12 scoreless

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AP Photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws during the first inning of an exhibition baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Friday, March 31, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

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innings in his final two starts in Arizona, Kennedy allowed three runs and five hits in two innings. He is scheduled to start on Wednesday at Minnesota.

Rangers: Hamels reduced his spring ERA from 5.79 to 3.52. His first regular-season start would be at home on Wednesday vs. defending American League champion Cleveland.

RANGERS, GEE WORKING ON DEAL

The Rangers and RHP Dillon Gee are working out details of a new major league contract. It would put him on the 40-man roster and enable the team to option him to Triple-A Round Rock without having to pay him the \$2 million bonus called for in his minor league deal. He could return when Texas first needs a fifth starter on April 15.

RANGERS ROTATION

Texas manager Jeff Banister said the season-opening rotation would be Yu Darvish, Martin Perez, Hamels and A.J. Griffin.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Royals: RF Jorge Soler (strained oblique) remained out, and could begin the season on the disabled list.

Rangers: 3B Adrian Beltre (tight right calf) ran on Friday, and the Rangers will wait to see how he feels before making a roster move. . RHP Tyson Ross, recovering from surgery to relieve Thoracic Outlet Syndrome, is scheduled to pitch a simulated game on Saturday.

UP NEXT

The Royals and Rangers finish their exhibition schedule on Saturday afternoon in Arlington. RHP Jason Hammel and LHP Jason Vargas will pitch for Kansas City. Texas will start non-roster RHP Allen Webster.

SPURS

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Westbrook got his 10th rebound early in the third quarter, but after that, the Spurs started rolling and cut their deficit to 76-71 at the end of the period.

Leonard, who had been bottled up in the first half, got loose for 13 points in the third quarter.

The Thunder led 80-75 when Westbrook re-entered the game in the fourth quarter after a short rest. He clinched the triple-double on a floater by Steven Adams with 6:15 remaining, but San Antonio continued to inch closer after that.

Westbrook made just three of 12 shots in the second half and shot 2 of 7 in the fourth quarter.

"We just tried to slow Russell down a little bit and make him give up the ball," Leonard said. "He was going to the line and getting his teammates wide-open shots very easily in the first half. That's basically it. We've got to try to do what we can to slow him down. He played a great game."

Westbrook felt the pressure. "They was bringing the whole team," he said. "That's what they do. I've just got to try to make the right

play."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Were outrebounded 26-15 in the first half. ... Held the Thunder to 5-of-20 shooting in the third quarter. ... The Spurs committed just 14 turnovers.

Thunder: It was the 76th triple-double of Westbrook's career. ... It was Westbrook's fifth consecutive triple-double. ... F Taj Gibson sat out with an illness. He started the previous 10 games, and the Thunder had gone 8-2.

STAT LINES

The Thunder outrebounded the Spurs 39-29 in the first three quarters, but the Spurs outrebounded the Thunder 12-7 in the fourth.

QUOTABLE

Popovich: "It's the NBA. It's 48 minutes and all kinds of things happen. People stop making shots, you start making some, maybe there's some turnovers, whatever, and you get back in the game."

UP NEXT

Spurs: host the Utah Jazz on Sunday.

Thunder: host the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday.

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By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Tradition, education, and good old West Texas fun came together Friday morning in Coahoma.

"Today we saw a 39-year-old tradition that's going strong, thanks to Quail Dobbs and the kindergarten teachers that started it 39 years ago," said Coahoma kindergarten teacher Jennifer Baccardi. "It's the Quail Dobbs Legacy Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. Since he passed away, it's been three years. I made a promise to

Quail that we would keep it going. He loved it so much and we loved him so much that we want to carry on the tradition that he started."

Dobbs, a famous rodeo clown who called Coahoma home, helped organize the Kindergarten Rodeo and performed at it every year until his death in 2014. The Kindergarten Rodeo, which took place in the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium, involved bareback bronc riding, barrel riding, pole bending, a flag relay, a milking relay, roping, and bull riding – all with stick horses and

stick bulls, and model milk cows and roping steers.

Baccardi said the event is not only a lot of fun for kids, teachers, and parents alike, but educational as well.


"It works on listening skills, fine and gross motor skills," she said. "We are also working on how we work together – our community. So it has an educational basis too."

The event also featured a performance by Jody Nix, songs by the Coahoma Kindergarten Choir.



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
Clockwise from top: Ann Marie Vaughn, Miss Texas Rodeo Princess 2016, and Aubrie Fields, Mis Rodeo Texas Teen 2016, ride with Coahoma kindergarteners in the opening parade of the Quail Dobbs Legacy Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo; Paisley Walden exits the gate in the Barrel Racing event; Kambree Martinez weaves her steed through the poles in the Pole Bending event; rodeo clowns RiAnn Locke, Kavan Kazyck, and Heidi Abrego clap during Jody Nix's performance; Kelton Froman ropes an ornery steer in the Roping event; Western singer Jody Nix performs with the Coahoma Rodeo Band; Krislyn Elder snatches a flag in the flag relay.







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Prince Charles tours Bucharest, says hi to Vlad the Impaler

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles reconnected with one of his ancestors on Friday, walking past a statue of Vlad the Impaler during a tour of Bucharest on his final day in Romania.

The prince's three-nation trip is seen as an effort to reassure European Union nations that Britain remains a close ally despite its impending departure from the bloc.

During his tour of the old city, Charles also visited a project that offers restoration support to historical buildings in disrepair.

Charles owns two properties in Romania's northwest Transylvania region which he visits yearly. He is on tour to "highlight the U.K.'s

relationship with European partners" in areas such as military ties and combatting human trafficking, according to his website.

Charles is related to the 15th-century prince through his great-grandmother Queen Mary, the wife of George V, who was related to a German noble family. Charles has publicly spoken about being a distant relative of Vlad, who reportedly impaled Turks, thieves and traitors on stakes.

The heir to the British throne also visited a school and a children's club in Vizuresti, a small village north of Bucharest with a large Roma population, where he was greeted Friday with bread and salt and chatted with local residents and children.

Crayola boots dandelion for bluish crayon yet to be named

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Dandelion yellow has reason to be blue.

Crayola announced Friday, National Crayon Day, that it's replacing the color dandelion in its 24-pack with a crayon in "the blue family."

The company says it will leave it to fans to come up with a name for the replacement color.

It's only the third time in Crayola's long history that it has retired one or more colors, and the first time it's swapped out a color in its box of 24.

Other colors that previously got the boot include maize, raw umber and orange yellow.

Crayola crayons were first produced in 1903 by Binney & Smith Co.

Crayola is based in Easton, Pennsylvania, and is a subsidiary of Hallmark Cards Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.



AP Photo/Richard Drew
A dandelion crayon character poses for photos during a Crayola event in New York's Times Square, Friday, March 31, 2017. Crayola announced it's replacing the color in its 24-pack.

