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Fire at fracking well causes \$4 million in damages, one injured

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The cause of a fire at a oil well site in northern Howard County Tuesday night is still under investigation, according to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan.

According to Sullivan, volunteer firefighters received the call around 11:25 p.m. Tuesday of a fire at a fracking well site on Leatherwood Road in northern Howard County. The fire caused an estimated \$4 million in damages and destroyed at least eight oil related vehicles. Around 25 to 30 oil related trucks were at the active fracking site, he said.

Once on the scene, firefighters used the department's newest vehicle, which is equipped with a deck gun, and pumped foam out on the fire, he said.

Because firefighters were contending with a hydrocarbon fire, the foam was best suited to cool flames and suppressed the vapor to extinguish the blaze, Sullivan said.

Several different potential explosive material at the well contributed to a more dangerous scene for firefighters, Sullivan said. One volunteer firefighter was injured during the fire, Sullivan reported. His injuries have been treated, but he will be off



Howard County Volunteer Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a fracking well in northern Howard County. The fire occurred Tuesday night.

duty for a period of time while he heals, he said. Firefighters left the scene around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

Trash Off is Saturday

Trash bag pick-up begins Friday at Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St., between 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
Staff Writer

This weekend is the community's opportunity to help clean up the city with Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off.

On Friday, volunteers will be able to go down to the Chamber of Commerce and pick up their trash bags from 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

Hoping to top last year's numbers, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is looking for everyone to come out and participate to help make the city a cleaner place.

"We would like to see at least a 20 percent increase from the turnout of last year," said Willa Ledford of Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Volunteers are able to choose where they would like to help pick up litter and trash.

"If you just do your own

yard and help a neighbor that will have a real effect," Ledford said.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful holds the Trash Off to help encourage people to take initiative to make the city of Big Spring a better and cleaner place.

"We think it's 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."

The event is open to any civic groups, church organizations, or volunteers willing to lend a hand. There will be dumpsters available to

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Union Pacific Foundation awards \$15,000 grant to historic spring project

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The historic spring restoration project received a sizable grant Tuesday from the Union Pacific Foundation to help with the ongoing effort to turn the area into a major tourist site for the community.

"Union Pacific has a long-standing commitment to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve and where our employees live and work," said Scott D. Moore,

Union Pacific Foundation president, in the grant award letter sent to the city of Big Spring. "Our vision is that Union Pacific employees will take pride in their company's civic leadership and that our customers and shareholders will appreciate and recognize Union Pacific as an excellent corporate citizen."

Dan Harbeke, a representative of Union Pacific, presented the \$15,000 grant check to city officials Tuesday afternoon in front of the Train Car Cigar Bar located on Main Street in downtown Big Spring.

According to Debbie Wegman, community service director for the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the grant money will be earmarked for the second phase of the historic spring restoration program. Phase two will include additional lighting for the area, additional

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Big Spring ISD teacher receives VFW's Teacher of the Year award



Tabitha Barbee, center, a Big Spring Junior High School teacher, receives the VFW's Teacher of the Year award from VFW District Commander Melvin Parker. Also pictured is Johnny DeLeon, VFW Post 2013 Quarter Master.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A long-time Big Spring ISD teacher received the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) District 25's Teacher of the

Year award to honor her excellence in teaching and patriotism.

"Thank you so much for being here and sharing this with me," an emotional Big Spring

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Junior High School seventh grade social studies teacher Tabitha Barbee said to the group of students who were in the audience. "I am

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Obituaries

Michael Jay Klaus



Michael Jay Klaus, age 18, of Big Spring gained his angel wings on April 3, 2017, in a Lubbock Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 6, 2017, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday, April 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

In honor of Michael's love for motorcycles, please join us on "Our Ride for Michael." Let's make him hear the roaring of the engines in heaven as we lead him to his final resting place at Trinity Memorial Park.

Michael loved his family, motorcycles and his fur babies-Harley, Sportster, Biscuit, Monkey, Cheeta, and Shadow. He enjoyed playing video games, riding the Harley with his dad, and watching videos on YouTube. His ultimate dream was to be a

Marine.

He is survived by his parents, Jeremy and Ka-trice Klaus of Big Spring; grandparents, Randy and Cindy Klaus of Coahoma; Uncle Jimme (Melissa) Mince of Houston, Aunt Cinda Mince of Houston, Uncle Justun (Mandi) Lloyd of Big Spring, Aunt Ka'lee Lloyd of Big Spring, Aunt Stacie Lloyd of Big Spring; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Betty Mince; and great-grandparents, Floyd and Twila Klaus.

Pallbearers will be Randy Klaus, Justun Lloyd, Ka'lee Lloyd, Kade Towner, Robert Walker, Bryson Pineda, Stephen Dahlberg, and DJ Gusman.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Happy Day Humane Society, 5710 W. I 20, Big Spring, Texas, or a charity of your choice in the name of Michael Klaus.

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

Paid obituary

Teresa Gail (Nix) Brockman



Teresa Gail (Nix) Brockman, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017, at the Nalley Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dwain Fox officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Family will receive family and friends Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral

Home.

Teresa requested that family and friends wear western attire.

Teresa was born Sept. 14, 1957, in Big Spring to Leldon Gene and Anne (Murphy) Nix. She married Wayne Brockman Sept. 9, 1995.

She is survived by her two children, Jerry Mintz

and wife Texanna of Midland, and Shari Anne Mintz of Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her mother, Anne Nix of Big Spring; five sisters, Jeannie Rutledge and husband Russ, Shari Beall, Shawna Parrish, Tina Earls and husband Eddie, and Karla Nix and husband Todd, all of Big Spring; one brother, Ray Nix and wife Dana of Big Spring; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Brockman; daughter, Stormee Nix; a grandson; her father, Leldon Gene Nix; grandparents, Ray and Johnnie Faye Maxwell, and Collin and Lela Nix; a brother-in-law, Bobby Beall; and several aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Compass Hospice at 1900 S. Suite C, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GARY LYNN EAGLE**, 21, of 319 W. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication; and on outstanding warrants.

- **AARON JAMAL HALL**, 22, of 1002 E. 16th St. was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD**, 38, of 6804 S. Service Rd. Apt. #17 was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **MATTHEW LUIS ALMAZAN**, 30, of 3607 Dixon St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and evading arrest or detention.

- **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 28, of 2403 s. Runnels St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and evading arrest or detention; and on outstanding warrants.

- **JOE H. SPENCER JR.**, 52, of 5211 Longshore Dr. was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

- **CODY WAYNE JONES**, 22, of 407 Lancaster was arrested on warrants for failure to identify/fugitive giving false information, possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500); and on another outstanding warrant.

- **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 56, of 2803 Apache Dr. was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive

touch).

- **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of Wooten Road and the 2200 block of Carl Street.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Lancaster.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue.

- **911 HANG UP** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache Drive.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4800 block of West Highway 80.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Wood Street.

Take Note

- 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 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.

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For tournament information and tee times please contact the City of Big Spring Municipal Golf Course at 432-264-2366 or Charlie Garcia at 432-213-2081.

