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County approves two, tables two bids on materials Terry Chamness re-appointed as County Emergency Coordinator

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

At their meeting Wednesday afternoon, Howard County Commissioners approved two bids on road maintenance material, but tabled bids on two others. Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room, commissioners accept-

ed a bid from Cox Paving of Blanco, Texas, for \$516,925.44 for sealcoat material; and another from Vulcan Materials of Uvalde, Texas, for \$296,098 for LRA paving/patching material. According to Commissioner John Cline, Vulcan is the only company in Texas that produces the LRA material. Two other bids for road

maintenance material were up for the vote, but were tabled. One was for roadway base material. "The roadway base, we had to change the location of delivery," Cline said. "So we're going to give the bidders a chance to modify their bids." Cline said the change in delivery location might mean a change in trans-

portation costs for the bidders, so the commissioners felt it was fair to give them a chance to revise their bids. The other tabled item was for maintenance assistance prime and sealcoat. "The maintenance assistance prime, there was only one bidder, and we want to study those figures to make sure we're getting bang for

our bucks," Cline said. Commissioners also re-appointed Terry Chamness as Howard County Emergency Management Coordinator. "I've been doing this since 2000," Chamness reminded the commissioners. "You've got 17 years plus of experience here." See **COUNTY**, Page 3

Moss Elementary receives thanks



HERALD photo/ Erin Stephens

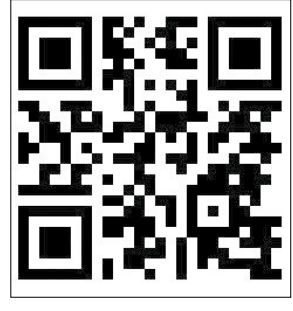
Pictured above are the thank you cards and photos sent from Hitchcock Primary School in Hitchcock, Texas.

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

Students at Moss Elementary in Big Spring are proving you're never too young to make a difference. Teachers and students at the K-2 school banded together to assist a school that was hard hit by Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 storm that affected 13 million people from Texas through Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. "Right after Hurricane Harvey, our kids were very concerned about the kids down south," said Moss Elementary Principal Kaitlin Jeffrey. "Little guys are very compassionate people and we wanted to foster that compassion by helping some of the hurricane victims. Our goal was to

pull together and make sure other kids had a great start to the school year like we'd had." After much research and consideration, Moss Elem decided to adopt Hitchcock Primary School in Hitchcock, Texas. "I wanted to find a campus demographically similar to ours as far as socioeconomic status and racial breakdown," said Jeffrey. "Hitchcock Primary ended up being almost identical as far as the student population goes." Moss Elementary expressed a need for donations on their Facebook page by posting about their goal to help Hitchcock Primary. According

to Jeffrey, people in the community began sharing their Facebook post on other pages to get the word out and before they knew it, they'd raised \$3000. "We contacted the primary school and asked how we could help, told them the amount we'd raised, and ended up being able to donate money directly to their campus," she said. As a way to show their appreciation for money donated to them, Hitchcock Primary began sending, and is continuing to send, pictures, drawings, and thank you notes to Moss students. The faculty at Moss created a wall displaying all items received by the school. "The kids at Hitchcock sent us several things including photos of items they'd purchased with the money we sent to them," said Jeffrey. "A lot of what they bought



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What a game!



Courtesy photo

Coahoma fans go wild after the Bulldogettes pull off a last-second win in their thrilling match up against the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 in Coahoma. See story on Page 7.

Trump says he's open to path to citizenship for Dreamers

By **JILL COLVIN** and **ANDREW TAYLOR**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he's open to an immigration plan that would provide a pathway to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the country as children and are now here illegally. "We're going to morph into it," Trump told reporters Wednesday. "It's going to happen, at some point in the future, over a period of 10 to 12 years."

as the White House announced it would unveil a legislative framework on immigration next week that it hopes can pass both the House and the Senate. The president's remarks amounted to a preview of that framework. He said he'll propose \$25 billion for building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and \$5 billion for other security measures. But immediately after Trump spoke, a senior White House official stressed the idea of a pathway to citizenship so-called Dreamers was just a "discussion point" in the plan that the White House intend-

ed to preview to the House and Senate. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the administration's thinking on a contentious issue that has roiled lawmakers for months. Despite his previously harsh rhetoric, Trump told reporters he had a message for the Dreamers: "Tell 'em not to be concerned, OK? Tell 'em not to worry. We're going to solve the problem."



Trump

Trump has said repeatedly that any deal to protect those immigrants from deportation is contingent on money for the border wall and other security measures. Trump also wants to

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Obituaries

Elton A. Weaver



Elton A. Weaver, 95, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at the Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Coahoma, Texas. He married Shirley Ann Lancaster Oct. 18, 1978, in Las Cruces, N.M.

Elton was a lifetime resident of Howard County, and attended school at Center Point and Coahoma. He served in the United States Army with the 1st Calvary during World War II. After the war Elton worked for Indiana Arsenal for a period of time. He returned to Howard County to work at Webb Air Force Base in aircraft maintenance, retiring with 33 years of service. He then worked as a contract painter for several years. Elton enjoyed yard work and gardening, fishing and camping and especially his grandchildren.

He was a member of the Oasis Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Lancaster Weaver of Big Spring; three daughters, Carol Broughton and husband Mark of Amarillo, Linda O'Neill of Trinidad, Texas, and Wanda Turner and husband Robert of Coahoma; three brothers, Curtis "Pete" Allen of Coahoma, Jerry "Bozy" Allen and wife Sandra, and Eddie Ray Allen and wife Tommie all of Llano; 10 grandchildren, Joshua Kiser, Kerri Jean Rosenbaum, Sarah Flemming, BaLinda Turner, Andy Baeza, Misti Russell, Jessi Kiser, Megan Offinga, Chris Bayes, and Bobby Bayes; 27 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Weaver; his parents, Andrew and Mary Weaver; three brothers, Weldon Weaver, A.W. Weaver, and Arthur Weaver; four sisters, Marie Weaver, Eulene Sims, Mary Lou Edens, and Frances Capps; a son-in-law, Pat O'Neill; and two stepsons, Brobbie Bayes and Elgie Bayes.

The family suggests memorials to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Sharon Whetsel



Sharon Whetsel, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, January 23, 2018, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 1, 1945, in Big Spring, and married John "Sonny" Whetsel Aug. 11, 1962, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death March 21, 2000.

Sharon was a born-again believer in Jesus Christ. She was a devoted, loyal, and faithful wife, mother, and homemaker, and she will be missed dearly.

Survivors include one son, Terry Whetsel; one daughter, Nancy Conner and husband Chad, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Jordan Whetsel, April Whetsel, Jeremy Johnson "J.J." Davis, Steven Davis, Ryan Davis, and Mason Conner; three great-grandchildren, Ellina Davis, Ian Davis, and Serenity Davis; one brother, Don Vaught and wife Anita; and two sisters, Susan Hunter and Mary May.

In addition to her husband, Sharon is preceded in death by her parents.

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Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 33, of 818 W. Eighth St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **RONNIE EUGENE LEAL**, 28, of S. Goliad St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **DEVAN LEE LUCAS**, 26, of 1124 King St. in Jena, La., was arrested on a charge of public in-

toxication and on five outstanding warrants.

• **MONICA JONELLE MCGRUDER**, 45, of 2900 Old Highway 80 was arrested on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information, and on an outstanding warrant.

• **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, 33, of 1113 Lloyd was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 200

grams).

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of East FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Third Street and Birdwell Lane.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of North Lamesa Highway.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 33, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **DEEANN OWENS COX**, 55, was booked by Glasscock County on warrants for driving with an invalid license and speeding.

• **JOHNNY LEE ELLIS**, 40, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for

possession of a dangerous drug.

• **LAVAR CHAUNCEY FORD**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, 33, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

• **RONNIE EUGENE LEAL**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).

• **DEVAN LEE LUCAS**, 26, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication; on a pro-

bation violation for shooting a decoy deer; and warrants for battery bond, assault (domestic abuse/battery), no insurance, and expired vehicle license.

• **MONICA JONELLE MCGRUDER**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; and on a motion to adjudicate for forgery of a financial instrument.

• **SKEETER SMITH**, 24, was booked by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 a per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening. If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• 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.

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

Richard Dale "Rick" Smith

Richard Dale "Rick" Smith, 54, died Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of West Fourth Street and Birdwell Lane.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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limit the family members that immigrants are able to sponsor to join them in the U.S. and either replace or transform a visa lottery aimed at increasing diversity.