Who's who in Howard County Mandy Cantu




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Who is in your family? My family is: husband, Jesse Cantu; children, Gina, Jesse Jr., Haley, and Alex; parents, Cindy and Carlos Castaneda; sisters: Tamme, Carla, Tasha, and Lauren.
What hobbies, clubs, and organizations are you involved with? I enjoy Little League baseball, football — I am a Dallas Cowboys fan — bingo, and hanging with my family.
What is your favorite book? My favorite book is "Appointments with Heaven" by Dr. Reggie Anderson.
What is your favorite show? My favorite show is "This is Us."
What is your favorite movie? My favorite movie is "Titanic."
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? I would visit the Pyramids in Egypt

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Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, Tuscan vegetables, roll, fruity Jell-O, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Barbecue chicken leg, roll, brown rice, carrots, garden salad, veggie cups, strawberries, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: FLEX DAY: Sack lunch bag, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Chicken bites basket with seasoned fries or Italian pasta salad with chicken or chicken spaghetti or ranch baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green peas, Romaine spinach garden salad, fresh fruit, apple crisp, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich basket with Sun Chips or crispy chicken tenders salad or jammin' chicken jambalaya or chicken and sausage gumbo with rice, creole green beans, yellow squash, Romaine spinach garden salad, fresh fruit, fruit slush cup, wholegrain crackers.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-waffle sticks or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Meatball marinara sub basket with seasoned fries or grilled chicken Caesar salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/sausage) or loaded baked potato with diced chicken and roll, steamed corn, mixed vegetables, Romaine spinach garden salad, rosy applesauce, cheese, green onions, bacon bits, butter pat, sour cream, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled egg and diced ham with buttered toast or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Mini

corn dogs basket with seasoned fries or chicken taco salad or chicken quesadilla or soft beef taco, Spanish rice, charro beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, salsa, sour cream, shredded cheese, fresh fruit.

Friday: Breakfast: Yogurt cup with Graham crackers or cereal bar with buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, jelly, milk; Lunch: MacRib sandwich basket with French fries or chicken bites salad or grilled chicken sandwich or barbecue beef on bun, baked beans, French fries, burger salad with pickle, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit.

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Monday: Breakfast: Mini maple waffles or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Country fried steak, or steak fingers, or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Bean and cheese burrito or cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, cookie, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or garlic French bread pizza, corn, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or chicken strips with gravy and roll, California blend veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-parts, cheese stick. Lunch: Country-fried steak, gravy, roasted potatoes, savory, green beans, roll, strawberry cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt. Lunch: Meat & cheese tostadas, Spanish Rice, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, lettuce & tomato garnish, and apple sauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap; Lunch: Hamburger, hamburger garnish, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, apple slice.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pizza; Lunch: Frito pie, baby carrots, seasoned corn, salsa, lettuce & tomato garnish, peaches, cookie.

Friday: Breakfast: waffle, cheese stick; Lunch: pizza, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles.

Big Spring Senior Center

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Wednesday: Terriyaki chicken, pineapple lime rice, stir fry vegetables, sliced pears, egg rolls, milk.

Thursday: Soft beef taco, lettuce - tomato - cheese, Spanish rice, chips & salsa, peaches, milk.

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Roger's Reviews: Power Rangers



In 1993, an American TV show debuted with an interesting premise: It took footage of costumed heroes fighting monsters from a Japanese show and spliced it together with new footage of American high school kids who transformed into those heroes when danger called. Of course, I'm talking about Saban's "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers." The result was a campy Frankenstein of a show that attracted kids' faces to the screen like bees to honey.



ROGER
CLINE

Now, with our current fad of re-making every nostalgic property in sight, it's morphin' time again. "Power Rangers" is in theaters, still produced by Haim Saban. The footage is all new, but the campy, over-the-top feel of the show is still there.



"Power Rangers" starts 65 million years in the past, with alien Power Rangers - including Red Ranger Zordon (Bryan Cranston) fighting on prehistoric Earth to protect a giant crystal from the evil Rita Repulsa (Elizabeth Banks), the former Green Ranger, who succumbed to power madness. As the other Rangers fall, Zordon calls in a meteor strike on the location of the fight. He buries the glowing Power Ranger coins before the blast kills him and buries Rita.

Flash forward to the present. Jason Scott (Dacre Montgomery) is a star high school quarterback with an impulsive side. We meet him as he's engaged in a prank - stealing the rival team's mascot, a bull. The police show up and Scott hops in his truck and leads them on a high-speed chase, ending in him flipping the truck. He's banned from the football team, placed on house arrest with an ankle monitor, and given (apparently permanent) detention. In detention, he meets up with a couple of other teens: former cheerleader Kimberly Hart (Naomi Scott) and nerd Billy Cranston (R.J. Cyler). Jason stands up to a bully (Wesley MacInnes) for Billy, and Billy offers to hack Jason's ankle monitor if Jason will go with him to the town's old gold mine. At the mine, Billy sets off an explosion which causes part of a cliff to collapse, revealing five glowing colored coins. The explosion also attracts the attention of Kim, who's nearby; and also two other teens: Loner Trini Kwan (Becky G), and Zack Taylor (Ludi Lin), a Chinese-American teen who's caring for his ill mother. Each of the teens takes a coin: Jason, the red one; Billy, the blue; Kim, pink; Trini, yellow; and Zack, black; before fleeing the approaching mine security forces. In the chase, Billy's mom's minivan is hit by a train. The teens wake up the next morning as if nothing happened. Gradually, they begin to discover that they are now ridiculously strong. They decide to head back to where they found the coins, and discover (after a bit of experimenting with huge leaps across canyons) a spaceship buried in a gorge. Exploring the spaceship, they discover Alpha 5 (voiced by Bill Hader), a robot, who awakens Zordon, who's spirit has somehow merged with the ship's computer. Zordon tells them the coins have selected them to become the new Power Rangers and stop Rita Repulsa, who has once again awakened to try to steal the "Zeo Crystal," which will destroy all life on Earth.

much higher production values, but still captures that engaging campiness that the original series banked on. We're treated to such old friends as the "Putties," monsters formed from rubble that Rita is able to create with her golden power staff; and the Zords, dinosaur-shaped battle vehicles the Power Rangers use to fight against Rita's monsters.

Elizabeth Banks absolutely steals the show with her performance as Rita Repulsa. She is, indeed, repulsive; her introduction to the modern day comes as she's hauled up with a load of fish in a fishing boat's net. She needs gold to create her giant monster Goldar, so she starts out by killing several people and looting their gold fillings. Next she loots a jewelry store. Her performance is way over the top, retaining just a soupcon of the original show's Rita's silliness, but with a ton more spine-chilling sinister thrown in.

The Rangers' individual backstories are forgettable. Jason is a troubled, impulsive kid. Billy is, in his own words, "on the scale," lacking in social grace, and a tech genius. Kim is a typical "mean girl" who got shunned by the rest of her cheerleader clique. Trini is questioning her sexual identity, and Zack takes care of his ill mother and often skips school.

"Power Rangers" is entertaining, but it feels like it could have been a lot better. It's appeal is almost entirely nostalgia (well, and Banks' Rita), and that's not quite enough for an entire movie to hang its hopes on. Seven stars out of 10.

Note: Hang around for the mid-credits scene, which points to a possible sequel.

Power Rangers

Director: Dean Israelite

Writer: Screenplay by John Gatins; Story by Matt Sazama, Burk Sharpless, Michele Mulroney, and Kieran Mulroney; based on "Power Rangers" created by Haim Saban and Shuki Levy.

Production Companies: Lionsgate, Temple Hill Entertainment

PG-13, 2 hrs 4 min., Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi, March 24, 2017

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

Martinez and Yanez exchange vows



Julie Aguello and Joey Martinez of Big Spring are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Selina Renee Martinez, to Justin Mathew Yanez, son of Lori Yanez and Palemon Diaz of Big Spring.