Bonnie Lopez Cantu



Bonnie Lopez Cantu, 47, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at her home.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bonnie was born on Aug. 8, 1969, to Yolanda Leos Lopez and Joe Lopez in Big Spring, Texas. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Bonnie is survived by two daughters, Cristal Lopez and Valerie Garcia, both of Big Spring; one son, Epifanio Jose "Joe" Guzman Jr. and his wife Brandy of Big Spring; her grandmother, Delfina Leos, and mother, Yolanda Leos, both of Big Spring; one brother, Joseph B. Lopez of Beaumont; two sisters, Joanna Flores and Martha Lopez; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; one son, Israel Miramontes; two aunts, Emma Leos and Olga Lopez; and two uncles, Samuel Martinez and Rudy Gonzales.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BILLY JOE EDMONDSON**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- **SAMANTHA JOHNSON**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return.

- **KATHI PARTLOW**, 55, was booked by HCSO on two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **LEWIS PERRY JR.**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a bench warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

- **JAMES WENDELL TUBBS**, 38, was booked by HCSO on a bench warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Grace.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Wood and Virginia streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Fifth and State streets.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Ryon Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 176 on Interstate 20.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of South Monticello.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Northeast Second Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Morrison.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of West Eighth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **POWER LINE DOWN** was reported in the 1000 block of East 13th Street.

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Dan Harbeke, a representative of Union Pacific, center, presents a \$15,000 grant award from the Union Pacific Foundation for the historic spring restoration project to Roxanne Johnston, Big Spring city planner, on Tuesday. Also pictured are from left, Gloria McDonald, former city council member; Debbie Wegman, community service director for the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Todd Darden, Big Spring city manager; and Jim DePauw, Big Spring city council member.

GRANT

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parking, an open air pavilion set off from the main spring area, and paved pathways leading to the spring from the pavilion.

The estimated cost for phase two is about \$750,000, Wegman said. Currently the city has amassed around \$70,000 in grant money. Work on phase two will not begin until the city has secured funding through grant money and additional hotel/motel tax revenue, Wegman said.

Actual construction of phase one — a \$1.8 million project paid through grants and money received through the hotel & motel tax revenue — began in January.

"The contractor told me they are doing very well on the time line," Wegman said. "(On Wednesday) they were going to start installing the 12-foot stones for the story boards."

The project includes repairing the

pumps which help supply the spring with its water and partial demolition of the dam to allow the spring to reach natural levels.

Once phase one is completed, the area will boast:

- Plaza seating for 1,000 plus with full electrical hookups and performance stage
- Widened trail with security lighting and emergency vehicle access
- 16 low-maintenance planting areas with 16 specimen trees
- Three observation decks overlooking the spring and artificial outflows
- New artificial outflow into area above current spring location creating a waterfall at the spring
- Security cameras
- Full handicap accessibility.
- Construction materials featuring native stone and CCC-style architecture (Civilian Conservation Corps).
- Expanded parking

Phase one is expected to be finished in the summer, Wegman said.

TRASH OFF

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unload what they have collected on Saturday at the Heart of the City Park. Separate dumpsters will be on site for cardboard,

trash, and even tire disposal.

There will also be hotdogs and cookies for all the volunteers to enjoy at the park, which is located next to the courthouse, from noon to 1 p.m., and the whole community is urged to help clean up and keep Big Spring looking beautiful.

Grieving Haitians go into lifetime of debt to fund funerals

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Aspasie Tanis lives hand-to-mouth on the edge of eviction in the best of times, scraping out a living selling packets of spaghetti and cookies outside her low-slung concrete shack in Haiti's capital. Now the death of her father by stroke threatens to send her into a lifetime of debt. The distraught single mother is frantically seeking loans from friends and pastors to pay for the cheapest funeral on offer.

Hospital morgue officials say her father's body will be dumped in a pauper's grave unless her struggling family forks over a relative fortune of just over \$1,000.

"I'll never be at peace if he isn't buried properly," Tanis said quietly after transferring her father's corpse to a cut-rate private morgue.

Her anxiety is shared by many in Haiti, where two out of three people live on less than \$2 per day and burying the dead is a predatory business.

While funerals are costly in any number of countries, Haitian undertakers get away with charging rates that exceed what most citizens earn in a year.

Along the capital's bustling Rue de l'Enterrement, established morticians and unlicensed freelancers engage in a daily bidding war for new customers while telling bereaved families that anything less than their set packages can be seen as a lack of respect for the dead.

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nothing without y'all. God has blessed me with a job that I absolutely love. I know sometimes it's hard, and none of this would be possible for any of us to enjoy our education or to come to school if not for the brave men and women like Mr. (Melvin) Parker or Mr. (David) Leonard and Mr. (Johnny) DeLeon. Our service men and women are the backbone of our country, and we need to be thankful and grateful and thank God for them every single day of our lives."

A 26-year career teacher, Barbee received the award from both VFW Post 2013 and the district level Wednesday afternoon in the junior high school library in front of an audience of students, district administrators, and her peers.

According to David Leonard, VFW Post Commander for 2013, the honor recognizes her "outstanding performance of a innovative and passionate educator, your enthusiastic approach to teaching, and commitment to learning."

At the district level, Barbee was chosen from nominees around

around West Texas who teach in the sixth to eighth grade level including as far as Odessa, San Angelo, Monahans and Brownwood, according to Melvin Parker, VFW District 25 Commander. Parker said the contest is broken into three levels — kindergarten through fifth grades, sixth through eighth grades, and ninth through 12th grades.

"I am just honored, and I am undeserving," Barbee said. "I am very honored that they would take time to recognize me because what I do pales in comparison to the sacrifices they have made to our country. Thank you veterans and thank you service men and women who are on active duty."

Barbee said teaching means everything to her. She comes from a family of teachers. Her late mother, Carol Green, retired with 41 years in teaching. Her son is also a teacher and her husband has recently retired from the field.

"It (teaching) is such a blessing. It means everything to me," she said. "It's where God has led me and I thank him for that."

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Courtesy photo

Tabitha Barbee, center, receives her VFW Teacher of the Year award plaque from David Leonard, VFW Post Commander 2013 Wednesday afternoon. Also pictured is Johnny DeLeon, VFW Post 2013 Quarter Master.

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Bonnie Cantu, 47, passed away Tuesday. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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State to appoint managers to oversee failing school district

HEARNE, Texas (AP) — The state education commissioner is moving to replace the superintendent and school board of a rural Texas school district because it lacks "educational leadership" and is in violation of state and agency rules.

Commissioner Mike Morath says in a letter dated Monday that Superintendent Adrain Johnson and board members for the Hearne school district are failing to work together.

Morath also says board members have circumvented the board and taken action on their own, and operated a business office that lacked internal controls.

The state, meanwhile, has lowered the district's accreditation.

A board of managers will be appointed to oversee operations in the district, which is northwest of College Station.

Johnson said in a statement to The Eagle newspaper that the district plans to contest the decision.

Man condemned for family murder plot loses federal appeal.

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal from a suburban Houston man on death row for arranging the killings of his mother and brother in 2003 so he could collect a \$1 million inheritance.

Attorneys for Thomas "Bart" Whitaker argued to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that his trial lawyers were deficient and Fort Bend County prosecutors during the guilt-innocence and punishment phases of his trial improperly referred to discussion of a plea deal that never was reached.