Trump has given Congress until March to come up with a plan to protect the nearly 700,000 young people who had been protected from deportation and given the right to work legally in the country under the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. Trump announced he was ending DACA last year.

Trump expressed confidence a deal can be reached on the issue, and said he'd like to see one hammered out by the time he returns from Davos, Switzerland, on Friday. John Kelly, Trump's chief of staff, stayed in Washington, to help work out an immigration deal, said White House spokesman Raj Shah.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said earlier Wednesday that the framework to be unveiled Monday "represents a compromise that members of both parties can support."

The White House was trying to take control of the process amid criticism that the president had taken too much of a back seat during recent negotiations and had sent mixed signals that repeatedly upended near-deals.

"The president wants to lead on this issue, and that's exactly what we're going to do," Sanders said.

Trump had previously ruled out the idea of citizenship for the immigrants known as Dreamers, saying last September: "We're not looking at citizenship. We're not looking at amnesty. We're looking at allowing people to stay here."

But he said Wednesday that providing an opportunity for citizenship had its positives. "I think it's a nice thing to have the incentive of after a

period of years being able to become a citizen," he said.

Meanwhile, on the Hill, senators from both parties were making a fresh search for their own compromise immigration legislation, though leaders conceded that the effort wouldn't be easy and were already casting blame should it falter.

Around three dozen senators from both parties met privately Wednesday, and two top lawmakers said they'd try crafting a compromise bill based on colleagues' suggestions. The goal is to produce consensus legislation that would be the starting point for Senate debate on immigration, which is expected to begin Feb. 8, said Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., their parties' No. 2 leaders.

"We're the Senate, we have our own responsibility under the Constitution and we decided in this room to move forward," Durbin said afterward. "If the president has some ideas he'd like to share,

of course we'll take a look at them."

Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., said in a statement that he was "extremely pleased with the number of senators — from both sides of the aisle" — who had accepted his invitation. "My hope is that we can reach an agreement before February 8," he said.

The senior White House official did not know about the meeting, which was underway at the time, and said the president and Graham were not on the same page.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has vowed not to "let those who are anti-immigrant, who call giving the Dreamers hope 'amnesty,' block us. Because then we will fail, and it will be on the other side of the aisle that made that happen."

Sanders said the White House framework is based on dozens of conversations Trump and his staff have had with members of both parties and that "it addresses all of the different things that

we've heard from all of the various stakeholders" during the past several months.

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., said Trump called him Wednesday morning and wants to provide "dependability for these kids," but still expects a deal to include money for border security and his promised southern wall, to limit immigrants' ability to sponsor family members and to end a visa lottery aimed at diversity.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said if senators cannot produce a compromise plan by Feb. 8, he would open a debate on immigration legislation that would be "fair to all sides." That suggests both parties would be allowed to offer amendments.

Feb. 8 is the date legislation expires that reopened the government after a three-day shutdown, which began after Democrats demanded movement toward an immigration deal as the price for financing federal agencies.

Trump: No Palestinian aide until they return to peace talks

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — President Donald Trump threatened to withhold aid money from the Palestinians until they return to peace talks with Israel as he sat down with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Trump's decision last year to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital provoked Arab nations and led Palestinians to withdraw from negotiations on the grounds the U.S. can no longer be trusted as an honest broker in the quest for peace.

Trump said that decision has consequences. The U.S., he said, gives "hundreds of millions of dollars" to the Palestinians, and "that money is on the table and that money's not going to them unless they sit down and negotiate peace."

Trump's comment came shortly after he arrived at an economic forum that brings together world leaders, business executives and celebrities. His appearance is aimed at luring foreign investment to the U.S. and highlighting his "America first" economic agenda, despite its seeming odds with a forum that celebrates global cooperation and free trade.

It wasn't immediately clear what

money Trump was referring to in his threat. Washington has contributed over \$5 billion in economic and security aid to the Palestinians since the mid-1990s. Annual economic aid since 2008 has averaged around \$400 million, much of it devoted to development projects.

Last week, the Trump administration moved to withhold some - but not all - of a scheduled aid payment to the United Nations agency that assists Palestinian refugees. The Trump administration said it would provide \$60 million, while keeping \$65 million until the U.N. body undertakes a "fundamental re-examination."

Israel has been overjoyed by Trump's pivot on Jerusalem, which Netanyahu hailed Thursday as an "historic decision that will be forever etched in the hearts of our people."

On a visit to Israel this week, Vice President Mike Pence told Israeli lawmakers that the U.S. was fast-tracking the embassy plans, aiming to move it from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by the end of 2019. Trump said he anticipates having "a small version" of the embassy open sometime next year.

During his remarks, Trump referenced Pence's trip to the Middle East, which did not include a meeting with Palestinian leaders. Trump said,

"they disrespected us a week ago by not allowing our great vice president to see them," adding: "Respect has to be shown to the U.S. or we're just not going any further."

Trump arrived in Zurich ahead of schedule and immediately boarded a U.S. helicopter for the flight to Davos, where the World Economic Forum is being held. The approximately 40-minute trip took Trump over a snowy countryside dotted with houses, frosted mountains and a glistening lake. As Trump got off the helicopter in Davos, he gestured to aides who held him by the arms as he walked across the snowy landing zone to his waiting car.

"We're very happy to be here," Trump said as he arrived. "The United States is doing very well, and will continue to do well and this will be a very exciting two days."

He said he was bringing a message of "peace and prosperity" to the gathering. While the president is expected to declare that the United States is open for business, the protectionist-leaning president's attendance at the annual gathering for free-trade-loving political and business elites has raised eyebrows. His decision to sign new tariffs boosting American manufacturers this week has prompted

fresh concerns about his nationalist tendencies.

"I'm going to Davos right now to get people to invest in the United States," Trump said Wednesday before the overnight flight to Europe. "I'm going to say: 'Come into the United States. You have plenty of money.' But I don't think I have to go, because they're coming, they're coming at a very fast clip."

Trump also seemed eager to dispel concerns about his global leadership. During an earlier meeting with British Prime Minister Theresa May, Trump insisted their relationship isn't strained and that the U.S. and U.K. "are very much joined at the hip."

"We're on the same wavelength in I think every respect," Trump said, insisting the two leaders have a "really great relationship, although some people don't necessarily believe that."

"We are very much joined at the hip when it comes to the military. We have the same ideas, the same ideals, and there's nothing that would happen to you that we won't be there to fight for you," he told May. "You know that." Trump hosted May at the White House days after he took office. But he recently canceled a planned trip to London to celebrate the opening of the new U.S. embassy.

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was school supplies and some of the younger kids replaced blankets and stuffed animals."

Moss students plan on keeping in touch with Hitchcock students and will correspond with one another on a regular basis as "pen pals."

"Many of our kids don't get to travel outside of

the West Texas area and it's the same with kids at Hitchcock," said Jeffrey. "We see us being 'pen pals' as a kind of cultural exchange between us and them because the culture in West Texas is different from South Texas."

When asked what she hoped a generous act of kindness like the one shown to Hitchcock Primary might teach elementary-aged children,

Jeffrey said the biggest thing they learned from this experience is that a little goes a long way.

"Some of the kids in our school literally dumped out their piggy banks in order to help out," she said. "I think the takeaway is that a little can turn into a lot."

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232.

Retail gasoline prices in Texas up nickel this week

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas rose a nickel this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump statewide was \$2.33 per gallon. Nationwide gas prices are up 2 cents, to average \$2.56 per gallon.

Association officials say San An-

tonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average \$2.23 per gallon. Drivers in Midland are paying the highest prices for gasoline at an average \$2.50 per gallon.

AAA officials say the current average retail gasoline price in Texas is 22 cents higher than a year ago.

COUNTY

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"We're not going to look that gift horse in the mouth," replied Judge Kathryn Wiseman.

Commissioners approved Chamness' reappointment unanimously.

In other business, commissioners:

- Held a budget work session, discussing various projects and funding for them.

- Assigned the duty of applying for state reimbursement for jury compensation to County

Auditor Jackie Olson instead of District Clerk Colleen Barton, at Barton's request. District court jurors are compensated \$40 each per day, and the state reimburses the county \$34 of that cost, if the county submits requests for that reimbursement.

- Held a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters, and took no action at the end of the session.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

3 women die in Central Texas house fire

NOLANVILLE, Texas (AP) — Three women were killed in a fire that destroyed their Central Texas home.

Authorities say those killed in the fire in Nolanville, Texas, were an 85-year-old woman, her 46-year-old daughter and her 19-year-old granddaughter. Nolanville Police Chief Daniel Porter said the family's pet dog and cat also died in the fire. A 16-year-old grandson was at school and was not injured.