The wedding ceremony was held at 3:30 p.m. March 3, 2017, on the grand stairwell at the historic Hotel Settles.

The bride was given away by her father, Joey Martinez. She wore a white lace fitted gown with a white floral bouquet with crystals.

The couple were married by Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons.

Those in the wedding party included the maid of honor, Stephanie Yanez; and best men, Jacob and Josh Yanez.

Selina graduated from Rotan High School in Rotan, Texas, and is a current student of Liberty University Online. She is working on a bachelor's degree in Christian Leadership and Management, with a minor in church ministries. She currently works for the Big Spring Herald as an Advertising Executive, and also works part time at Hotel Settles and Bauer Head Start.

Justin graduated from Big Spring High School in Big Spring, Texas, and currently works for Kwikies Convenience Store. Both bride and groom were both born and currently reside in Big Spring.

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BBB offers tips for maintaining lawns in time for spring



Whether your lawn needs a little touch-up or complete make-over, it's important to find the right helping hands.

Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises people not to rush into hiring lawn help. It's important to get clear, written expectations for what services the company or contractor will provide and agree on a fee before work begins.

Last year, BBB received more than 7,200 complaints against landscape and lawn maintenance businesses and contractors nationwide. More than 100 of those complaints were processed by your BBB.

Many complaints claimed dissatisfaction with the services provided and performance of the business. Other complaints reported problems with contracts and delivery.

To find a lawn care business you can trust, BBB offers the following advice:

- Know what you want from a lawn service. Lawn care businesses provide many services, so it's important to decide what services and products are appropriate for your needs and budget.
- Find a trustworthy business. Go to bbb.org to check the company's BBB Business Profile. Here you can find information on the business, such as how long they've been in business, contact information, complaint history and customer reviews.
- Check references. Ask the business for references and photos of previously completed projects. Contact references, and ask about their experience working with the business and if they were satisfied with the services provided.
- Don't sign up for services on the spot. If a sales representative comes to your door, get their information or business card. Call the business directly or perform the transaction through the company's website, and provide the name of the sales representative if you're concerned about them getting credit for the sale. If you insist on signing up on the spot, carefully read all the documents you are signing, particularly if they are electronic. On tablets or laptops, scroll up and down to see the entire document you are signing.
- Ask for a lawn inspection and free estimate. Lawn care businesses that quote a price without seeing your lawn may not give you an accurate estimate. A business should be willing to visit your home to provide you with an agreed upon fee.
- Get a written agreement. A contract should clearly state the services you will receive, guarantees and refund policies, as well as how and when payment will be handled. If you are using a recurring service, the contract should also include how often the company will come out to work on your lawn, how to cancel the service and a schedule for when payments are due.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 563-1880 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

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Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry Street, was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Permits

- Terry Wegman, 2801 MaCauslan Street, res re-roof, Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$70
- Lee Harris, 501 Hillside Drive, res water-tap, Val: \$842, Fee: \$842
- Jason A. Seay, 811 S Aylesford Street, res elec, Val: \$0, Fee: \$25, res plumb, Val: \$500, Fee: \$39
- Javier Garza, 2002 S Main Street, structures (porch/gazebo), Val: \$700, Fee: \$25
- Delux Inn, 400 N Gregg, res gas, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
- Sherman Francis, 2524 Hunter Drive, res gas, Val: \$750, Fee: \$32
- Teri Pace Chevallier, 3730 Adams Street, (replacing existing fence), Val: \$900, Fee: \$25
- Big Spring Realty Inc., 2600 Barksdale, res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Lamar Advertising, 307 E I-20, com-elec, Val: \$100, Fee: \$25
- Marcellous Weaver, 431 Hillside Drive, res elec, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Gillihan Paint and Body, 821 W 4th Street, res gas, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$32
- Angelina A Hernandez, 303 Aylesford Street, res hvac, Val: \$1,600, Fee: \$35
- Maria Teresita Dolloff, 2400 Alamesa Drive, res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Lea Gray, 700 N Owens Street, com elec, Val: \$0, Fee: \$50
- Noe Garcia Soliz, 807 Johnson Street, residential additions (carport), Val: \$1,062, Fee: \$25
- David Black, 2703 Lynn Drive, res re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35
- Susan Green McLellan, 605 Avondale Drive, res re-roof, Val: \$16,000, Fee: \$90
- Leonard's Pharmacy, 707 Scurry Street, com re-roof, Val: \$7,600, Fee: \$50
- Williams C. Adams, 4209 Bilger Street, res re-roof, Val: \$6,900, Fee: \$45
- Thomas Moreno, 2605 Alamesa Drive, res hvac, Val: \$3,300, Fee: \$45
- Adam Balcazar, 709 Abrams Street, (fence) Val: \$2,300, Fee: \$25
- Mildred J Davidson, 1905 S Monticello Street, res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Alton McGruder, 1500 Kentucky Way, (replacing existing fence), Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$50
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- Josephina Torres, 1301 Utah Rd., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$64
- David Buchanan, 1307 E 4th Street, com gas, Val: \$100, Fee: \$32
- Microbial Energy Inc., 1105 E 2nd Street, com elec, Val: \$1, Fee: \$25
- Austin Jared Bynum, 3218 Auburn, res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Mae A Mayhall, 2713 Central Drive, res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Melissa Lynne Rogers, 2311 Mishler Street, (fence), Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Bruce and Doria L. Jaeger, 626 Tulane Ave., (fence-install new gate), Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
- W. Franklin, 1410 Lexington Ave., (fence), Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Dania West, 2700 Rebecca Dr., res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
- Sam E Lewis Jr., 713 Tulane Ave., res gas, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$32
- Mary Price Churchwell, 1403 Grafa St., res gas, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32
- Sonic Drive In, 1200 S Gregg, (canopy), Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$35
- Jonathan Leonard Raffini, 2603 Alamesa Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$3,800, Fee: \$30
- Billie A. Miles, 2404 Morrison Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$32
- Judson Kal Opegard, 1711 Harvard Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Maria Guadalupe Cedillo, 3206 W. 9th St., res elec, Val: \$0, Fee: \$25
- Becky Lopez Mendez, 2626 Fairchild Dr., (enclosing existing patio), Val: \$300, Fee: \$25
- Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N US Highway 87, Val: \$900, Fee: \$30
- M. Butts, 1721 Purdue Ave., res gas, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
- Kimberly Wright, 2803 Goliad St., res gas, Val: \$700, Fee: \$32
- Carlos Escalante, 911 E 16th St., (extending front porch), Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35

Public Records

- Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**
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 - Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
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 - Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morninginside Way, Canyon Lake
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 - Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
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 - Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 - Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 - Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
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 - John Roberts, 2208 Alabama, Big Spring
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 - Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
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 - Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
 - Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robinson Rd., P.O. Box 429, Coahoma
 - Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 - Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring
- Marriage Licenses**
- Sisouvan Phouththavong, 38, and Sue Flores, 47, both of Dallas.
 - Kyle Scott Isaac and Amber Renee Weston, both of Big Spring.
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US stock indexes mostly down in afternoon trading; oil rises

By **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writer

U.S. stock indexes were mostly lower in afternoon trading Friday, on course to close out a solid quarter. Investors weighed several corporate deals and new economic data on consumer spending and inflation. Financial stocks were down the most, while utilities led the gainers.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average slid 60 points, or 0.3 percent, to 20,667 as of 2:18 p.m. Eastern Time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3 points, or 2 percent, to 2,364. The Nasdaq composite index lost 2 points to 5,911. The index hit an all-time high on Thursday. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 5 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,387. Three stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

QUARTER'S END: As the market closes in on the final trading hours of the first quarter, the S&P 500 is on track for its best quarter since the end of 2015, while the Nasdaq is on course for its best quarterly showing since the end of 2013. The Dow isn't doing as well as it did in the final quarter of 2016. And the Russell 2000 is on pace for its fourth quarterly gain in a row.