Whitaker offered to take responsibility for the killings and accept life sentences but attorneys say prosecutors rejected it because it contained no expressions of remorse.

A jury condemned him for the shooting deaths of his mother, Patricia Whitaker, 51, and brother, Kevin, 19, at the family's Sugar Land home.

Texas Senate endorses campus assault reporting bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has voted to approve tough new requirements for university employees and student leaders to report instances of sexual assault or dating violence.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Sen. Joan Huffman of Houston, said it designed to prevent a repeat of the events at Baylor University, where the school was found to have mishandled reports of assault for years.

The fallout at Baylor led to the firing of football coach Art Briles and the demotion and eventual departure of school President Ken Starr.

Baylor is now facing federal lawsuits from several women, as well as criminal and civil rights investigations.

Under the bill, school employees and student leaders who don't report assaults could face jail time or expulsion if they are found to have intentionally concealed information.

Texas bill lets officials deny issuing gay marriage licenses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A bill allowing county judges and other officials to refuse to issue licenses for same-sex marriages because of religious objections is headed to the full Texas Senate.

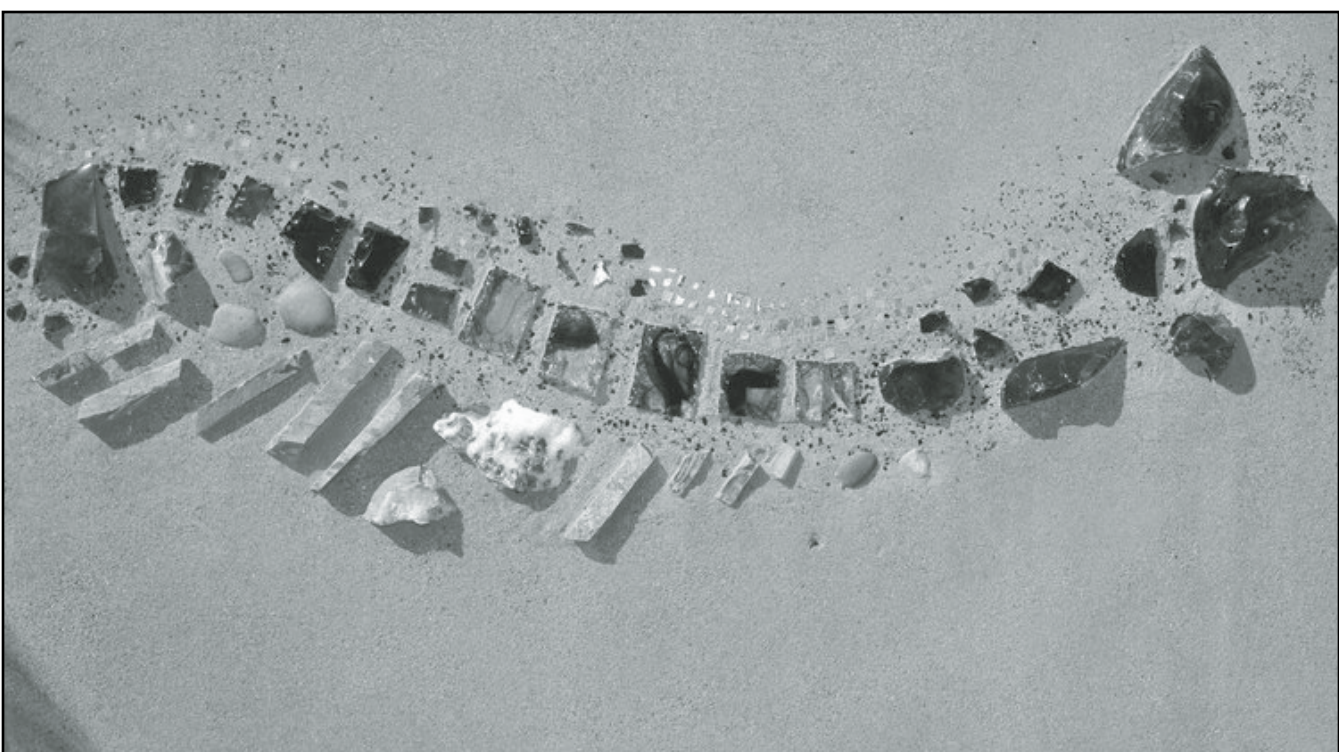
Sen. Brian Birdwell's proposal only applies in cases where other officials without any objection can step in and issue marriage documents.

If the substituting official is located outside the county where the marriage license is being sought, the bill allows for documents to be sent electronically.

The measure has cleared the Senate State Affairs Committee, but when it will be heard on the chamber floor is unclear.

Progressive groups say it sanctions discrimination. Birdwell, a Granbury Republican, counters that he's seeking to protect the religious liberties of county clerks, justices of the peace and other officials — many of whom are locally elected.

Border wall bids include tourist attraction, solar panels



This undated rendering provided by iCON Wall Solution by Single Eagle dba Concrete Contractors Interstate, shows a decorative addition to a proposed border wall. San Diego County-based Concrete Contractors Interstate's proposal is for a polished concrete wall that can be augmented with stones and artifacts specific to local areas it cuts through.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tuesday was the deadline for companies to propose designs for President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will ask several of the bidders to build prototypes in San Diego.

The government won't identify companies until contracts are awarded around June 1 — and even then, only the winners — but some bidders released plans on their own.

SOLAR PANELS
Gleason Partners LLC of Las Vegas proposes solar panels to cover sections of the wall.

The panels would provide electricity for lighting, sensors and patrol stations along the wall. Sales of electricity to utilities could cover the cost of construction in 20 years or less, according to the company. Power could also be sold to Mexico.

"I like the wall to be able to pay for itself," said managing partner Thomas Gleason.

TOURIST ATTRACTION

Crisis Resolution Security Services Inc. of Clarence, Illinois, proposes a wall that is 56 feet (17 meters) high and 22 feet (7 meters) wide at the top — with plenty of room to allow tourists to

enjoy desert views.

The height — nearly twice what the government envisions — would deter climbers, and its width would give the structure longevity, said chief executive officer Michael Hari.

NUCLEAR WASTE
Clayton Industries Inc. of Pittsburgh proposes storing nuclear waste along the wall in trenches that are at least 100 feet (30 meters) deep.

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ed with stones and artifacts specific to areas on the 2,000-mile (3,218-kilometer) border.

Russ Baumgartner, CEO of the company, says the wall should be "a piece of art."

Customs and Border Protection's solicitation says the wall should be "aesthetically pleasing" from the U.S. side. Baumgartner wants to decorate both sides.