Two firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation.

The fire was reported about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. The house was fully involved in flames by the time the first units arrived. Firefighters were delayed entering the house because of exploding ammunition inside the building.

Nolanville is about 8 miles east of Killeen and home to about 4,700 residents

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Richard Dale "Rick" Smith, 54, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Uncle Sam shrugs off billion-dollar blame game

Did you know that the government doesn't insure the cargo it sends into space? That means that when a satellite carrying government cargo explodes during or after launch, taxpayers are left footing the entire bill. This issue has become topical with the recent loss of a Northrop Grumman satellite launched by Elon Musk's privately owned company SpaceX earlier this month. Shooting a satellite into orbit is obviously inherently risky; however, that is all the more reason to protect taxpayers when the federal government contracts with private companies like Musk's.

We know little about the contract or the mission of the launch itself because that information is classified. What we do know for sure is that on Jan. 7, a top-secret satellite (code-named "Zuma") was launched on one of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rockets. Though the rocket didn't explode upon launch this time (something that has happened twice in recent years), the satellite — which is rumored to have cost upward of \$3 billion — seemingly failed to maintain orbit and is believed to have ended up in the Indian Ocean.

About the only other thing we know is that taxpayers will eat the loss. In fact, because the mission was classified, we can only

speculate as to which government agency was responsible for the mission, not to mention what went wrong.

When questioned by a Bloomberg News reporter, Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White responded, "I would have to refer you to SpaceX, who conducted the launch." When SpaceX officials were questioned, they announced that they were as pleased as punch with their performance. SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell noted, "After review of all data to date, Falcon 9 did everything correctly on Sunday night." In other words, it's someone else's fault.

Shifting the blame onto others fits the pattern of SpaceX officials. In its previous failures, the company blamed explosions on faulty parts supplied by other contractors. Shotwell added, "If we or others find otherwise based on further review, we will report it immediately." But those words are not reassuring, given that the classified nature of the mission could help SpaceX obfuscate responsibility — especially if enabled by the federal agency responsible for the mission. Indeed, NASA refused to disclose to the public any of its findings after the 2015 explosion of a Falcon 9, which destroyed \$118 million worth of taxpayer-financed cargo.

One might conclude that for whatever reason, the government agencies that contract with SpaceX are afraid of making the company look bad. According to a source of mine in the government's space launch universe, SpaceX is viewed as being able to

"get away with murder." Perhaps Musk's extraordinary connections in Washington (his companies have received billions of dollars in subsidies and government contracts) have enabled more favorable terms. Or perhaps the bureaucrats who negotiated and signed the contract set taxpayers up for the fall because, hey, it isn't their money — and it isn't as if the government agency they work for will go out of business.

Nobody expects every attempt to expand our presence in space to be free of mistakes and complications. However, taxpayers are owed an account of what went wrong when these missions fail — even in cases in which the payload is of a classified nature.

Indeed, the need for oversight and accountability with government contracts will take on added importance because SpaceX is expected to carry astronauts to the International Space Station in the near future.

Sadly, the lack of transparency works to the favor of a Congress uninterested in putting America's fiscal house in order. After all, it's hard to shame the ruling political class into action when citizens have no idea what's actually being done with their money.

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Home schooling is not a crime

It's elementary. Education control freaks will use any excuse to crack down on competition. With two million K-12 students now educated at home (including our 9th grade son), the temptation to exploit the most marginal cases of alleged child abuse by homeschoolers has proven irresistible to statist politicians and government apologists.

Take the case of David and Louise Turpin's 13 starving children, reportedly found tethered to their beds after one of the siblings escaped and contacted police. The Turpins' "house of horrors" in Riverside County, California, grabbed international headlines last week — and lured a parade of publicity hounds. Former neighbors in Texas claimed they suspected physical abuse by the parents but did nothing at the time. These thirsty fame-seekers will, however, be appearing on "Dr. Phil" later this week to slurp up their 15 minutes of leechdom. Louise Turpin's half-sister, Teresa Robinette, who also sat on the sidelines for years, miraculously found the energy and motivation to wake up early for an interview on NBC's "Today Show," where she gregariously gossiped about family secrets.

Another of Louise Turpin's sisters, Elizabeth Flores, dry-cried and show-sniffled on ABC's "Good Morning America" about her "love" for the Turpin children whom she claims to have tried to Skype unsuccessfully "for 20 years." How heroic of her. Flores also confessed that David Turpin allegedly spied on her while she showered. For some reason, it was more urgent for Flores to report this information to "GMA" anchor Robin Roberts and millions of strangers tuned into the boob tube than it was to tell her sister. Or her nieces and nephews. Or authorities.

But instead of training tough scrutiny where it belongs — on the parents, relatives and acquaintances of the alleged victims — California legislators and narrative-shaping liberal journalists have instead directed their wrath at home schooling.

The Turpins had filed required paperwork with the state registering their supposed home school, the Sandcastle Day School, as a "private school." Several court cases in California have upheld the right to home school. Parents have the option to sign an affidavit establishing a home-based educational program, hire credentialed tutors or register with an independent study program.

The deep, wide and vast majority of home-schoolers nationwide are loving, excellent and responsible instructors and parents. Yet, public school lobbyists have marginalized them as amateurs, weirdos and menaces who don't have the intelligence to raise and educate their own children. Democratic legislators in California have sought to undermine home-schoolers' autonomy with intrusive legislation, such as a bill proposed last fall that would have required parents to allow inspectors to search their residential bathrooms for state-mandated feminine hygiene products for female students.

In New York City, incompetent nanny state bureaucrats have routinely harassed home-schooling families and falsely accused them of "educational neglect" after losing their paperwork. Home-schooling mom of two, Tanya Acevedo, who is suing the Big Apple, told my CRTV.com program how bureaucratic snafus that classified her son as a truant led to a Child Protective Services investigation.

"You start to question yourself as a parent when they come through those doors," Acevedo recounted. "My child he eats three meals a day, he's well taken care of, and I felt that there was no need for them to be knocking at my door. ... it was a really scary and really nerve-racking experience."

For her crime of exercising educational self-determination, Acevedo was treated as guilty of child abuse until proven innocent.

The idea that there is something especially sinister and crime-enabling about home schooling — The Week's Damon Linker warned darkly of the "sickening danger of home-schooling," for example, and NPR invoked the specter of a "cult" — betrays an all-too-common bias against parental autonomy that

ignores the government's own gross misconduct. From coast to coast, child welfare agencies see parental negligence where none exists and conversely ignore abuse when it's under their employees' noses. Federal audits of state child welfare bureaucracies in California and Texas last year found rampant failures to detect abuse, investigate allegations and track referrals.

Moreover, sexual abuse scandals have rocked inner-city schools, suburban public school districts and wealthy private schools alike. "In 2014 alone," according to former federal education official Terry Abbott, "there were 781 reported cases of teachers and other school employees accused or convicted of sexual relationships with students."

Yet, the vultures of political opportunism are using the plight of the Turpin children to impose expanded control over all home-schoolers in the Golden State. California Assemblymember Jose Medina, D-Riverside, plans to introduce a bill requiring that "mandated reporters" designated by the state Department of Education conduct annual assessments in all home schools.

Echoing Medina's concern for "the lack of oversight the state of California currently has in monitoring private and home schools," liberal New Republic writer Sarah Jones decried how "lax homeschooling laws protect child abusers." She pivoted quickly from the Turpin tragedy to an attack on the home-school movement's academic achievements and opposition to mandatory kindergarten.

Fundamentally, the home-school crackdown caucus views the very freedom to educate one's own children as a threat to government authority. In the name of liberating the Turpin children, they seek to keep the rest of us home-schooling families in regulatory chains.

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, have given all of us special talents. Help us to use these to do Your good will. Amen.

San Antonio police make changes after botched cases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police are unveiling several changes to improve the department's investigative process nearly three months after firing a detective who botched more than 130 cases.

Police Chief William McManus spoke about the changes to the City Council's public safety subcommittee on Tuesday, the Express-News reported.

The new procedures make sure only supervisors can close a case in the department's case management system.

The changes also aim to improve communication with victims about the investigative process.

"These revisions make them some of the strongest (standard operating procedures) I've ever seen," said Bob Stewart, a law enforcement expert hired by the city to review the changes.

The changes come after Kenneth Valdez, a detective within the Special Victims Unit, was terminated in November for failing to act on DNA evidence, not properly handling evidence and closing cases without supervisor approval.

