

National champs!

Howard officials giving thanks to community

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

 ${\rm GRAND}\,{\rm JUNCTION}, {\rm Colo.}-{\rm Its}\,{\rm not}$ often a team from Howard College in any sport captures the heart of this community the way the Hawks' baseball team did in 2009.

The Hawks claimed a Division I World Series championship Friday with a 7-4 victory over the Santa Fe. (Fla.) College Saints, needing 10 innings to pull off the dramatic victory. Not only the baseball program bene-

fits from the Hawks' success. Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks expressed how the achievement impacts the entire college.

"It is a storybook ending. We are so, so proud of this team," said Sparks after the Hawks' win at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo. "This is so great for the college as a whole. We had one title in 1991 and now we have another."

Sparks was quick to point out the focus on academics by the Hawks as well.

"I keep mentioning this because I think its such an amazing stat," she said. "Twenty of these players graduated from Howard last week. It says a lot about their character. This team showed so much will and fight throughout the season.



HERALD photo/Christopher Tomlinson/Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

The Howard College Hawks dog pile just in front of home plate after clinching the title at the Division I Junior College World Series with a 7-4 10-inning victory over the Santa Fe (Fla.) College Saints Friday at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo. See game story on Page 1B. A celebration for the national champion Hawks is scheduled for Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. at an as yet undetermined time. College officials say the time for the celebration will be displayed on the coliseum's marquee.

"I look at what they did on the field and can't help but think that this season is going to help them in so many ways regardless of what they do. They can take that fight to the next stage of their lives."

Sparks also noted how much this win means for the city of Big Spring and surrounding communities, not just for the college itself.

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"We were so tense here in the stands in this game," she said, "I can't imagine what it was like back home. This community really stepped up its support of this team."

That was a sentiment echoed by Howard College players and coaches.

"The city of Big Spring deserves this championship," said Howard College Associate Coach Jake Giese. "The way they showed up and supported this team throughout the year cannot be appreciated enough by us. We owe them so much.

"We're excited to bring this title back home," said Howard Head Coach Britt Smith. "I can't say enough about the support we've gotten from the college and the community. This town's

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Two youths wounded in Friday shooting

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A Big Spring youth was near death Saturday following a Friday night shooting on the west side of town.

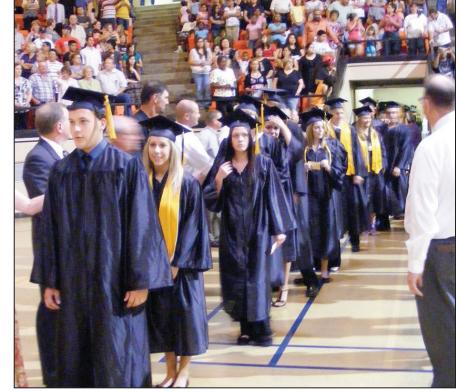
A 16-year-old male, who police declined to identify, was in extremely critical condition after he and another youth were shot in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.

Big Spring Police Department personnel were called to the scene after receiving a "shots fired" call just after midnight Friday, according to information released by Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD information officer.

Upon arrival at the scene, officer found a 17-yearold male, later identified as Richard Pineda of Big Spring, suffering from a gunshot wound to his lower leg. The 16-year-old, meanwhile, had sustained a gunshot wound to the head, Everett said.

Both teens were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance. Pineda remains

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Prospective Big Spring High School graduates file into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at the start of commencement exercises Friday evening.



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Let the celebration begin!

BIG HERALD

Tourney MVP Collazo leads HowardCollege to national JUCO title

Sports

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — He's done it throughout his baseball career at Howard College, but Andrew Collazo saved the biggest two hits of his two years as a Hawk in his final at-bats with the team.

After Will Calhoun drew a bases loaded walk to give Howard a 5-4 lead over Santa Fe (Fla.) College in the top of the 10th inning, Collazo came through with a single to left, scoring two more runs. The 2-RBI base hit put the game out of reach for the Saints as the Hawks claimed their second Division I Junior College World Series title in program history with a 7-4 victory.

"Some guys play best under pressure and Andrew is one of them," said Howard College Head Coach Britt Smith. "He's one of the most clutch player I have ever seen. He has done this time and time again since he's been here."

For his efforts, Collazo was honored as the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player, receiving trophies for each accomplishment.

"I was struggling the whole tournament at into extra innings.'

Series heading into his second-to-last at-bat. "The coaches and the team never gave up on me and believed in me. I'm just glad I was able to come through for my teammates. It feels great. I never dreamed of being this big of a difference for my team. I've dreamt some big moments, but nothing like this."

The Hawks appeared to have the big dramatic finish they've become known for in the postseason when Collazo crushed a pitch from Mee over the left wall, giving Howard 4-3 lead. However, the Saints weren't done yet. With runners on the corners and two outs, Keon BroxtonbeltedaCalhoun pitch into the gap in right center. Jardian Thomas, who doubled to lead off the inning, scored from third. Tyler Cook attempted to score from first, but was just thrown out at the plate by Bryan Johns, sending the game into extra innings.