BALLISTIC CONCRETE

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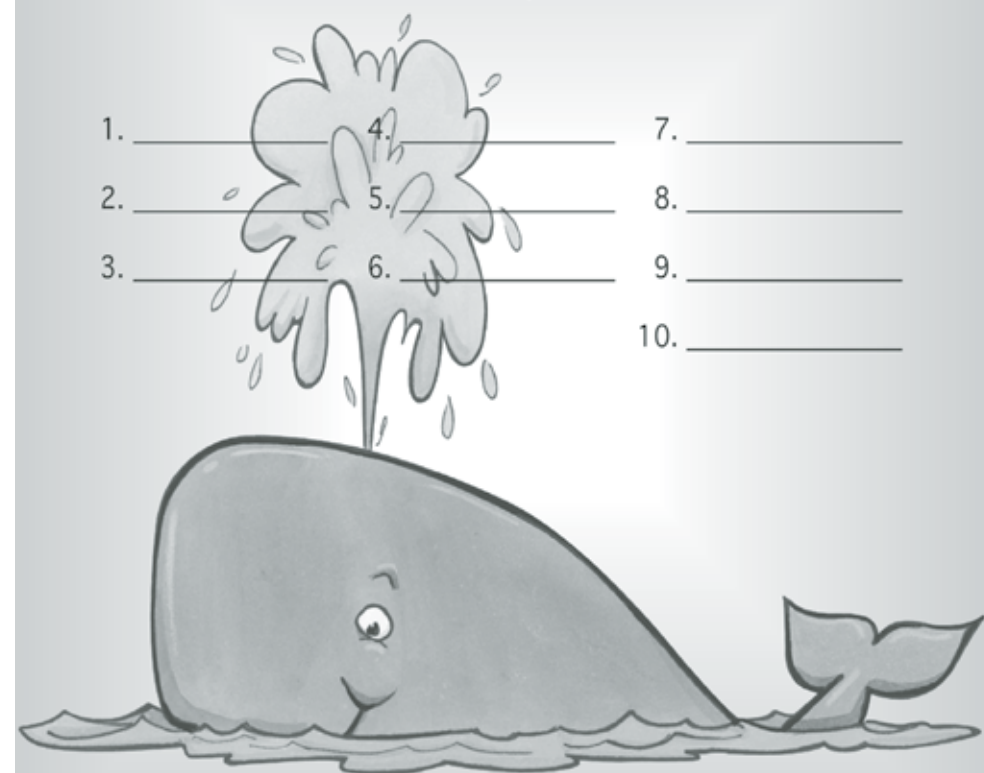
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Some answers: crow, glow, grow, know, low, mow, row, show, snow, sow, stow, tow



Fact or Fiction? •••••

Volcano Challenge

Volcanoes are mountains with an opening in the top and a pool of molten rock inside. As pressure builds inside of the volcano, eruptions can occur and cause all sorts of disasters from lava flows to flash floods. Here are some questions about volcanoes. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Not all volcanoes are active. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Most volcanoes in the United States can be found on the east coast. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Alaska and Hawaii have active volcanoes. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) In 1980, Mount St. George erupted in Washington, causing millions of dollars of property damage. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) Families living near an active volcano should have an escape plan in place. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Families who cannot evacuate an area during an eruption should stay indoors with the doors and windows closed. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Breathing in volcanic ash will not harm the body. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Mudflows often occur with volcanic eruptions. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) It is easy to outrun a mudflow. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Families should remove the ash from their house roof as soon as possible after a volcanic eruption ends. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact. Breathing in the ash can be harmful, especially to babies, seniors and anyone who has breathing problems. 10) Fact, if they don't, their roof could cave in under the heaviness of the ash.

Name That Volcano

Each of the following is a type of volcano. Fill in the blanks to name that volcano.

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Answers: 1) Composite, 2) Shield, 3) Central, 4) Cinder cone, 5) Complex, 6) Monogenetic, 7) Seamount

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Q: What do you call a mountain with hiccups?

A: A volcano.



Q: What did the father volcano say to the mother volcano?

A: I lava you.

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Watch out for Mount Vesuvius!

The volcano has been quiet for some time now, but it wasn't always that way. After days and days of minor tremors, the volcano finally erupted on August 24 in A.D. 79, catching many people off-guard.

The area around the volcano had been active for some time, and although the wells and springs had dried up, people thought little about it. Life went on as normal until the afternoon of August 24 when Mount Vesuvius exploded. The eruption lasted for 19 hours, releasing tons of ash and rock and burying the town of Pompeii and other settlements.

Mount Vesuvius erupted several more times in the years following, and although little has happened since 1944, scientists believe it will erupt again some day. To ensure a fast evacuation, the area around the upper part of the volcano has been turned into a national park and scientists are keeping a close eye on the volcanic activity.

Coahoma defeated in 12-0 shut out vs. Clyde

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Tuesday was a long day for the Coahoma Bulldog varsity baseball team as they lost 12-0 in a one-sided battle in their district match-up against the Clyde Bulldogs.

Clyde got things going in the third inning when they brought across the first runs of the game with an RBI single by Payton Laughlin and a 2RBI single by Kendal Morgan, putting them up 3-0 over Coahoma.

With one run in the fourth, a whopping eight runs in the fifth, and all the while holding Coahoma scoreless for the entire game, Clyde put the game out of reach in just five innings of play and came out with a 12-0 district win.

The big finish for the Clyde Bulldogs came on a steal of home by Tyler Crawford in the fourth inning, scores by Isaiah Cortez and Tanner Broadfoot on the same error, a score by Brandon Berry on an error, an RBI single by Blake Riley, another RBI

single by Laughlin, and a 2RBI homer by John Park to seal the game.

"Our failure to make a third out hurt us badly in two consecutive innings," said head baseball coach Bryan Jacobs. "We managed to get runners on base and to make some noise against a really good pitcher, but we couldn't come through with the big hit."

Landon Grant took the loss for Coahoma, as he threw four innings, surrendered six runs, ten hits, and struck out one.

Adam Clark went 2-3 at the plate to

lead the Coahoma Bulldogs in hits.

"It should have been a good ball game. We need to regroup defensively, get back on track and win the games we are supposed to win to avoid a letdown," said Jacobs. "A poor performance against a good team shouldn't define you, and hopefully we will rebound fine."

Coming up, the Coahoma Bulldogs will host Colorado City in a district match-up that will take place this Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Lindor slam gives AL champ Indians opening sweep of Rangers

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Francisco Lindor's go-ahead grand slam in the ninth inning off suddenly shaky Texas closer Sam Dyson triggered a litany of firsts for Cleveland's budding star shortstop.

And that list of milestones was a lot more fun to talk about than his botched defensive play that jeopardized the Indians' bid at a season-opening sweep.

Lindor atoned for his puzzling miscue with his first career slam and first multi-homer game — along with a career-high five RBIs — and the defending AL champions rallied for a 9-6 win over the Rangers on Wednesday night.

The Rangers went ahead 4-3 in the fifth when Lindor misjudged Joey Gallo's speed, couldn't beat the slugger to second base on an attempted two-out force play and allowed two runs to score on an error when his throw to try to salvage an out surprised Edwin Encarnacion and skipped off the first baseman's glove.

"I was saying, 'Please, Lord, let us tie this game,'" Lindor said of his reaction after the botched play. "I don't want (Danny) Salazar to lose the game and have to talk to you guys about my error. Let us tie the game, and let's see what happens after that."

Dyson (0-2) loaded the bases and walked in

a run before Lindor's homer down the right field line during a five-run Cleveland ninth.

The Indians are 3-0 for the first time since 1998, while the Rangers last started 0-3 in 2007.