Valdez botched more than 130 sexual assault and family violence case, according to the department. He is appealing the firing.

After Valdez's termination, the department announced it would conduct an internal review of the Special Victims Unit. McManus said the procedures were already solid, but there were some loopholes that allowed investigators to close cases without supervisor approval.

The department ended up reviewing procedures within all seen investigative units to ensure there weren't any additional loopholes.

The review process included input from Stewart, several officers, two professors from the University of Texas-San Antonio and six community members. McManus said he's "very confident" in the new procedures.

The city attorney's office has also begun an external audit of the Special Victims Unit. That review is expected to be completed sometime next month.

American, Delta revive deal to handle stranded passengers

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines and Delta are reviving a deal that lets them put passengers on each other's planes when travelers are stranded by disruptions like winter storms and computer outages.

The new deal took effect on Wednesday. The airlines aren't disclosing financial terms such as how much they charge to accommodate the other's passengers.

American and Delta are the nation's two largest carriers. They stopped cooperating to handle each other's stranded passengers in September 2015. Delta complained that it was taking far more passengers who were rebooked from American than it sent the other way.

The previous agreement went further. It let passengers book trips with flights on both airlines under the same itinerary — with their baggage being transferred too — but that is not included in the new deal.

Hurricane relief effort led by ex-US presidents raises \$41M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A hurricane relief effort led by five former U.S. presidents that included a Texas concert with rock star Lady Gaga has raised more than \$41 million.

A statement Wednesday from One America Appeal says the money benefited hurricane recovery in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Spokesman Jim McGrath says more than 110,000 donors gave \$41.3 million.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall Aug. 25 in South Texas. Hurricane Irma later hit Florida. Maria struck Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama attended the Oct. 21 fundraising concert at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Donations went to a special account through the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

Classmate: Girl tortured with siblings was bullied, frail



AP photo

In this Jan. 18, 2018, file photo, defendants Louise Anna Turpin, left, with attorney Jeff Moore, and David Allen Turpin, right, with attorney Allison Lowe, appear in court for their arraignment in Riverside, Calif. More than \$120,000 has been donated to help 13 siblings in California who authorities say were kept chained to beds for months by their parents, the Turpins, and starved so much that their growth was stunted.

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and EMILY SCHMALL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The oldest of the 13 California siblings who authorities said were imprisoned by their parents was frail, smelly and picked on as a grade school student in Texas, one of her classmates said in a heart-wrenching Facebook post.

The now-29-year-old woman was rescued with her starving brothers and sisters from their home in Perris, California, on Jan. 14. Neighbors and relatives said they were unaware of the children's treatment until authorities arrested the parents and revealed what they found inside.

Taha Muntajibuddin attended kindergarten through third grade with her in Fort Worth, Texas. After learning of the case, he shared on Facebook his "overwhelming sense of guilt and shame" over how she was treated.

Muntajibuddin, a pediatrics resident doctor in Houston who confirmed his post to The Associated Press, described her as "a frail girl, had pin-straight hair with bangs, and often wore the same purple outfit."

He wrote that it was jarring to learn that the girl, who was teased in

school for being smelly, "quite literally had to sit in her own waste because she was chained to her bed."

"It is nothing but sobering to know that the person who sat across from you at the lunch table went home to squalor and filth while you went home to a warm meal and a bedtime story," he wrote.

The post has elicited a strong reaction, with some condemning Muntajibuddin for his behavior as a child. Others praised him for addressing it.

Muntajibuddin said in an interview Tuesday that he was surprised by the reaction.

"It was just meant to be an honest lesson: take it or leave it," he said.

The AP is not naming the siblings because of the severity of abuse allegations, which are still under investigation. The AP also has not been able to talk to the children, including the 29-year-old, or anyone who can speak on their behalf.

Crowley Independent School District spokesman Anthony Kirchner confirmed Muntajibuddin and the victim attended the same school.

Kirchner said he was unable to confirm when she enrolled or when she left school, or whether any of her younger siblings at-

tended, because districts are only required to keep elementary student records for five years.

Another classmate, Stephanie Hernandez, told the AP in a Facebook message that the girl was quiet and always wore dirt-stained jeans that were too small. Hernandez said she often was bullied.

"I remember some one kind of slung her around like a rag doll," said Hernandez, a registered nurse in Mansfield, Texas.

Sheriff's deputies arrested David Turpin, 57, and Louise Turpin, 49, after their 17-year-old daughter climbed out a window and called 911. Authorities found the siblings, ages 2 to 29, in the family's filthy California home, three of whom were shackled to beds and all except the youngest child malnourished.

The couple has pleaded not guilty to torture and other charges.

The Riverside University Health System Foundation, which is collecting money for the siblings, so far has received 1,500 donations totaling \$120,000, spokeswoman Kim Trone.

People from across the world also have been sending toys, blankets and clothing, she said.

About 20 people, in-

cluding nurses and psychologists, have offered to take the seven adult siblings and six minors and keep them together, said Mary Parks, a spokeswoman for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services.

"People from around the country are offering to foster them and adopt them," she said.

The siblings were all taken to hospitals, but Parks said she could not discuss their conditions. The agency typically seeks to place children with a relative and keep siblings together, she said.

Muntajibuddin said he is hopeful his former classmate can recover and live an enriched life.

He said despite being bullied by her peers, she "was still one of the most pleasant people I have had the opportunity to meet. She had this whimsical optimism to her that couldn't be dampened, couldn't be doused no matter what anybody threw at her."



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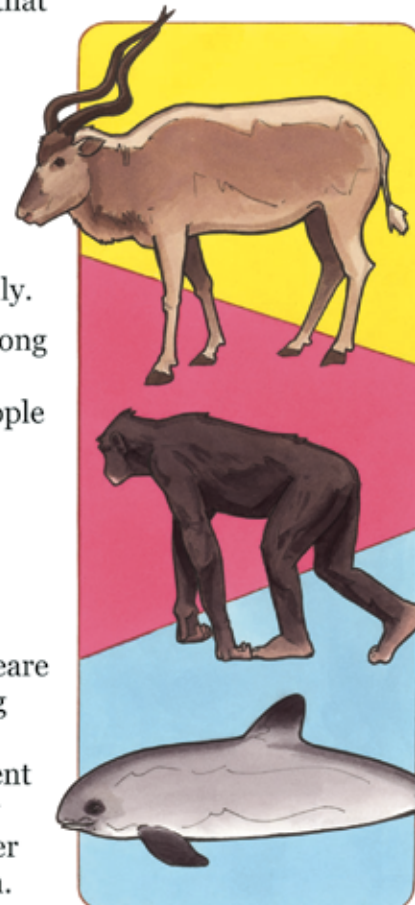


Endangered!

Ever heard of an addax? How about a bonobo or a vaquita? All are endangered animals that must be protected to ensure their existence.

The addax is a type of antelope that lives in the Sahara Desert in northern Africa. It has a grayish-brown coat in the winter, which turns sandy blonde or almost white in the summer. The bonobo is a type of chimpanzee that lives in the Congo Basin in central Africa. It has long legs, a dark face, pink lips and long, parted hair on its head. The vaquita is a type of porpoise that lives in the Gulf of California. It is stocky with dark rings around its eyes, patches on its lips, a dark gray back and a white belly.

The destruction of habitat, along with hunting and other things, have made these animals endangered. People are working to change this, however. The addax has been reintroduced in Morocco and Tunisia, and many are being raised in captivity. There are 29,000 to 50,000 bonobos left, and organizations are working hard to protect them and their habitat. There are only 100 to 300 vaquitas left, making them one of the most endangered species in the world. Laws now prevent the use of nets that have accidentally trapped and killed vaquitas, and other steps are being taken to protect them.



Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What kind of cookies do monkeys like?

A: Chocolate chimp.

Q: How do turtles communicate?

A: By shellphone.

What Rhymes with...

RARE



List 10 words that rhyme with "rare."

- _____
- _____
- _____
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Some answers: bare, bear, care, dare, fair, fare, hare, hair, hare, mare

Name That Animal

There are endangered animals all over the world. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

- GI _ _ NT PA _ _ _ A
- RE _ _ WO _ _ F
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- CH _ _ NES _ _ A _ _ _ IGATOR
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Answers: 1) Giant Panda, 2) Red Wolf, 3) Green Sea Turtle, 4) Chinese Alligator, 5) Blue Whale, 6) Wild Water Buffalo, 7) Asian Elephant

Fact or Fiction?