U.S. ECONOMY: The Commerce Department said consumer spending kept rising in February, though gains in the last two months have been slow. Meanwhile, an inflation gauge closely watched by the Federal Reserve increased 2.1 percent in Feb-

ruary compared to a year ago, a five-year high.

DASHED EXPECTATIONS: NantHealth slumped 7.1 percent after the health care information technology company reported disappointing fourth-quarter revenue. The stock shed 36 cents to \$4.73.

TAKE THE WHEEL: Shares in two big auto dealership companies were in a skid. AutoNation fell \$1.70, or 3.9 percent, to \$41.79, the biggest decliner in the S&P 500. CarMax slid \$1.58, or 2.6 percent, to \$58.48.

STRONG QUARTER: DXP Enterprises jumped 16 percent after the industrial products company reported a profit and better-than-expected sales in the fourth quarter. The stock added \$5.23 to \$37.97.

DIALED IN: BlackBerry surged 11.5 percent after the company delivered a surprise fourth-quarter profit. Its shares picked up \$1.07 to \$10.34.

ACQUISITION AGREEMENT: TRC vaulted 45.6 percent after the engineering and consulting services company agreed to be bought by a unit of the investment firm New Mountain Capital for \$17.55 a share, or \$365.5 million. The stock climbed \$5.45 to \$17.40.

DOUBLE DEAL: FMC has agreed to buy part of DuPont's crop protection business, while DuPont buys FMC's health and nutrition unit. DuPont



AP photo

This Oct. 18, 2016 file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange building in New York. European stock markets traded in narrow ranges Friday, March 31, 2017, though trading has the potential to become quite volatile in the hours before the first quarter of the year ends.

also gets \$1.6 billion, mostly in cash. Antitrust regulators in Europe wanted DuPont to make the sale as part of its combination with competitor Dow Chemical. Shares in FMC jumped \$8.27, or 13.4 percent, to \$69.77. DuPont shares fell 89 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$80.75.

MARKETS OVERSEAS: In Europe, Germany's DAX rose 0.5 percent, while France's CAC 40 gained 0.7 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares fell 0.6 percent. In Asia, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 and Hong

Kong's Hang Seng each fell 0.8 percent. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 declined 0.5 percent. Seoul's Kospi fell 0.2 percent. India's Sensex gave up 0.2 percent, while Taiwan and New Zealand rose.

TREASURY YIELDS: Bond yields edged higher. The 10-year Treasury yield fell to 2.40 percent from 2.42 percent late Thursday.

OIL: Recovering from an early slide, benchmark U.S. crude rose 23 cents to \$50.58 per barrel in New York.

PUBLIC

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Trevor William Varner, 29 and Kaley Jenae Reedy, 25, both of Ackerly.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Debbie Wylie A/K/A Debbie C Wylie and Jake Wylie
Grantee: Michelle Cheatham and Daniel Hart
Property: 9.86 acre tract out of the sw/4 of Section 40, block 32, T-1-S, T & P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: March 28, 2017

Grantor: Linda Devereaux and Sharon Gutierrez
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: N. 18 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Block 11, McDowell Heights Addition
Date: March 7, 2017

Grantor: Joseph B. Grant, David W. Grant, and Michael M. Grant
Grantee: Katrina Walling Dushane
Property: Being a parcel of land 66 2/3 feet Northward and Southward by 140 feet Eastward and Westward out of and part of Lot No. 1, Block 81
Date: March 27, 2017

Grantor: Keith Crane
Grantee: Lee Alvarado
Property: A tract of lane out of the NW/4 Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, containing 0.964 acres of land, more or less.
Date: March 20, 2017

Grantor: Manuel Briseno Morales and Maria Elia Briseno
Grantee: Elia Quiroz Briseno
Property: Being a 2.0 acre tract of land out of the NE/4 of Section 28, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 22, 2017

Grantor: Lyn Ann King and Wallace Arley Garner
Grantee: Hector Cansino
Property: Lot 8 in Block 3 in Douglass Addition
Date: March 27, 2017

Grantor: Kathryn Lee Burns and Gary Wayne Hise
Grantee: Linda Brown and Cynthia Michelle Brown
Property: A tract of land out of and a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 32, Block 32, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys
Date: March 23, 2017

Grantor: Brad R. Rodrigues
Grantee: Griselda Rodriguez
Property: Being all of Lot 3, in Block 1, Sunset Place
Date: March 24, 2017

Grantor: Gary E. Simer
Grantee: Richard's Lease Service
Property: All that certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of the North-East Quarter (NE/4) of Section No. 19 in Block 32, Tsp. 1 South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: March 24, 2017

Grantor: Dan S. Patterson
Grantee: Jackie Burseson
Property: Being all of Lot 10 in Block 7, Stanford Park Addition
Date: November 29, 2016

Grantor: Karen Cheek Landers
Grantee: Callon Petroleum Operating Company, a Delaware Corporation
Property: The surface estate only in a tract of land containing 100 acres, more or less, out of the southwest quarter (SW/4) of Section 28, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey.
Date: March 22, 2017

Grantor: Danny Ray Stoker
Grantee: Jimmie Willis
Property: All that certain parcel and piece of land located in the Northeast 1/4 (NE/4) of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey
Date: February 17, 2017

Grantor: Tonia Ollerton and Jerry Moore
Grantee: Michael Nairn
Property: All of Lot 5, Block 8 of the Monticello addition
Date: March 22, 2017

Grantor: Vickie Watson FKA Vickie J. Fryar
Grantee: Peggy Huckabee
Property: Being all of Lot 32 in Block 8, Douglass Addition No. 1
Date: March 9, 2017

Grantor: Glenn Alfred Rogers
Grantee: RRIIG Water Solutions, LLC, a Texas limited liability company

Property: The surface estate only of a tract of land containing 21.463 acres in the North 60 acres of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Abstract No 142, Howard County, Texas and being part of and out of the East 33.13 acres of the North 60 acres of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of said Section 29.
Date: March 22, 2017

Grantor: Reginald F. Hyer
Grantee: Reginald F. Hyer
Property: Being Lot 3 and the East 3 feet of Lot 4, Block 10, Washington Place Addition to the city of Big Spring, according to the map or plat thereof record in Flat Envelope 102-B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas, commonly known as 304 Washington Blvd., Big Spring, Texas 79720
Date: March 22, 2017

Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Neal Dwain Tindol
Grantee: Manuel C Cervantes III and Michelle Annette Cervantes
Property: Lot no. 33, block no. 5, save and except the west ten feet thereof, Coronado Hills Addition
Date: March 28, 2017

Grantor: Bobby Barber and Cheryl Barber
Grantee: Josette Mata
Property: Lot 17, Block 6, Monticello, Blocks S/2 6, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, A, N/2 21, N/2 22, N/2 23
Date: March 24, 2017