Dyson blew his first save after giving up three runs in a tie game in an 8-5 loss on opening day. The hard-throwing right-hander has allowed eight runs in one inning for the defending AL West champs after throwing six scoreless innings to help the U.S. win the World Baseball Classic.

"This is a guy that ... was really sharp at the WBC," manager Jeff Banister said. "Doesn't seem to be that sharp right now. Sam's got to find a way to figure it out. This is a guy that's been really good for us. Not going to jump off after two games."

The switch-hitting Lindor homered from both sides, pulling a pitch from Cole Hamels into the seats in left field in the sixth — first field after his miscue — to get Cleveland within 5-4. The decisive shot off Dyson landed about 10 rows deep.

Shawn Armstrong (1-0) struck out the only hitter he faced, Jonathan Lucroy, for his first major league win. Bryan Shaw pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Nomar Mazara homered, had three hits and drove in three runs for Texas. Elvis Andrus connected on a solo

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Clippers beat Mavs 112-101 behind 32 by Griffin



Dallas Mavericks center Salah Mejri dunks against the Los Angeles Clippers during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blake Griffin is rounding into form just in time to bolster the Los Angeles Clippers in the playoffs.

He scored 32 points — his third straight game of at least 31 — and the Clippers led all the way in beating the Dallas Mavericks 112-101 on Wednesday night. Los Angeles moved within a half-game of idle Utah for the No. 4 playoff seed in the West.

"We keep forgetting he missed a huge part of the season," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "He's getting ready."

Griffin returned Jan. 23 after

missing 20 games while recovering from a procedure on his right knee.

"He's mixing it up and scoring every way," Rivers said. "He's shooting, driving and passing. When he faces up and goes, it is either a bucket or a foul. He feels healthy enough to do that more."

J.J. Redick added 25 points and DeAndre Jordan had 20 rebounds in the Clippers' fourth straight victory and eighth in 10 games. Chris Paul had 22 points and 11 assists.

Harrison Barnes led the Mavs with 15 points despite five fouls. They've lost six of seven with

four games left in their season. Dirk Nowitzki was held to nine points — under his 14.4 average — a night after the 38-year-old forward sat out the Mavs' loss at Sacramento with a sore Achilles tendon.

The Clippers made their first nine shots of the game, with Luc Mbah a Moute narrowly missing a finger roll to end the stretch leading 22-6. They shot 61 percent in the first quarter and eventually led by 17.

"We made some jumpers, but we didn't break their rhythm or anything," Nowitzki said.

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Tyler Ennis scores 19 points, Lakers top Spurs 102-95



Los Angeles Lakers forward Thomas Robinson (15) attempts to shoot against San Antonio Spurs forward Davis Bertans on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

By **RAUL DOMINGUEZ**

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers were having a blast in a rather meaningless game, dashing up and down the court and flying to the rim for rebounds and dunks.

And no one was having more fun than Tyler Ennis.

Making his first start of the season, Ennis had 19 points in place of injured starter D'Angelo Russell and the Lakers never trailed in a 102-95 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

"Everybody is just playing free and unselfish, just trying to make the right plays," said Lakers forward Julius Randle, one of five players in double figures. "Everybody is aggressive, so, naturally, it's a lot of fun."

Los Angeles led by as

many as 26 points in snapping an eight-game skid against San Antonio.

"They were physical," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They got after it, they did a good job, they deserved to win."

San Antonio played its normal starting lineup, with the exception of injured guard Danny Green, despite already clinching the Southwest Division title.

Kawhi Leonard and Lamarus Aldridge did not play in the second half, however, as Popovich opted to rest his starting forwards. Leonard finished with 11 points in 14 minutes, and Aldridge had eight points and six rebounds in 16 minutes.

"I didn't want to overplay anybody just to win a basketball game," Popovich said. "It doesn't make much sense in the long run."

The Lakers (23-55) may have the league's third worst record, but outplayed the Spurs and snapped their three-game winning streak.

"They're having fun," Los Angeles coach Luke Walton said. "We're trying to build momentum for this off-season and hopefully we can stay healthy and keep playing a certain way."

San Antonio scored a season-low 14 points in the first quarter in the second consecutive game.

"We were able to move the ball well, but we also got stagnant at some times, just in mud, we had some open looks and didn't make them," Leonard said.

Ennis sparked the early run after Russell would miss the game after experiencing soreness in

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 5, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 10, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0304381 Status/Permit No. 824649

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 33 T1S, T&P RR CO/LOWE, O W Survey, A-1560, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 3.8 miles SW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations.

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this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of the record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exemption. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: FLETCH A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1350WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 370.54
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 420.0

Lease Lines : 525.0 F S L,
1080.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 525.0 F S L,
1080.0 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s):Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 470.0 F S L
1152.0 F E L

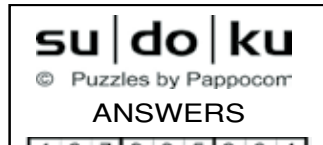
Terminus Location BH
County: HOWARD
Section: 13 Block: 33 T1S
Abstract: 364 Survey: T&P
RR CO/LAWLESS, P J
Lease Lines: 100.0 F N L
1170.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :
Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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#9348 April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2017

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Destruction of these records conforms to the requirements of the following legal authorities-

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Local Schedule SD (13 TAC 7.125(a) (4) (Special Education), Retention Schedule for Records of Public School Districts- Section 3-1: Special Education Program Records, and Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, Update 14- January 2010 - 7.4.3.3 Destruction of Records.

A parent or adult student wanting to exercise the right to access those records and request copies must make the written request so that it arrives in the Special Services office no later than April 14, 2017.

Glasscock County ISD
Special Services
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#9341 March 28 -April 10, 2017

Public Notice

The purpose of this advertisement is to notify a group of qualified contractors that the **Colorado River Municipal Water District (the "District" or "CRMWD")** is requesting competitive sealed proposals for the construction of the following project:

Lake Thomas System Improvements
CMD15354

The work for this project includes proposed upgrades at Base 8, Base 3, and Base 4. Base 8, Morgan Creek Pump Station, will include a new pump station with three vertical turbine pumps and a 1 MG ground storage tank. The Snyder Pump Station, Base 3, will include a new pump station with three horizontal pumps. The Lake Thomas Pump Station, Base 4, improvements will include replacing the existing portable a-frame crane with a permanent overhead bridge crane, replace existing overhead door and exhaust fan.

The sealed proposals must be delivered to the attention of **Mr. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD** and will be received and accepted at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until the deadline for submission which is **3:00 p.m., April 27th, 2017**. The proposals once received will be publicly opened and shall be read aloud at the time and place indicated for acceptance of the proposals. Only the name of each proposer and the monetary amount of their proposal and any alternates shall be read aloud. All proposals received after the deadline for submission of sealed proposals shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

Contract Documents, Geotechnical Report, and any other documents relevant to the scope of work may be examined at the offices of the Engineer, Freese and Nichols, Inc., or at the offices of the District. The address for the Engineer is:

Freese and Nichols, Inc.
4055 International Plaza Ste. 200
Fort Worth, TX 76109
Nick Lester, P.E.
Hours Available: 8am-5pm

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Beginning on **March 23rd, 2017** all potential proposers may obtain a copy of the Contract documents from <http://construction.freese.com>. Contract documents for submitting a proposal for this project may also be obtained at the following website: <http://www.bidsync.com>. Any changes to the Contract documents shall be issued by formal addenda and the addenda shall be published at <http://construction.freese.com> prior to the deadline for submission of the proposals.