ENDANGERED CHALLENGE

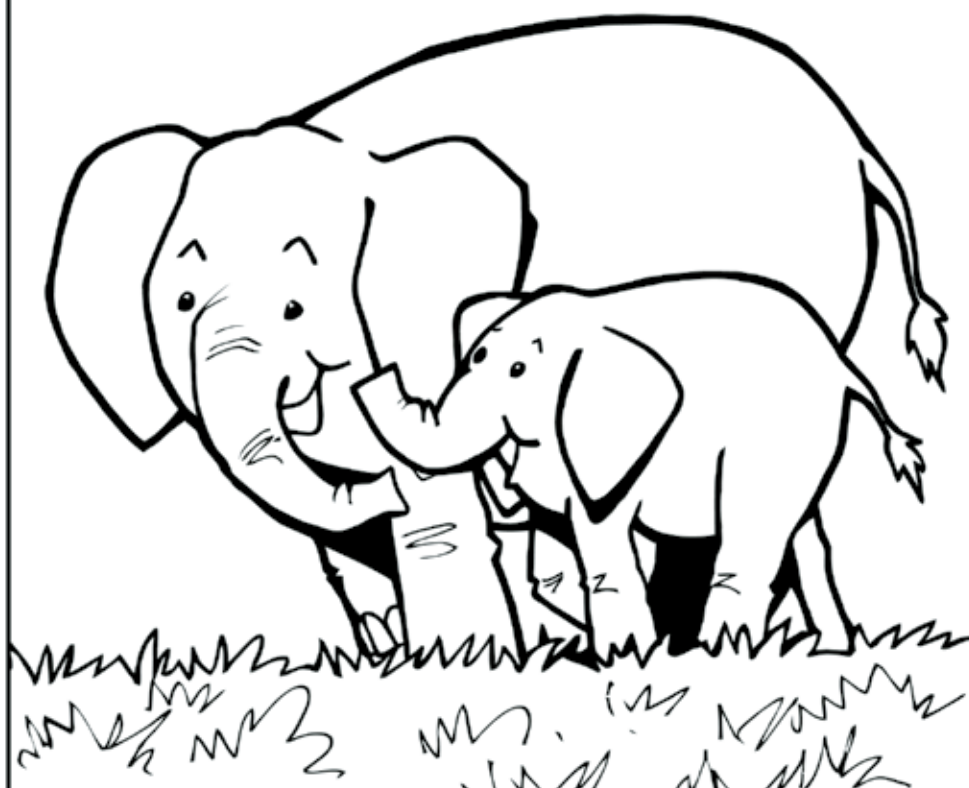


Some animals are endangered, that is, there are so few left that they could easily become extinct. Here are some questions about endangered animals. How many can you answer correctly?

- The only animals that are endangered are located in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The destruction of habitat is one of the main reasons animals become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Hunting can also cause animals to become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Calling an animal "endangered" can protect it but also harm it. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Some countries have made laws to protect endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Some laws prevent the hunting of endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Some endangered animals are so near extinction that the only ones that remain are in captivity. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Once an animal becomes endangered, it will always be in danger of becoming extinct. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Once an animal becomes extinct, it is gone forever. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The extinction of one animal group can lead to the extinction of another. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, there are endangered animals all over the world. 2) Fact. 3) Fact. 4) Fact. 5) Fact. 6) Fact. 7) Fiction, some endangered animals have grown in number with the help of special programs and are no longer considered extinct. 8) Fact. 9) Fact. 10) Fact.

COLORING PICTURE



Battle of the dogs: Coahoma splits with Clyde



Courtesy photo

Caitlyn Corley, 11, takes a shot during the Bulldogettes game against Clyde held Jan. 23, 2018, in Coahoma.



Courtesy photo

Gage Clark, 23, reaches for the tipoff to begin the Bulldogs verses Clyde game held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, at Coahoma.

Bulldogettes win in last seconds of game

Special to the Herald

With seconds left in the game, Coahoma's Kamri Kemper nailed a shot near the post to give the Bulldogettes a slim 52-51 win against the Clyde Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night in Coahoma.

For the Bulldogettes and their fans, it was a euphoric end to a hard fought four quarters of play. Coahoma started out the fourth quarter down by 4 with the score sitting at 36-40 in favor of the Lady Bulldogs. Cassie Grant cut the deficit to 2 with a field goal early in the quarter.

Then Caitlyn Corley hit a jumper to knot the score at 40 all. Makayla Overton would push the Bulldogettes into the lead at the charity strip sinking both throws. Clyde quickly retook the lead then Corley raced down the court from the breakaway with one single mission to sink the ball into the post. She did and Coahoma once again pulled away with a 1 point lead

as 4:29 showed on the game clock.

With less than 2 minutes to go, Clyde managed to swing the lead back to their favor heading into the bottom of the fourth 4 points ahead. Corley hit two field goals back-to-back to tie game at 48 all but Clyde notched three points setting the score at 48-51 with 11.9 seconds left in the game.

A foul brought Makynlee Overton to the charity strip with 8.5 seconds left. The Coahoma High School freshman sank in one to narrowing the score to 49-52. Corley was next up after being fouled in the hotly contested game. She nailed one shot leaving the Bulldogettes one point away from forcing the game into overtime.

A turnover at the Lady Bulldogs' post gave the Bulldogettes one last shot. Inbounding the ball with 5 seconds left in the game, Makynlee Overton sent a shot to the post which

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Coahoma Bulldogs lose to Clyde 62-43

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs lost to the Clyde Bulldogs 62-43 in high school boys basketball action Tuesday night in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

Both teams started out playing a fairly defensive game with the score set at 6-7 in favor of the Clyde Bulldogs by the end of the first quarter. That changed by the second quarter as Coahoma netted 20 points to Clyde's 16

Mason Moore, who contributed to 16 of those points, struck first for the Bulldogs hitting in a field goal for 2 to push Coahoma into the lead followed by a successful basket from Gage Clark. Moore then sank a shot from behind the arc to pad Coahoma's lead to 13-9.

Clyde cut their deficit to 2 points with a field goal then Moore hit back by grabbing a rebound and dropping it into the net. Moore added two 3-pointers back-to-back to give Coahoma an

8 point lead. Clyde came back to cut their deficit to 2 points again then Clark answered with a field goal to set the score 23-19 in favor of Coahoma. Moore netted the second by quartering his fourth 3 pointer in the quarter with 2 seconds left on the clock. The teams went into the locker room with Coahoma ahead 26-23.

A renewed Clyde Bulldog team returned from the locker room to have their best quarter yet. The Clyde boys team netted 24 goals and kept Coahoma to only 8. Mason Moore hit a jumper early on in the third quarter to help Coahoma retake the lead at 28-26. Then Taylor Barnes nailed a field goal to push the 'Dogs over Clyde 30-28. However, Clyde went on a 9-point run until Barnes answered back with a field goal to set the score at 32-38. Coahoma would end the quarter down 34-47.

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All-Star Harden, Rockets top Mavs 104-97, question Paul snub

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — James Harden is an All-Star for the sixth straight season. New Houston teammate Chris Paul will miss the February party for the second year in a row following nine consecutive appearances for the Western Conference.

The Rockets aren't exactly pleased about the Paul part. "He averages what 19 (points) and nine assists?" Harden asked after getting 25

points and 13 assists in a 104-97 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night. "What are we rewarding? We're winning and he's putting up the numbers, there's no question.

"Obviously, we have a lot of depth on this team, but I'm not doing it out there by myself. He's controlling the games as well."

Paul scored 12 points with seven rebounds and four assists as the Rockets beat their Texas rivals for the sixth

straight time. The streak started with a four-game sweep last season. Houston won its fourth straight game and seventh in the past nine.

After missing the first 14 games with a left knee injury, Paul later sat another three with a left abductor strain. But the Rockets are 24-5 in games he has played, and won his first 15 starts. He is averaging 18.8 points, 8.8 assists, 5.9 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game.

"People that should be

watching games don't watch the games and see how important a guy is," coach Mike D'Antoni said before the game. "It's perplexing."

Wesley Matthews matched a pair of season highs with 29 points and seven 3-pointers for the Mavericks, who lost for the seventh time in 10 games since a season-best four-game winning streak that helped lift them out of last place in the West.

Trevor Ariza had 23 points and Eric Gordon scored 17 on

4-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc. Southwest Division-leading Houston was up and down from beyond the arc, going 10 of 14 in the first quarter and 2 of 15 in the second.

The Rockets finished two shy of their season high in 3s, going 21 of 51. Harden shot 6 of 10 and Ariza was 5 of 14, missing his last four. Chris Paul went 3 of 8.