Grantor: Linda Rodriguez Sanchez Fka Linda Rodriguez
Grantee: Luis Hector Colomo Galindo and Paloma Prieto Baeza
Property: Being a 6.039 acre tract of land on the South part of Section 23, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P. RR Co. Survey
Date: March 24, 2017

Grantor: Robert Heneghan and Phyllis Heneghan
Grantee: Matthew Cisneros
Property: The South half of the below described tract: The surface estate only in the S/2 of a tract in the E/2 Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, which larger tract contains 1 acre, more or less.
Date: March 22, 2017



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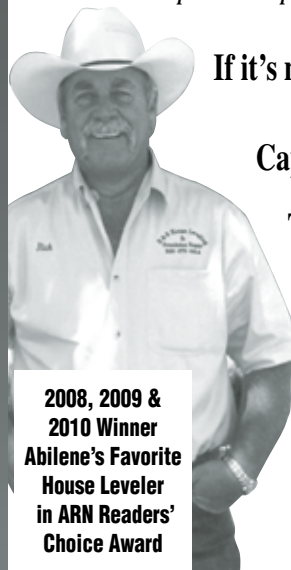
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GRACE LACKEY vs KURT JOHNSON

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#9338 March 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2017

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#9343 March 30 & April 2, 9, 2017

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#9341 March 28 -April 10, 2017

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City and School Election held on May 6, 2017 will be tested on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM, Elections Office - 1st floor County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the

Public Notice

votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion consejo de la ciudad, junta escolar que se llevara a cabo el 6 de Mayo se probara el 5 de Abril a las 3:00 pm en oficina de administracion, Palacio de Justicia del Condado para determinar se el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos os proyectos de ley.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
An inspired opening lead

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 9 5
♥ A K 7 5 4
♦ Q J 5 3
♣ 10

West North East South
1♦ 1♥ Pass 1♠
2♣ 3♠ 5♣ 5♦
Pass Pass Dble Redble

This contract proved to be less than a great success when West found the devastating opening lead of the ace of diamonds.

After East showed out, West continued with the ten, ruffed by East. West's lead of the ten, his highest remaining diamond, directed his partner to return a heart. Had West wanted a club return, he would have led the deuce of diamonds instead.

East duly obliged by leading a heart at trick three, ruffed by West, who returned the eight of diamonds, ruffed again by East. West ruffed the heart return, and South's lost 1,600 points for going down three redoubled.

East's leap to five clubs, followed by his double of five spades on a seemingly trickless hand, set the stage for the penalty that ensued. However, East's efforts would have been completely negated had West led a club — the suit he and his partner had been bidding — rather than the ace of diamonds. After a club lead, declarer would have had no difficulty scoring 11 tricks, losing only a trump trick and a diamond.

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ 1♥ Pass 1♠
2♣ 3♠ 4♣ 4♦
5♣ Dble

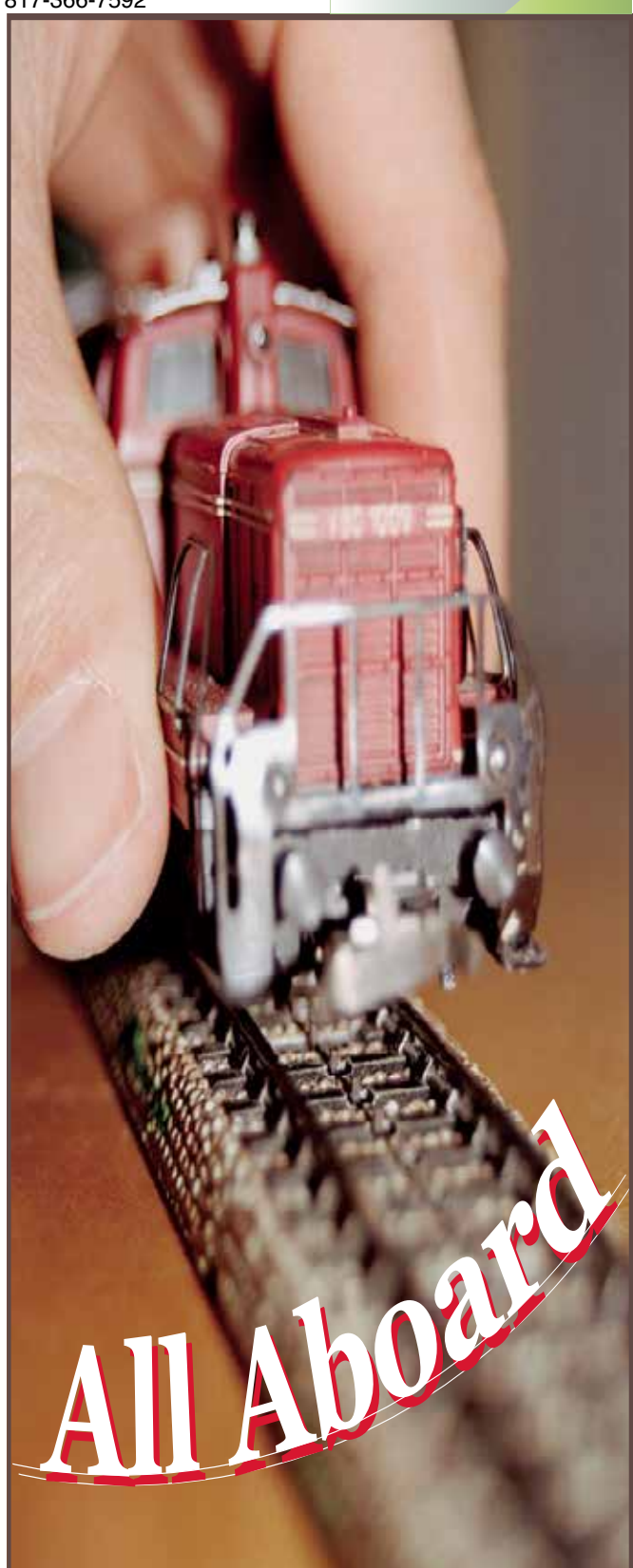
Opening lead — king of hearts.
From a team-of-four match some years ago comes this hand where, at the first table, East-West wound up in five clubs doubled on the bidding shown and went down two for a loss of 300 points.
The bidding at the second table was also very spirited, but this time North-South ended up in five spades redoubled after the following auction:

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Venus Change Calls for Mercy

Love is complicated. When Venus transits Aries, double the complexity. Love and war are all bound up together. Fighting has its own kind of intimacy. Things to keep in mind: The opposite of love isn't hate. It's not neglect or apathy, either. The opposite of love is... love. The expectations we put on our nearest and dearest can be torturous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't wait until something is falling apart to rebuild it. Establish a few more habits around keeping up with life. Daily efforts will add up, the most important of which is simply being aware of what needs care.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). It is perfectly ridiculous to keep recalling things that have not worked out, unless your true desire is for more of the same. Instead, stay buoyant and curious, asking yourself, "What can I try next?"