All proposers are responsible for insuring that they have a complete set of Contract documents prior to the deadline for submission of sealed proposals. Any questions concerning this advertisement, any addenda or related to the Contract documents should be addressed to the Freese and Nichols Construction Services Department. Direct questions related to the design of the Project to:

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A pre-proposal conference will be held on **April 6th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** at a **CRMWD Field Office, located at 13509 CR 5 Ira, TX 79527**. The pre-proposal conference is non-mandatory. A project site visit will take place immediately after the pre-proposal conference.

Each proposer, must provide, with its proposal, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions set forth in the Instructions to Proposers. The Security amount shall be five (5) percent of the total amount of the proposal.

No Proposer shall withdraw a proposal within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Within forty-five (45) days after the opening of the proposals, the District shall evaluate and rank each proposal submitted in relation to the selection criteria set forth below and shall determine which proposal offers the best value to the District. Price alone shall not be de-

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terminative. The Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria and weighting:

Criteria
Proposal Price
Contractor's Qualifications
Safety Record Questionnaire
Construction Time

Weight
60%
25%
5%
10%

Total 100%

Once the District has selected the proposal that presents the best value to the District the District will attempt to negotiate a contract with the proposer of that selected proposal. The District or its engineer may discuss with the selected proposer options for a scope or time modification and any price change(s) associated with the modification. If the District is unable to negotiate a contract with the first successful proposer, then the District shall withdraw from negotiations in writing and shall seek to go to the next proposal and offer that is in the best value of the District.

The successful contractor selected for this project shall be required to pay no less than the Prevailing Wage Rates set forth in the Contract documents as required by the laws of the State of Texas, to include, but not limited to Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, or the laws of the United States as may be applicable.

Performance and payment bonds will be required from the successful proposer as required by Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code.

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The estimated budget for this

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll find a partner, and then you'll find another. Which is best? Why do you need just one? Both will do. Two

partners will be best in this instance.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Solving the problem will be better than escaping it. A fellow air sign will be your best ally in this endeavor. Air signs are Gemini, Libra and Aquarius.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a mysterious world inside of you. The one who recognizes that you are no ordinary person, that there is a special and complicated puzzle in you that can never be solved -- this person will cap-

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The words "I love you" can mean all kinds of things, most commonly today, "Let's get off the phone." Your sensitivity to the meaning behind the words will steer you well.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The world is your playground. Playgrounds are not inherently exciting, though. They need people on them to be of interest. Of course, if nothing is fun, it's not the thing; it's you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone knows that diversity makes the group stronger. If you

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Saturn Musings



By Steve Becker
Declarer dodges temptation

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A Q J 4 3
♣ A 8
WEST
♠ 10 8 3
♥ K 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 7
♣ 6 4 2
EAST
♠ K 9 6 4
♥ 10 9 4
♦ K 10 9 6
♣ K 5
SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ A Q J 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q J 10 9 7 3
The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — eight of diamonds.
The temptation to finesse is often irresistible, but the fact is that some finesses might do declarer more harm than good.
Take this unusual case where South is in three notrump and has an opportunity to finesse against all four missing kings. Oddly enough, declarer's proper method of play is to reject all four finesses! If he takes any one of them, he fails in his mission, assuming the opponents defend

correctly.
With all four suits having been bid, West elected to lead through dummy's second suit. Had declarer finessed the jack, he would have gone down after East took the king and made the normal return of the ten of hearts. This would have prevented South from ever making use of his long club suit, as he would have had no entry to his hand to cash his clubs after they became established.
But declarer wisely went up with the diamond ace at trick one and then played the ace and another club — rejecting any notion of a club finesse — in order to establish his clubs while he still had the ace of hearts as an entry to his hand.
East won the club with the king and returned a heart, and again South rejected an opportunity to finesse. He went up with the ace and cashed four club tricks, discarding the Q-J-5-2 of spades from dummy. He then played a diamond to the jack, establishing his ninth trick, and so made the contract.
In general, when there is limited communication between the closed hand and dummy, declarer must take special care in planning the play. In misfit hands such as this one, he may not be able to afford the luxury of a finesse.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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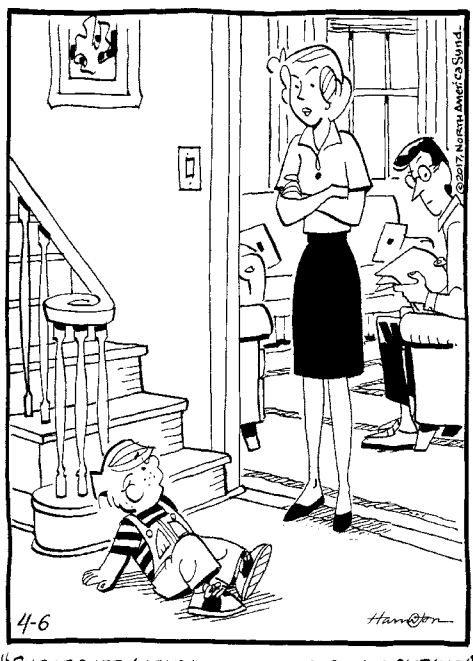
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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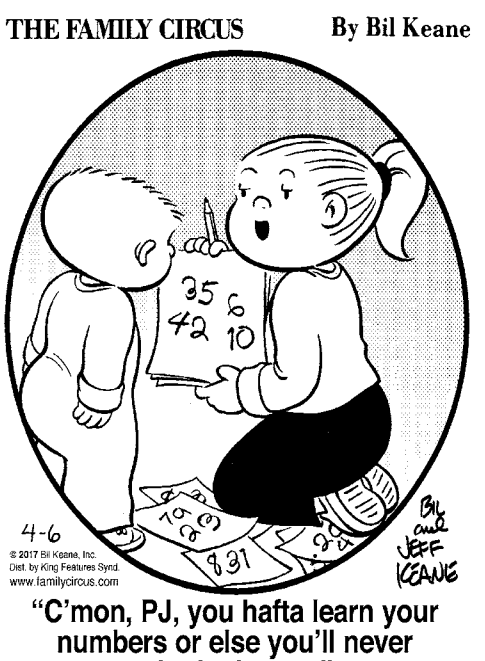
Table with 30 columns representing different TV channels and their programming schedules for the week of April 6, 2017.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"BUT IT SURE LOOKS LIKE IT WAS MADE FOR SLIDING!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

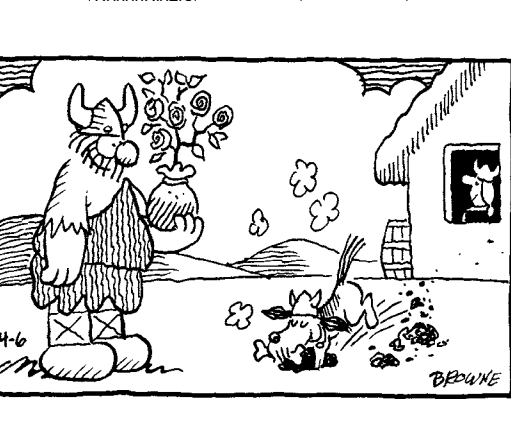


"C'mon, PJ, you hafta learn your numbers or else you'll never win the lottery."