"It was a tough game and we were playing from behind,"

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Gasol, Mills lead balanced Spurs attack over Grizzlies

By CLAY BAILEY

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge took a night off to rest, and the San Antonio Spurs replaced his 22.5-point average with a balanced attack.

Pau Gasol ended an assist short of a triple-double, Patty Mills scored 15 points and San Antonio beat the Memphis Grizzlies 108-85 on Wednesday night, with eight Spurs finishing in double figures.

"We shared the ball, it was great ball movement, 29 assists, a lot of guys in double fig-

ures," said Gasol, who finished with 14 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists. "When (Aldridge is) not in the lineup, we just try to maybe create more ball movement, more motion, more flow and then the offense balances itself out."

Bryn Forbes and Danny Green also finished with 14 points each. David Bertans and DeJounte Murray each had 11 points. Memphis led only once in the game, after scoring the opening basket, and the Spurs led by 17 early in the fourth.

Memphis cut the ad-

vantage to single-digits only once the rest of the way, with about eight minutes left. The Spurs answered with the next six points, including four from Tony Parker to take the lead to 91-76 with about six minutes to go.

Memphis was playing short-handed with several players dealing with injuries and illness, meaning more playing time for the Grizzlies younger players. They got a firsthand look at the Spurs character.

"It's a clinic on how to play the game the

right way," Memphis interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "When you watch them play, it's amazing that it is so unique to our league. ... The ball moves, they move. Doesn't matter who shoots it, they just throw the ball to the open man."

"It sounds so simple, but it's the way the game is supposed to be played."

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 18 points and seven rebounds, while Deyonta Davis added 12 points. Dillon

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No. 24 TCU women edge K-State 68-63

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Amy Okonko scored 22 points, including the clinching layup with eight seconds left, and No. 24 TCU celebrated its first appearance in the Top 25 in seven years with a 68-63 win over Kansas State on Wednesday night.

Kianna Ray had a chance to put the Horned Frogs (14-5, 5-3 Big 12) up by two possessions with 11 seconds left but only made the first of two free throws. She atoned

for the miss with a steal and then Okonko secured their fifth straight win by getting inside on the inbounds play.

Okonko had eight points in the third quarter as TCU broke away from a 34-34 half-time tie to lead 58-47 entering the fourth quarter. The Horned Frogs led by 13 with just under nine minutes to play but Ray's 3-pointer with four minutes to go was their only basket in a 14-3 K-State run.

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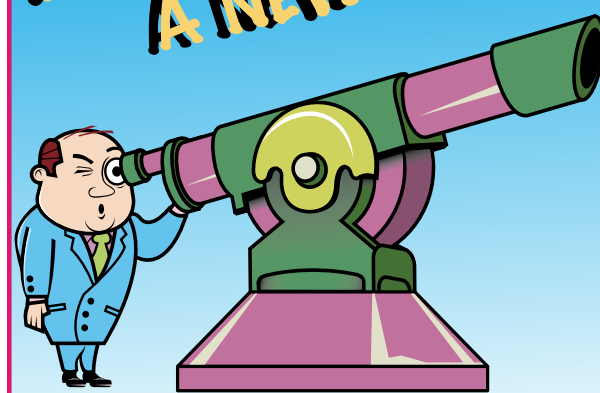
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By Steve Becker

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

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass Pass 3 ♥
Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

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Take this deal where South performed nobly. West led the king of spades and shifted to a trump. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a club to the jack. He was

hoping East had the queen, in which case the jack would force the ace.

But West won with the queen and continued with the ace and another club, ruffed by South. Declarer then drew two more rounds of trumps, West discarding a spade on the second one, and led a low diamond to the ten, which won. Now, pursuing his quest for further clues, South ruffed dummy's last club.

When West followed suit, South had all the information he needed to make his game. He led the three of diamonds to the ace, felling the king, and so made the contract. Had South led the queen of diamonds to repeat the finesse, he would eventually have lost a diamond to East and gone down one.

The key to the winning line came from what South learned during the play, plus what he deduced from the bidding. He knew that if West had held: ♠ AK10x ♥ xx ♦ Kxx ♣ AQ109, he would have opened one club or one notrump rather than one spade. Since West had opened one spade, and had at this point turned up with four clubs and two hearts, he had to have five spades and therefore only two diamonds. This made declarer's low diamond lead rather than the queen the correct play at trick 10.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Taurus Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

In the world of marketing, the first step of selling a product is to remind people how much they need and want it. But what if there is no driving hunger present? That's when appetite must be created. Give them something to want and then make them want it. These are the themes under the appetite-driven Taurus moon.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). To avoid wasting your energy, be strategic in your placement of it. Go where you're likely to get the most cooperation. Together you'll accomplish more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The word "fan" comes from "fanatic," meaning "a person filled with excessive and single-minded zeal." It's a state of being responsible for great harm in the world. It's far better to be gently and open-mindedly supportive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Children make socially inappropriate statements because they have yet to learn what's acceptable in different situations. Then there are those who will never learn. You'll help them though. You'll be a guiding force of decorum.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel as though you are swinging your arms and flailing about in an attempt to regain some kind of balance. In fact, this a rather accurate depiction of what everyone is doing. It is the very essence of "action."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In a cruel loophole, pointing out another person's rudeness is rude. And if there's anything to avoid at all costs today, it's rudeness -- not because it will upset others, but because it will ultimately make you disappointed in yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Silliness can be the preservation of sanity. And even if the situation isn't in dire need of silliness, it's the ingredient that will make your time memorable and fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Excellent

question of the day: "Who cares?" -- not in a snarky or defeatist sort of tone, but an investigative one. The answer will be your best customer, your ardent supporter, your dear friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've started many things with good intentions but life gets in the way of finishing. It doesn't make you a slacker; it makes you a person who tends to priorities. But do consider those priorities today. Is it time to adjust them?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone you look up to as a role model isn't fit for the job. (Maybe you've made the common mistake of casting a movie star in that position.) You will seek and find guidance from one with real-world accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before you dive into a project or take things in a new direction, play it out in the theater of your mind. It will be easier to try new things if you first take away the potential consequences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Here's an insane quest: Try and find the perfect partner, job or situation. The insanity will come at no extra charge. Accept imperfection, however, and you'll get brilliant results. Sanity will be included in the price.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People who are hard to read can have you coming back for more. But once you feel you have them figured out, your fascination wanes. The one who intuits this and makes it a mission to keep you guessing will enthrall you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 25). You'll be surprised at what you can do. Of course, it takes something in-

credible to sustain your high energy throughout the year, and the juicy prize you'll choose works wonders to keep your tenacity and desire burning. An investigation or deal concludes successfully in May. Let yourself be frivolous this summer. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 38, 32 and 12.

TAURUS MOON TALE: Under this Taurus moon, let's turn our attention to a fascinating star cluster within the Taurus constellation called the Pleiades. Pleiades is associated with many different meanings, depending on the culture you ask. One story starts with Orion the Hunter, who was known to be a player in every sense. Greek mythology abounds with stories of Orion's exploits, his most famous companion being Artemis, goddess of hunting and young girls. Once Orion decided to pursue all seven daughters of Atlas, who carried the world on his shoulders. These seven beautiful sisters were known collectively as the Pleiades, and in addition to being Atlas' daughters, they were also Artemis' proteges. Atlas and Artemis were so upset by Orion's advances that Zeus protected the seven nymphs first by turning them into doves and then into stars. Zeus later turned Orion into a constellation, too, and now the hunter pursues the Pleiades across the night sky forever. This myth goes to t!

he heart of the Taurus astrological traits. The energy of Taurus is linked to sensuality and appetite.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Alicia Keys is an Aquarius artist born when the sun, Mercury and Mars were all in the sign of philanthropy. Her cosmic alignment suggests that Keys not only entertains people with her music, she also changes the world through song, bringing attention to the suffering and triumph of the human spirit. Venus in Capricorn is further indication of leadership ability.