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've a touch of what's called "oppositional defiance disorder" today. When they tell you "no," for some reason it only makes you want a thing more. Ultimately, this will be positive. Your strong will is an asset.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're attracted to someone for any reason -- platonically, sartorially, professionally, romantically or inexplicably -- make a move! A simple hello may be all it takes to change your destiny.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In tough times, you're tougher. In fact, you're so strong you'll hardly notice the toughness -- pushing through, undaunted, moving ever forward. The times will, in fact, get out of your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's amaz-

ing what a drizzle of kindness from a total stranger can do. You've experienced both sides of this equation, and today you'll be the stranger who, without motive, restores another person's faith in people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Look at your past work. It was good enough to build on. At once, you'll be more critical and more admiring. And you may decide that it's good enough or that it's not good enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you know where to go next, you will. So stop worrying about "what's next, what's next?" and focus on closing the loops you already started. Finish (or otherwise end) the book, the course, the commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't tell how people are going to react. If you do everything right, some will think it's (SET ITAL) too right (END ITAL) and be suspicious. What one person considers a fault, another will count as charming. The lesson: Just do you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no model for what you want to do next. Others have successfully executed similar tasks, but they weren't going for precisely the results you're going for. The uniqueness of your goal calls for an original plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What would you like to see out of your day? Ask it. You've a right. In fact, you haven't been asking yourself this enough. There's so much to react to lately. It's about time you were proactive instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life and love are cyclical. Not everyone can stay in everyone's life for the long haul. There's nothing wrong with being a fond memory. In fact, if you're someone's fond memory, it's a cherished position.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2). A lot of life has to do with battling the ego. The gains you make in this regard will change everything. Your professional life shifts in May, and this will lead

to interesting meetings. Document the fun in June; it's for the ages. Singles connect in magical ways in August. With an attitude adjustment in July, things come together. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 19, 12, 30 and 44.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The notable astral happenings start with Venus. On Sunday, April 2, retrograde Venus leaves the realm of Aries. Venus is uncomfortable in Aries, always trying to work something out. If you've felt that relationships just can't settle into a groove, why not blame it on Venus' being out of sorts in the realm of the warrior? It's as good an excuse as any! Anyway, that was then; this is now. The tides are turning; the change is coming. Venus slips into Pisces, and the empathy levels rise slowly but surely. Your joy, pain, excitement, trepidation -- it all seems easily relatable to the people around you. We're in it together.

The other significant change of the

week happens in the realm of Saturn, who is being a rather judgmental taskmaster these days. On April 6, Saturn turns retrograde, and it will travel this way for about five months. The lesson here is to work what's working. And if you don't have something that's working, work what's working for someone else. A tried-and-true method has a better chance at success than something just invented.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lovely and legendary Emmylou Harris is planning a world tour to raise awareness and funding for the Jesuit Refugee Service, an organization devoted to helping refugees around the world. The multiple Grammy-winning philanthropist was born when the sun was in passionate Aries and Mercury, Venus and Mars were all in musical, soulful Pisces.

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Annie's Mailbox

Stepdaughter Causing Anxiety

Dear Annie: Please, I'd like your confirmation that the family situation I'm in is not normal. I am in my second marriage, and all of our

children are grown and raising their own families. When my husband and I got married, we had all of our adult children in the wedding. During the reception, it was discovered that my stepdaughter's boyfriend was carrying

a gun. He created a big scene, and police were called. After many months, I got over this particular incident. Fast-forward to 10 years later. This stepdaughter has married that man and has children with him. He is an alco-

holic and an abuser. The SWAT team has been called on occasion to defuse his actions. She, unfortunately, does not press charges against him, so this pattern continues. Each time she "leaves" him, she calls her father, my husband, for money to help her get some type of housing. Within a week of her request and her stating that she is done with her husband for sure this time, she returns the funds and goes back.

My problem with this, other than the fact that it's a constant emotional roller coaster, is that her father has heart and anxiety problems. Each time she disrupts his peaceful life, it puts a great strain on him. I am concerned about his health, because I see what this does to him each time she calls with the same problem. As a stepparent, what can I do?

I tried to be supportive toward my stepdaughter in the early days, but I am finding it harder and harder to do so because nothing changes and it affects my home life with my wonderful husband. Thanks for letting me

vent. -- Worried Step-mother

Dear Worried: I have a feeling that this situation is causing your husband anxiety 24/7, not just when your stepdaughter calls for money. The most pressing matter here is the safety of your grandchildren. At best, they're in an unhealthy environment; at worst, they're being abused or witnessing the abuse of their mother. Call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline (800-422-4453) to consult with professional counselors who can arm you with information, and call 911 if your daughter or grandchildren are in immediate danger.

And don't give up on your stepdaughter. On average, a victim will leave her abuser seven times before finally leaving for good. Your husband is right to offer his support. But being supportive doesn't mean riding the emotional roller coaster with her. Instead, he should stand at the station, ready to offer a hand when she steps off. Counseling (by a therapist or religious adviser) and relaxation techniques, such as meditation, could help him insulate himself from the stress in the meantime.

For more information and resources, visit The National Domestic Violence Hotline's website, at <http://www.thehotline.org>.

org.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Apprehensive," whose fiancée wants to have five children whereas he only wants one or two, cracked me up. Two people who want to be parents are ready to break up over the number of children they "want to have." Look, amigos. Have a kid. If you can stand that one, negotiate another. If you are not broke or overwhelmed yet, negotiate another. I had a son via a cesarean section and then a daughter -- who was 9 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces -- via a vaginal delivery with no epidural. Darn right we stopped after her. The point is, you start and then you will know when to stop. Do not invent trouble, unless you really just want out and are looking for any piddling excuse. -- Cathy

Dear Cathy: I heard from several readers who echoed that sentiment. Though I still think there's plenty to be said for planning ahead, you're right; they should stop short of inventing trouble. There's an overabundance of that as it is.

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 14 Senseless | 41 Sounds unhappy |
| 1 One who feels what you feel | 1 He danced with Temple in a '36 film | 21 Middle name on a 2010 Technical Grammy | 42 Precursors to scoring |
| 7 Drove home | 2 "Friendship," for Texas | 24 End of <i>The Crucible</i> | 43 Tickle Me Elmo introducer |
| 15 Glitch | 3 Shelley's "unacknowledged legislators of the world" | 25 Dermatological vexation | 47 Some making 42 Down |
| 16 Crete's highest point | 4 ... Birchard, ... Alan, ... | 27 Whom element #107 was named for | 48 Old-style oath |
| 17 Fire-in-a-can brand | 5 Carload lot | 28 Millstone | 49 How most people can be classified |
| 18 What gin might be | 6 Ado | 29 Casting director's criterion | 50 Shrink or start |
| 19 "Short" suffix in music | 7 Adjective in a recent game-show title | 30 Request for repetition | 51 Don't take it literally |
| 20 Chapter or verse | 8 Competitive challenge | 31 Hamlet directive | 52 ... center (C, for Ravel's <i>Boléro</i>) |
| 22 Dawning | 9 Long to take back | 32 5-to-500 banknote | 53 Pole-vault thing |
| 23 Significant | 10 #7 on the Fortune 500, 2001 | 33 Exalted, in Islam | 54 Oxes |
| 26 Admonition | 11 Cop op | 35 Iota | 55 Unbundled |
| 27 Automated miner | 12 Gathers dust | 36 Its seal depicts a pelican | 56 Incentivize |
| 30 Crop grown on the most land worldwide | 13 Diane on Oz | 38 "Absolut nicht!" | 60 "Some guy'd laugh and I'd bust his head" singer |
| 34 Woodstock or Sedona | | | 62 West Point superintendent, 1852-1855 |
| 37 Nab | | | |
| 39 Restraining order | | | |
| 40 Comes to conclude | | | |
| 44 Job with "nutritious" in its etymology | | | |
| 45 Medical decision of a sort | | | |
| 46 Working together | | | |
| 48 Big name in matzos | | | |
| 54 Welcome respites | | | |
| 57 Instrument Bach wrote for | | | |
| 58 Teen | | | |
| 59 Opposite of "keeps in the dark" | | | |
| 61 Fall/winter observance | | | |
| 63 Physicist's name inscribed on the Eiffel Tower | | | |
| 64 Hardwood floor maintenance | | | |
| 65 Agility | | | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

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The power of Jesus

During the ministry of Jesus, the people witnessed his power over disease and disability. This got their attention and even caused many of them to follow Jesus around. The miracles themselves were not the point, rather, they were performed in order to show that Jesus was sent by God and that his message should be acknowledged and obeyed.