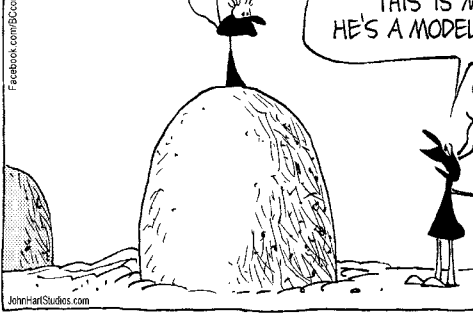
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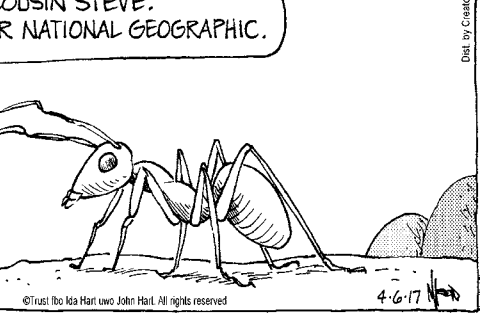
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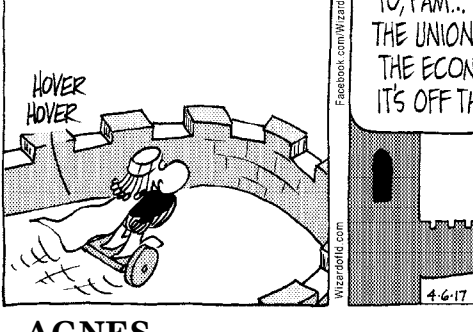
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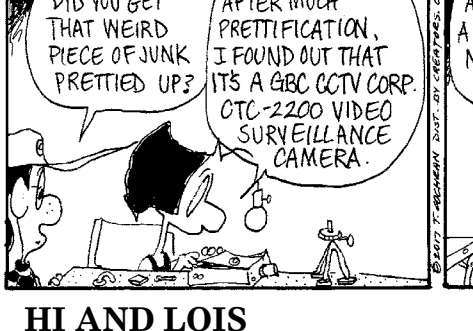
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THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 6, the 96th day of 2017. There are 269 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 6, 1917, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

suicide bomber smashed a truck loaded with TNT and toxic chlorine gas into a police checkpoint in Ramadi, Iraq, killing 27 people.

Five years ago: Five black people were shot, three fatally, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Jake England and Alvin Watts, who admitted targeting the victims because of race, pleaded guilty to murder, and were sentenced to life in prison without parole. A Navy F18 Hornet jet whose pilots were forced to eject crashed in a spectacular fireball into a big apartment complex in Virginia Beach, Virginia; miraculously, no one died.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with the solution words filled in.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

DOWN 1 Locale with anchor stores 2 Botanical soother 3 Hazy layer 4 Don Juan 5 Ministry of Defence supporter 6 Calm, as fears 7 Economic upswing 8 Call from a yawl 9 Coal derivative 10 Basketball great Mourning 11 Beowulf beverage 12 Ardency 13 Nonprofit supported by Uber 18 Do more than please 19 Leave the premises 24 Linus or Lucy 25 Detrimental 26 San Obispo 27 Small print on a store sign 28 Nancy Drew series byline 29 Precarious 30 Kids' rhyme starter 31 Beaded counters 32 Farm machine 34 Fencing piece 36 Pay (up) 39 Company's source of goods 41 Error in judgment 42 Shoo-fly pie group 44 Thing in a ring 47 Stopped working, in a way 48 Some management grads 49 Press for 50 Demand for seconds 51 Telltale sign 52 Topnotch 54 It means "internal" 55 Coop group 56 Things on some rings 58 Oldest major network 59 Lightning attractor

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for clues.

TEXAS

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homer in the seventh.
Jose Ramirez hit a tying two-run single for Cleveland in the fourth after Hamels opened with three perfect innings.
SALAZAR'S STRIKEOUTS
Salazar, who led the majors with 37 strikeouts in the spring, struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings, although he walked four and gave up five runs, four earned. The right-hander fanned the side in the first while allowing Mazara's two-run homer, a 439-foot shot into the second deck in right.
SHORT HOPS
Lindor's slam was the first with Cleveland trailing in the ninth or later since Nick Swisher off Ernesto Frieri of the Los Angeles Angels on June 19, 2014. The Indians' last grand slam was by Carlos Santana against the Chicago White Sox on Sept. 18, 2015. ... Texas' Drew Robinson grounded out as a pinch-hitter in his major league debut in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Indians: LF Michael Brantley didn't start after being in the lineup the first two games in his return from a right shoulder injury that mostly sidelined him for 17 months. Manager Terry Francona said he was available, and Brantley struck out as a pinch-hitter in the eighth. "I don't think any of us want to lose sight of the fact that he's had a long haul back," Francona said.
Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner (right biceps soreness) threw 72 pitches over four innings in a simulated game and said he's ready for a big league start April 15 after one rehab appearance in the minors. However, pitching coach Doug Brocail said the club was likely to prefer two rehab starts. ... Adrian Beltre (right calf tightness) was one of the opposing hitters.
Rangers: RHP A.J. Griffin (7-4, 5.07 in 2016) starts Friday at home against Oakland after earning a spot in the Texas rotation for the second straight spring.



AP photo
Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor (12) and catcher Jonathan Lucroy (25) visit closer Sam Dyson on the mound in the ninth inning of a baseball game after Dyson walked Cleveland Indians' Abraham Almonte in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

MAVS

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"We just had some bad stretches there where we couldn't score. We had some bad miscommunication with defense, and they made us pay."
Dallas got within seven in the second before the Clippers extended their lead to 18 and went into halftime ahead 62-49.
Yogi Ferrell scored nine of the Mavs' first 18 points to open the third, cutting their deficit to six. The rookie guard played defense, too, stripping Paul of the ball on the baseline for a layup to complete back-to-back baskets.
"They just kept fighting," Rivers said. "They had a lot of reasons to say 'game over' and that

made us keep playing."
Ferrell finished with 14 points, matching JJ Barea.
The Clippers regrouped and closed on a 17-6 run, including eight by Griffin, for a 90-73 lead going into the fourth. The spurt featured Jordan making two straight free throws, something he hadn't done all game, and Paul hitting a step back jumper in the right corner with the shot clock winding down.
Marreese Speights opened the fourth with a 3-pointer that pushed the Clippers' lead to 20, their largest of the game.
But the Mavs weren't done yet.
Nicolas Brussino rallied them within 10 on a 3-pointer from the left corner as the shot clock expired. Griffin

SPURS

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his left knee during shootaround.
Ennis responded with five points, two assists and no turnovers in the opening period. He finished with six assists and only one turnover while shooting 3 for 4 on 3-pointers.
"I think for me, in my situation so far, coach is making me feel more comfortable than I've been," Ennis said.
"My teammates have believed in me. That's the main thing for me, is being able to be comfortable out there."
Larry Nance Jr. had six points and two rebounds in the opening four minutes as the Lakers rolled to a 31-14 lead in the first quarter.
Nance finished with 15 points and nine rebounds and Randle had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Los Angeles outscored San Antonio 58-38 in the paint.
TIP-INS
Lakers: Brandon Ingram, who was initially listed as questionable, played 10 minutes despite experiencing right patellar tendinitis.
"Originally, he was on no minutes restriction, but with the pain (he is now)," Walton said. "He really wants to play and the trainer said he should be fine." ... Jordan Clarkson said his left knee was fine after bumping knees with another player in the second half. ... Tarik Black was also listed as questionable with a mild sprained left knee, but had five points in 27 minutes.
Ennis has played in 49 games, 18 with the Lakers since being acquired in a trade with Houston.
Spurs: San Antonio G Manu Ginobili did not play after bruising his right quadriceps Tuesday against Memphis.