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Fun By The Numbers

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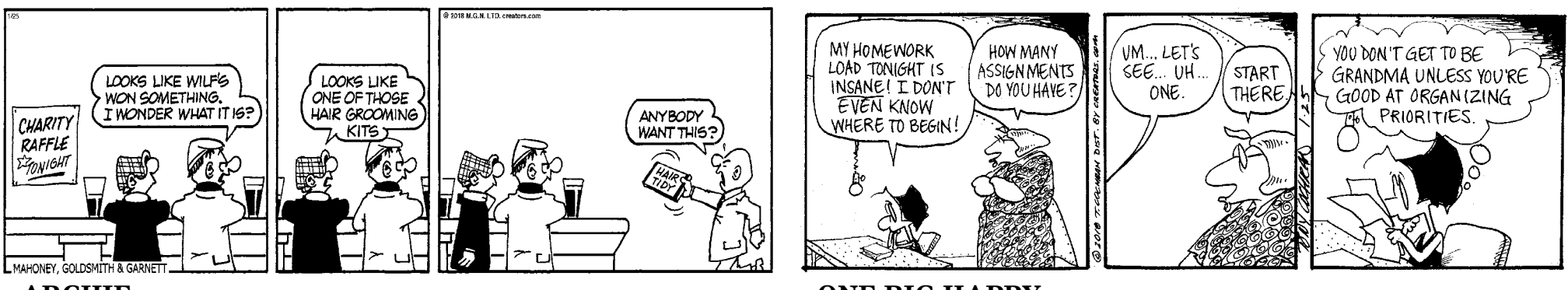
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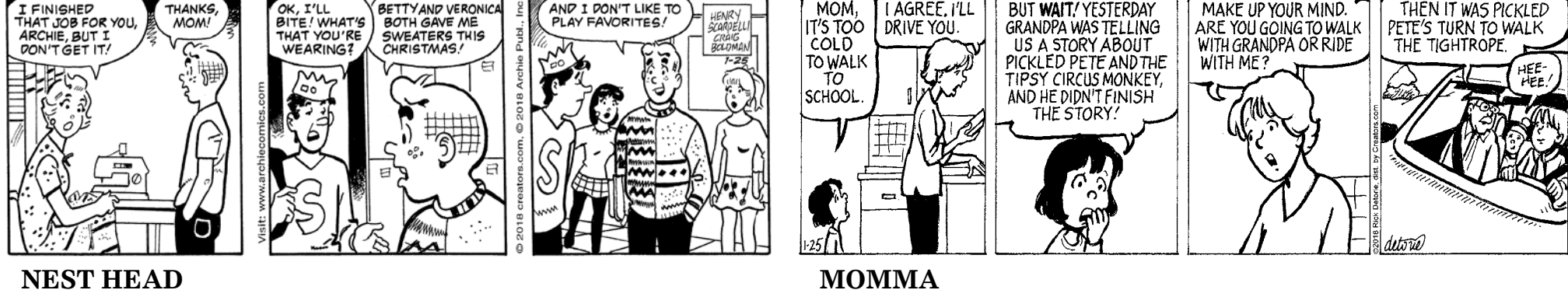
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2018. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1858, Britain's Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, married Crown Prince Frederick William, the future German Emperor and King of Prussia, at St. James's Palace. (The ceremony's tradition-setting music, personally selected by the Princess Royal, included the "Bridal Chorus" from Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin" and the "Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn.)

On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1955, the Soviet Union formally ended its state of war with Germany.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate. Idi Amin seized power in Uganda by ousting President Milton Obote (oh-BOH'-tay) in a military coup.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, New York; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

In 1993, a gunman shot and killed two CIA employees outside agency headquarters in Virginia (Pakistani national Mir Aimal Kansi was later tried and convicted of the shootings, and executed). Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 1998, Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush urged Congress to quickly pass an economic stimulus package void of extraneous spending, saying only quick action would kick-start the sputtering economy. Democrat Dennis Kucinich (koo-SIH'-nich) abandoned his presidential bid to focus on re-election to Congress.

Five years ago: The U.S. Department of Education declared that students with disabilities had to be given a fair shot to play on a traditional sports team or have their own leagues. Thousands of anti-abortion demonstrators marched through Washington to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court to protest the landmark decision that legalized abortion. A prison riot in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, claimed 58 lives, nearly all of them inmates.

One year ago: President Donald Trump moved aggressively to tighten the nation's immigration controls, signing executive actions to jumpstart construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and cut federal grants for

Thought for Today:

"Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but wants only to be provoked."

Katherine Anne Porter
 American author (1894-1980).

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hillary's successor
 - 6 Bothered incessantly
 - 11 College key letter
 - 14 Trace atmospheric element
 - 15 Half a Washington city name
 - 16 Harry Potter pal
 - 17 Think much of
 - 18 Eminent
 - 20 Reputation stain
 - 22 Charge before extras
 - 23 Hulking herbivore
 - 25 Fill with love
 - 26 Trim and toned
 - 29 Furnace meas.
 - 30 Folklore sample
 - 31 Mighty hard to believe
 - 33 Academic types
 - 37 Put away
 - 38 Host's invitation
 - 40 Creative pursuits
 - 42 Holds
 - 44 "Render ___ Caesar..."
 - 45 Luke's sci-fi sister
 - 46 Fast-selling
 - 48 Company keeping case files
 - 50 Continents, for instance
 - 54 Restriction easing, informally
 - 55 Support strongly
 - 57 Heavenly figure
 - 61 Complete in every way
 - 63 Stellar phenomena
- DOWN**
- 1 Wash-up rooms, for short
 - 2 Trapped like ___
 - 3 Jamaican citrus
 - 4 In an unsmoothed state
 - 5 Lack of vitality
 - 6 "How cute is that?"
 - 7 Cardio workout option
 - 8 Jazz great Fitzgerald
 - 9 Well-prepared
 - 10 Shortened, as a hem
 - 11 Certain PGA tourney
 - 12 Self-help book genre
 - 13 Deep-seated
 - 19 American Hunter publisher
 - 21 Essence of a "butter"
 - 24 Essence of a "butter"
 - 26 Ran ___ course
 - 27 What Croatia joined in 2009
 - 28 Poky
 - 29 Common bug
 - 32 Range element: Abbr.
 - 34 Not yet at full height
 - 35 German trio
 - 36 Hubbub
 - 39 Booming laughs
 - 41 Houston of Texas
 - 43 Cool dessert
 - 47 Bard-based Verdi opera
 - 49 Hot dog
 - 50 Not as daunting
 - 51 Bring forth
 - 52 Butterfly-attracting flower
 - 53 Business card abbr.
 - 54 Woodworker's pin
 - 56 Donut shapes, in math
 - 58 Zealous
 - 59 Lacking color
 - 60 Grasped
 - 62 Netflix series scientist

Answer to previous puzzle

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The Lasso

Big Spring High School's weekly update



By **KAELON KITCHENS**

BSHS Journalist

BSHS has had another week full of competition as spring extra-curricular sports and academics are in full swing.

The week kicked off on Saturday with the Big Spring Invitational where CX, math, science, and journalism teams were represented.

Out of 32 teams, senior Britney Tan and sophomore Kim Chapel placed fourth. Gabriel Williams and Armando Martinez placed sixth. The CX team took first overall.

For number sense, freshman Daniel Blount placed first, junior Kaelob Stewart placed first, and junior Keila Yanez placed second, each in their respective grade level.

In calculator and math, Yanez placed first and Stewart placed second in the junior level.

In science, Blount placed second, freshman Tyler Lopez placed third, and sophomore Kadence orbison placed first in their respective grade levels.

BSHS took first place team in number sense and math, and second place team in calculator and science.

Journalism also had a strong showing. In news writing, Tan took second, senior Christian Islas took third, and senior Chloe Sepeda took fourth.

In feature writing, Tan placed first, junior Samara Daniels placed third, and Islas placed fourth. In editorial writing, Tan placed first, Daniels placed third, and Islas placed fifth. In headline writing, junior Mikal Banks placed first and senior Joshua Winters placed fourth.

BSHS Journalism placed first overall. All academic teams will compete in McCamey on Saturday.

Both Lady Steer and Steer basketball were in action Tuesday against district rival Snyder. After hard-fought games, both teams lost 45-29, 70-60, respectively.

Both teams will travel to Wylie on tomorrow. Senior "most likelyst" will also be announced tomorrow.

For more BSHS news, go to thecorralonline.com or download the app.

Bulldog Report

Coahoma Elementary released its Top Dog students for the second 9-weeks grading period recently.

They are Boston Leatham, Dillon Gilbreath, Angel Ortiz, Brielle White, Landry Thompson, Dax Rye, Isabella Leonard, Noah Flores, Mariah Leos, Colby Jones, Sophie Carrol, Karlee Chavarria, Miguel Garcia, Adelia Martin, Kambree Martinez, Andy Edmondson, Kelton Froman, Channing Musgrove, Braxton Hartman, and Lizzy Mashburn.