GREG SURLES

In Matthew 8:23-27, the Lord's power is again revealed. In this passage, Matthew describes a boat ride where

Jesus and his disciples get caught in a sudden storm on the Sea of Galilee. We have had some strong thunderstorms here in West Texas recently. We know that the beauty of nature can turn fierce very quickly.

The disciples had witnessed the power of Jesus at other times, yet they still allowed the physical circumstances to bring out fear and doubt in them. Jesus asked them why they were afraid and he confronts their lack of faith and trust in him. He calms the storm and they are amazed. Again, the miracle was not the point. It was a sign that pointed those who witnessed it to the one who performed it.

Sometimes in life we may feel powerless. Your life may feel like "smooth

sailing" for a while and then, all of a sudden, a "storm" blows up out of nowhere. Trials in this life may come without warning. Temptations will too (I don't think the devil is going to announce it before he tempts you). While things were going well, you might have felt that God was there and watching over you, but, in the middle of the storm, you begin to question whether he is there or not. You no longer feel his presence and your fear causes you to doubt him and his power.

That is the great benefit of Scripture. God has given us his word through these eye-witnesses so that we may know his power. Jesus has the power. He is able and capable to deliver you and me! His power is a dy-

amic power that was shown in his miracles and ultimately in his victory over death. He has the power to deliver you from your sins. We too often want to trust in our own power to get us through tough circumstances.

There is also another dimension to the power of Jesus. Power can refer to ability as we have seen. It also can refer to authority. Because of his faithfulness to the Father, Jesus has received all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18; see also Philippians 2:6-11). He is reigning right now in heaven at God's right hand (Ephesians 1:20; 1 Peter 3:22).

Submit to his power and authority now in this life! In the end everyone will bow to his authority, but if you wait until that day, it will be too late.

National Ranching Heritage Center hosts 47th Annual Ranch Day April 15

Special to the Herald

Activities for the whole family will make ranching — both past and present — come alive for visitors to the 47th Annual Ranch Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock.

"Ranch Day has one focus — ranching," said Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges, who anticipates more than 5,000 visitors will spread across the spacious 19-acre historical park.

"Visitors will see chuck wagons, cowboys, horses, heifers, sheep, an old-time "Snake Oil" magic show and even an authentic Comanche tepee," Hodges said. "Hands-on activities will center on ranch skills and the history and science of ranching."

Hodges said children will have an opportunity to churn butter, make a rope, tool leather, use a washboard, ride a horse, make quilt squares and much more. They can even become "ranch hands" and receive work cards to earn "wages" for a hard day's work. When they complete six "work" activities, they can go to the 1880 Matador Office to spend their wages (reproduction of 1869 currency) on special items at the 1870s Waggoner Ranch Commissary.

"One of the most impressive things about Ranch Day is the large number of organizations and individuals that help

make this happen," Hodges said, explaining that more than 150 community volunteers will help with Ranch Day. Fifty of the volunteers will be dressed in period clothing and located inside the ranch structures to provide historical information for visitors.

The Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center will help children with horseback rides while the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team will provide demonstrations in the round pen. The Texas Tech Rodeo Team will run the stick horse rodeo, which includes barrel racing, a bucking chute and roping skills.

Ranch Day also will emphasize contemporary ranching issues through hands-on ranch science demonstrations by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Quail Tech Alliance, and the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Cash sale of hot dogs, hamburgers, kettle corn and lemonade will be available for those who want to eat while they visit. Ranch Day admission is free but a \$5 donation per family is suggested. Supported by Texas Tech University and the Ranching Heritage Association, the NRHC is located at 3121 Fourth St. adjacent to the Texas Tech campus. For more information, visit nrhc.ttu.edu or call (806) 742-0498.



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AP Exclusive: 'Bathroom bill' to cost North Carolina \$3.76B

By EMERY P. DALESIO and
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Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Despite Republican assurances that North Carolina's "bathroom bill" isn't hurting the economy, the law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3.76 billion in lost business over a dozen years, according to an Associated Press analysis.

Over the past year, North Carolina has suffered financial hits ranging from scuttled plans for a PayPal facility that would have added an estimated \$2.66 billion to the state's economy to a canceled Ringo Starr concert that deprived a town's amphitheater of about \$33,000 in revenue. The blows have landed in the state's biggest cities as well as towns surrounding its flagship university, and from the mountains to the coast. North Carolina could lose hundreds of millions more because the NCAA is avoiding the state, usually a favored host.

Last week, the NCAA said North Carolina sites won't be considered for championship events from 2018 to 2022 "absent any change" in the law, also known as House Bill 2, which it views as discrimination. North Carolina cities, schools and other groups have offered more than 130 bids for such events.

State legislators voted Thursday to roll back the law in a bid to end the backlash.

The compromise plan was sent to Gov. Roy Cooper, who had urged lawmakers to support it.

But the deal was condemned by some on both sides, with conservatives defending the current law, and gay and transgender activists demanding full repeal. It was unclear whether the retreat would satisfy college sports' governing body, or other businesses.

The AP analysis putting the price tag at more than \$3.76 billion — compiled through interviews and public records requests — represents the largest reckoning yet of how much the law, passed one year ago, could cost the state.