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Parent's Corner: The ever-changing, yet constant influence of life

Influence is a word that should not to be used lightly. As we go through life there are things that have great influences on us. The dictionary describes this word as the result a person or thing has on another.

As much as I would like to simplify such a powerful word by attaching it to any one person or thing in my lifetime, I cannot.

I am influenced daily by my surroundings and always have been. Allow me to share some of the things that have great influence on me. I am influenced by great leaders, beautiful voices, proficient speakers, brilliant writers, the stroke of an artist's brush, exceptional educators, prominent

healers and scientists; the list doesn't end.

Understand that I'm not as impressed with their achievements as I am influenced by their decisions and their determination to make important, monumental choices for their lives as well as the lives of those around them.

These are people who have made life happen FOR them, instead of allowing life to happen TO them. I'm influenced by the child who toils so laboriously over a put-together toy and refuses help by saying, "I can do it myself."

This reminds me to be independent and to exhaust all of my own possibilities before asking for help. I am influenced by the homeless person sleeping in doorways, wondering where the next meal or drink will come from. Such a sad sight gives

me an even stronger will to continue making wise choices for myself.

And I am further influenced by the kindness of one who gives those poor, homeless souls a few coins. Their compassion reminds me to have sympathy for those who are in trouble.

I'm influenced by the janitor who isn't satisfied until his job has been completed to the best of his ability. His dedication reminds me never to take the easy way out and to always give my undertakings an extra little boost, even when I think I've already done my best.

I am influenced by the alarming number of terminally ill children scattered around the world.

Their faith and emotional strength is of a magnitude that outshines the greatest accomplishment any man or woman could ever achieve. I'm influenced by the young person who throws a newspaper before daybreak every morning when they could be catching a few extra hours of sleep. They have learned at an early age that little can be achieved in life by adhering to the 9-to-5 schedule of those willing to simply get by. Their decision to achieve more in life than might be expected of them will make them a person of great influence.

I am influenced by the puppy who gives his love so unconditionally. It reminds me to give of myself openly and to be more tolerant and forgiving. I'm influenced by the changing of seasons, especially autumn when the leaves change their colors and are delicately blown across the lawn by the oncoming winds of winter. It encourages me not to be

sedentary and to keep moving. It also instills in me the importance of being able to accept change.

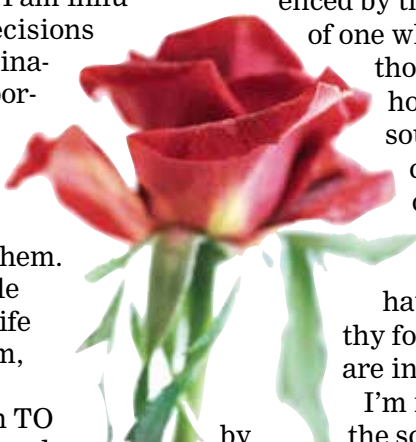
I am influenced by the single rose on a rosebush. It reminds me that it's all right to be alone when those around me seem to be showered with attention. It teaches me that standing alone can be a thing of beauty. It appears that the greatest influences in my life are ever-changing, yet constant.

I don't have to look back and remember what someone said to me, or did for me, that greatly influenced my life. My influences are all around me. They have given me more compassion; more patience; more tolerance, more empathy, more gratitude, and more understanding of the true meaning of life. All I have to do is be aware and pay attention.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety.



DARRELL RYAN



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Steer Pride Corner

Top AR Readers at Washington Elementary School



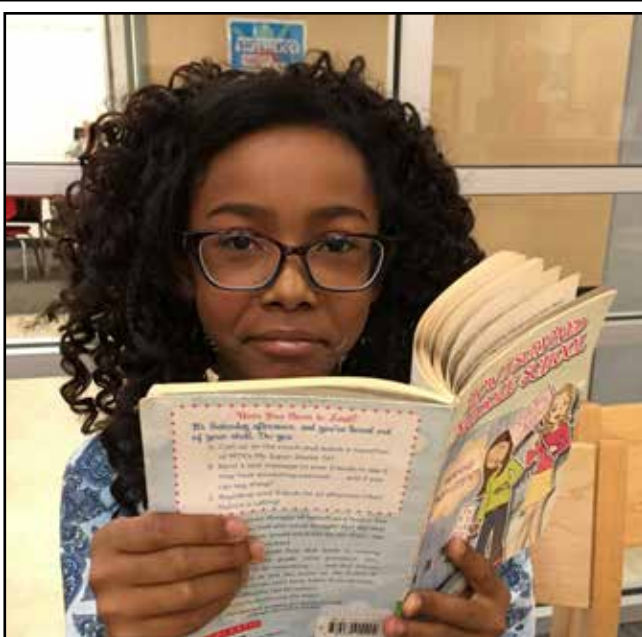
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4th grader Braedon Kennedy has collected 100 plus AR (Accelerated Reading) points. Braedon is an all-around good student. He is polite to his teachers and enjoys helping his classmates find books that he has read and believes they will love too.



Courtesy photo

4th grader Liliana Anderson now has 300 plus AR points. Liliana is a student that is very competitive in and out of school - not only does she compete in sports outside of school, but also competes in school. She pushes herself and her classmates to be better students.



4th grader Thalia Vasquez still remains in the lead with a whopping 500+ AR points. Thalia loves to read and her AR points show it!

Capping off a great season

The Coahoma High School One-Act cast and crew will perform their UIL award winning show "Defying Gravity" at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the high school auditorium.

The cast and crew competed in UIL Area Competition last Saturday in Seminole, Texas.

Preslie Smithie was selected to the All Star Cast and Naughtia Rockwell received Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

This was the first time in a number of years the CHS theater department had advance to area. "Defying Gravity" by Jane Anderson centers around the the 1986 Challenger disaster.

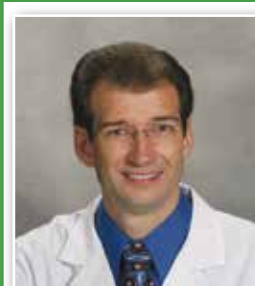
On Jan. 28, 1986, the NASA space shuttle Challenger broke apart a little more than a minute after being launched, killing all seven crew members.

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