Abrielle Bermea, Kaleb Rodri-

guez, Zylee Lozano, Allie Wright, Katie Cox, Austin Molina, Addison Carr, Landry Brooks, Hunter Chavez, Brooklyn Beck, Conner, Underwood, Brailee Bennett, Giancarlo Maldonado, Hadley Howe, Lilly Dungan, Lenora Nixon, Ava Alaman, and Ryan Rubio.

Caitlyn Morales, Rylie Daniels, Avery Nichols, Analycia Ramirez, Albonee Gonzales, Raelyn Quintero, John Farr, Boyd Cox, Keirstyn Beeman, Kyler Bennett,

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Courtesy photo
Zylee Bailey (left) and Reagan Grant (right) are recognized for their perfect attendance.

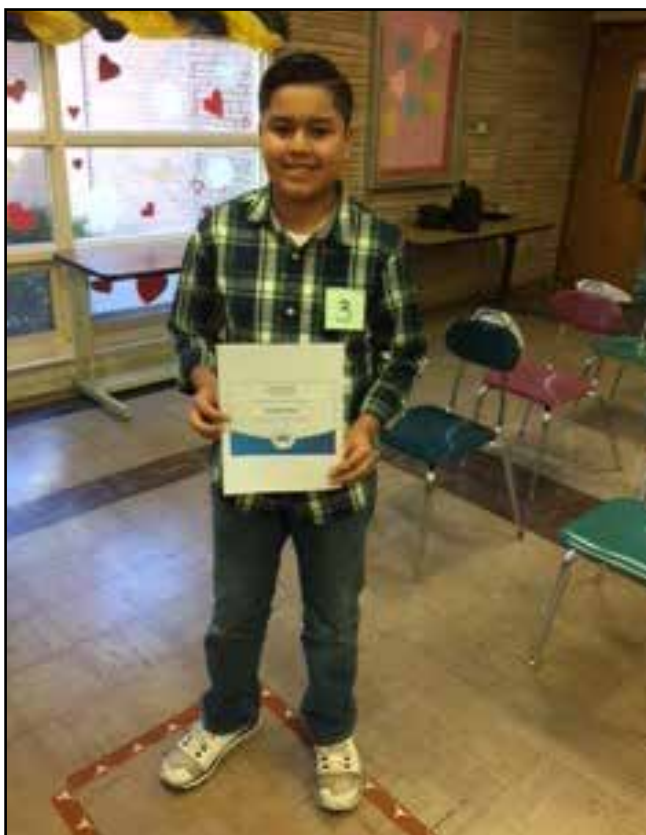
Academic Star Student of the Week

Chasidy Grantham
Forsan High School

Chasidy Grantham is currently a senior at Forsan High School. Chasidy came into her senior year ranked 3rd in her class and remains actively involved in Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, and Band. She has received 1st team all-district honors as a Sophomore and Junior and was voted to TABC all region in 2017. Chasidy is a member of the National Honor Society and was elected a class officer by her peers. She enjoys drawing, spending time with friends and family (especially her new nephew) and working at the Veterinary Office. She hopes to attend Angelo State University after graduation and plans to major in Pediatric Nursing. She is the daughter of Rodney and Dena Grantham.

Congratulations, Chasidy!

Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photo
Big Spring Intermediate held a Spelling Bee on January 18th. Congratulations to Austen Raines who won first place after 9 rounds. We would also like to congratulate our runner up, Isaiah Diaz, and all of the amazing contestants. Thank you parents, English teachers, and Mrs. Mereness for all of your help making this a spectacular event happen.



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Pictured above are the Top Dog students for the second 9-weeks.

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Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We got up 3-0 and things look pretty promising at the moment and then it was just like boom, boom, boom."

Ariza, who combined with Harden and Chris Paul to go 9 of 10 from 3-point range in the first quarter, was suspended two games for entering the Clippers' locker room after a feisty game in Paul's first game against his former team since the offseason trade that sent him to Houston.

Clint Capela had 16 points and 13 rebounds. That included an alley-oop dunk on a pass from near midcourt by Harden in the fourth quarter, when the Rockets took their biggest lead at 20 after a 15-point edge in the first 6 minutes was cut to six at half-time.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Capela extended a career best with his 11th straight double-digit scoring game, and the Rockets improved to 16-2 when he scores at least 15. ... Houston was just 11 of 23 on free

throws, in part because Harden, an 87 percent free-throw shooter, matched his season low with two attempts.

Mavericks: G Yogi Ferrell scored 19, going 4 of 5 from long range. ... Matthews was 7 of 14 from 3. ... Rookie PG Dennis Smith Jr. was chosen for the Rising Stars game. Smith is among rookie leaders in points, assists and steals. ... G Kyle Collinsworth was signed to a second 10-day contract. ... G Devin Harris, who has been in the concussion protocol, missed his second straight game and will be out at least two more, Carlisle said.

LOOK OUT ABOVE

Harden's half-court lob to Capela for the dunk surprised D'Antoni, and one of his opponents. "I just looked at him like, 'That was ridiculous, he can't do that.' It was just so good," D'Antoni said. "Even Wesley Matthews just like looked

at him, 'Are you kidding me? You're half court and you do that?' It's just a great play."

QUIET DALLAS FRONT-COURT

Dirk Nowitzki scored seven points in a season-low 15 minutes, including just 4 minutes in the second half. Fellow starter and leading scorer Harrison Barnes had a quiet 10 points. Carlisle said Nowitzki wasn't feeling well. "It was a stomach thing or something like that," Carlisle said.

UP NEXT

Rockets: At New Orleans on Friday.

Mavericks: Portland at home on Friday.



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks guard Kyle Collinsworth (8) defends as Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) handles the ball in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, in Dallas.

SPURS

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Brooks finished with 10 points as the Grizzlies were hampered by 43 percent shooting, including 2 of 18 from outside the arc, and 18 turnovers.

"We weren't following the game plan," Brooks said. "... We didn't compete hard enough on both ends. Very lackadaisical out there. Need to change that around."

Spurs: Joffrey Lauvergne made his first four shots and finished with 10 points. His eight rebounds were a season high. ... Rudy Gay, Manu Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard also sat out for San Antonio, each dealing with long-term injuries. ... Bertans started his second game of the season. ... Pau Gasol is 17-10 in games against his younger brother Marc. ... Spurs are 28-1 when outshooting their opponents. ... Have won five straight against the Grizzlies.

Grizzlies: Ivan Rabb, a rookie out of California,

made his first career start. His six rebounds were a career high. ... Saw their streak of five straight games with at least 10 3-pointers snapped. The two 3-pointers was a season low. ... Missed all 11 of their 3-pointers in the second half.

Murray, who had a career-high seven assists, started his third straight game after replacing veteran Tony Parker in the lineup. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich spoke highly of the way Parker handled the change.

"He was great," Popovich said of Parker. "He thought it was good for the team, and giving Dejounte a chance to see what he could do. He was mature, and really made it easy on me to make a decision like that. He was fantastic."

Before the game, it was announced that Brooks, the Grizzlies rookie forward, was named to the Rising Stars World Team for All-Star weekend. Brooks is a native of Canada.

DOGS

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Clyde would net another 15 points and kept Coahoma to only gaining 8 points during the fourth. Clyde took the match 43-62. Also contributing to Coahoma's overall score were Joe Manning and Bryson Cline.

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bounce off towards Kemper. Grabbing the rebound, Kemper nailed in the field goal with the buzzer sounding as the ball fell to the court floor.

The score remained closed throughout the

whole game. By the first quarter, the Bulldogettes were behind 9-16 but ended the first half in the lead 27-26. Coahoma added 18 points in the second quarter compared to Clyde's 10. Also contributing to the Bulldogs overall score were Jovi Gonzales and Abbie Lopez.

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Addison Arguello, Eugene (Tres) Vasquez, Katie Jones, Josh Charvarria, Hannah Wells, Edgar Olivas, Emma Alaman, and Case Custer.

Also Reagan Grant, Zylie Bailey, Kinslee Henderson and Brady Anderson were recognized for perfect attendance. In other news, CHS senior Tyler McFall was named to the All-State band for the second year in a row. Last year, Tyler earned fifth chair at

ATSSB All-State Band. He will play in the All-State Band concert set for Feb. 17, 2018. Way to go Tyler. CHS senior KayLee Wright competed at Congressional Debate in Austin. KayLee was ranked 10th in a very tough chamber contest. Congratulations KayLee. We are proud of you.

The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will head to Colorado City Friday for district basketball play. The game for the varsity girls will begin at 6:30 followed by the boys at 8 p.m. Good luck Bulldogs and Bulldogettes!

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