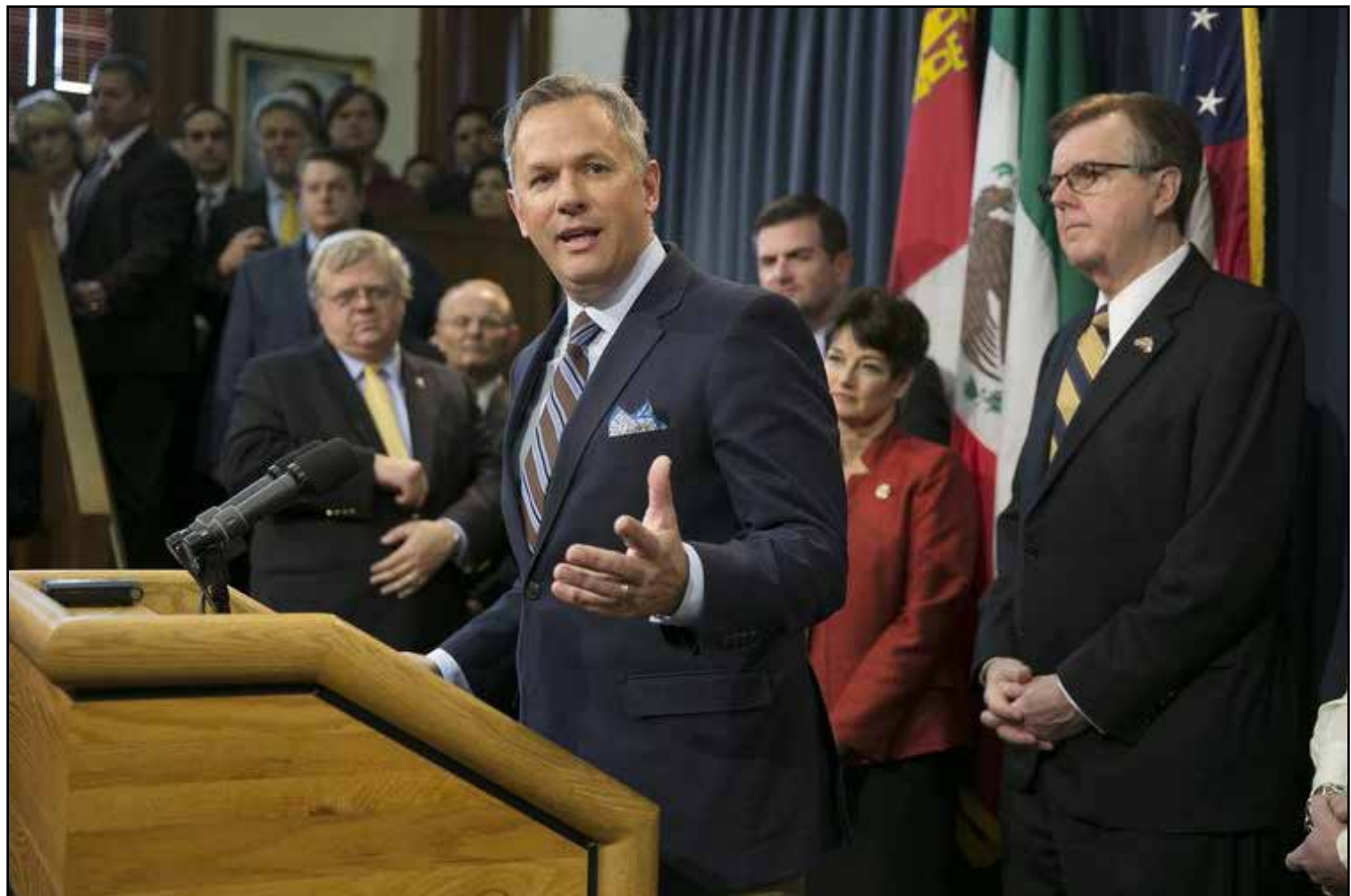
The law excludes gender identity and sexual orientation from state-wide antidiscrimination protections, and requires transgender people to use restrooms corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates in many public buildings.

Still, AP's tally is likely an underestimation of the law's true costs. The count includes only data obtained from businesses and government officials regarding projects that canceled or relocated because of HB2. A business project was counted only if AP determined through public records or interviews that HB2 was why it pulled out.

The AP also tallied the losses of dozens of conventions, sporting events and concerts through figures from local officials. The AP didn't attempt to quantify anecdotal reports that lacked hard numbers, or forecast the loss of future conventions.

Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan — who leads the largest company based in North Carolina — said he's spoken privately to business leaders who took projects elsewhere because of the controversy, and he fears more decisions like that are being made quietly.

"Companies are moving to other



In this March 6, 2017 file photo, North Carolina Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, left, center, talks about his state's "bathroom bill," at the Capitol in Austin, Texas. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, right, looks on. Forest is a strong supporter of the bill. He has accused news organizations of creating a false picture of economic upheaval. The Associated Press has determined that North Carolina's law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3 billion in lost business over a dozen years.

Austin-American-Statesman photo/Deborah Cannon via AP

places, because they don't face an issue that they face here," he told a World Affairs Council of Charlotte luncheon last month.

Other measures show North Carolina has a healthy economy. By quarterly gross domestic product, the federal government said, North Carolina had the nation's 10th fastest-growing economy six months after the law passed. The vast majority of large companies with existing North Carolina operations have made no public moves to financially penalize the state.

HB2 supporters say its costs are tiny compared with an economy estimated at more than \$500 billion per year, roughly the size of Sweden's.

They say they're willing to absorb those costs if the law prevents predators from posing as transgender people to commit assaults in restrooms — acts the law's detractors say are entirely imagined.

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Forest issued a statement accusing the AP of "another attempt to mislead and confuse the public through a bogus headline." Forest questioned the tally and said that even if true, it would represent only a sliver of the state's economy.

Forest, who declined an interview request to discuss AP's analysis, recently told Texas legislators considering a similar law: "Our economy is doing well. Don't be fooled by the media."

But Gov. Cooper — who's long opposed HB2 — responded to AP's analysis by saying: "We now know that, based on conservative estimates, North Carolina's economy stands to lose nearly \$4 billion because of House Bill 2. That means fewer jobs and less money in the pockets of middle class families. We need to fix this now."

And the analysis shows the econo-

my could be growing faster if not for projects that have canceled.

Those include PayPal canceling a 400-job project in Charlotte, CoStar backing out of negotiations to bring 700-plus jobs to the same area, and Deutsche Bank scuttling a plan for 250 jobs in the Raleigh area. Other companies that backed out include Adidas, which is building its first U.S. sports shoe factory employing 160 near Atlanta rather than a High Point site, and Voxpro, which opted to hire hundreds of customer support workers in Georgia, rather than North Carolina.

"We couldn't set up operations in a state that was discriminating against LGBT" people, Dan Kiely, Voxpro founder and CEO, said in an interview.

All told, the state has missed out on more than 2,900 direct jobs that went elsewhere.

An analysis by the state Commerce Department shows that state officials expected the PayPal expansion to contribute more than \$200 million annually to North Carolina's economy. By the end of 2028, the state expected PayPal to have added \$2.66 billion.

The same analysis of the Deutsche Bank project estimated a total impact of about \$543 million by the end of 2027. The economic model has been used for more than a decade when the state offers major tax breaks.

State officials said they didn't run the same analysis for CoStar, Voxpro and Adidas, so losses attributed to them were calculated using wages and other figures from the companies or state documents.

Meanwhile, canceled

conventions, concerts and sporting events have deprived the state of more than \$196 million, according to tourism officials around the state.

All told, the state will have missed out on more than \$3.76 billion by the end of 2028. The losses are based on projects that already went elsewhere — so the money won't be recouped even if the law is struck down in court or repealed.

By the end of 2017 alone, the lost business will total more than \$525 million.

Tourism officials in several cities say the numbers they report represent only a fraction of the damage the law has done. They typically track large conventions but don't have firm numbers when smaller groups cancel — or rule out North Carolina before booking.

"The biggest impact is how many times our phones are not ringing now," said Shelly Green, CEO of the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau. She said several sporting events and conventions that canceled have deprived the city of about \$11 million.

"When you think about it," she said, "this whole thing is just such a Dumpster fire, and nobody wants to go near it."

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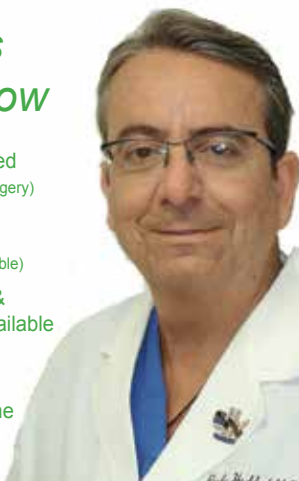
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