"I didn't think we could do it any other way," said Howard College Associate Head Coach Jack Giese on the Hawks being forced to win the game in extra innings. "It's been a crazy run, so it was just appropriate for us to go the first eight innings need from your pitcher for the Hawks, allowing



Christopher Tomlinson/Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

Howard College Hawks pitcher Will Calhoun (42) is embraced by catcher Miles Hamblin as the rest of the team storms the field following the final out of the championship game of the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., Friday. See related story and photo, Page 1A.

three earned runs on nine hits and one walk, while striking out five batters. Cacciola kept Santa Fe at bay despite playing with tightness in his forearm.

"Dylan showed what type of competitor he is tonight," said Giese. "He had tightness in his forearm starting in the second or third inning. He was getting it worked on and loosened up between each inning. He came out and threw strikes. You'd never know it was hurting him. That's the with the game not on DylanCacciolapitched type of performance you the line. He always in this situation."

However, it was Calhoun picking up the victory for the Hawks. He claimed the extrainnings win at the Region V Tournament final and is also the pitcher of record for the win in the World Series final.

"Will gets a lot of attention for his hitting, but we originally brought him here as a pitcher for these type of situations. The hitting was just a bonus," said Smith. "Will never pitched this season responds to those situations. He doesn't have

the best stuff, but he's got supreme confidence in what he throws and it I knew the game was makes a difference."

Just like in the final game of the Region V Tournament, the final out of the game was caught by center fielder Runey Davis, who was named to the All-Tournament team. Unlike in the regional championship though, Davis didn't start celebrating before he caught the ball in Grand Junction.

that one.

"When I saw it go up, over," said Davis. "I kind of slipped a little when I first broke on the ball, so I figured I better take this one easy. But when I saw it go up, I knew it was ball game."

Joe Leftridge continued his hot play at the plate, singling to center to lead off the game. Santa Fe center fielder Keon Broxton didn't field Leftridge's "I might have had to hit cleanly, allowing tackle him if he started the speedy freshman to advance to second.

the plate," admitted Collazo, who was hitting just .200 for the doing that," joked Giese. "Got to have two hands on the glove to secure

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Coahoma denied return trip to state sotball tournament

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — There's going to be a rare sight at the state softball tournament in Austin this year.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes won't be in attendance.

The Bulldogettes were denied their fifth consecutive trip to the Class 2A state tournament as the Early Lady Longhorns used an unconventional play to claim a Region I title Friday at Abilene Christian University's Wells

Sports in brief

Field.

The Lady Longhorns won the decisive third game of a best-of-three series, 4-3, after scoring in the top of the seventh inning on an unconventional play.

With the score tied at 3 in the top of the seventh, Daniela Castillo led off the frame with a double. Castillo stood on third with two outs when Tylene Middleton drew the only walk issued by Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton in the game.

Middleton attempted to catch Coahoma offguard and kept running to second after she reached first. Newton fired the ball to second, but was too late as Middland slid in safely.

Castillo broke for home on the throw and beat the relay to the plate, scoring the goahead and eventual winning run.

Coahoma threatened in the seventh, placing runners on first and second with one out, but a diving stop by Early

third baseman Kish Suniga on a well hit ball by Kalea Neff ended Coahoma's hopes of a fifth-straight trip to Austin.

The Bulldogettes forced the decisive game with a 1-0 win in Game 2 earlier in the day. Senior Shelbi Paige scored the only run for Coahoma. Paige was 3-for-3 in the game and led off the fourth inning with a single. Breanna Conner hit a one-out single to right to move Paige to third, who then scored on a single by

freshman Jennifer Castilaw. The Bulldogettes finish the year with a 30-13 record.

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Lady Buffs vie for state playoff spot

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes are one victory away from their first-ever trip to the Class 1A state tournament.

They lead their best-of-three series with Marfa after taking a 4-1 victory in Game One Wednesday.

Game Two, meanwhile, was played at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mugs Field in Midland.

Game Three, if necessary, will follow immediately afterward.

Game results were unavailable at press time.

BSISD sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer.

Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

Camp of Champs

Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program geared to helping increase strength, quickness, speed and agility.

The program begins June 1 and continues through June 18 at the Athletic Training Center.

There are two different sessions for different age groups.

Third through fifth graders attend from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while sixth and seventh graders work out 11 a.m. to noon.

The camp is held Monday through Thursday during the allotted dates.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee. For more information, call 264-3662



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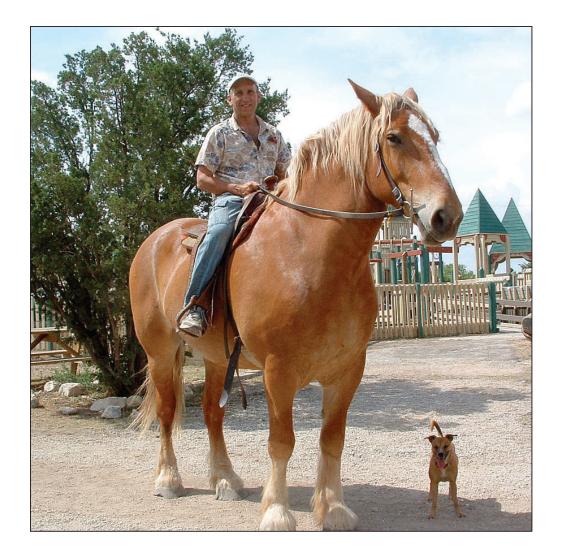


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Getting Kids' Zone back in the saddle

BIG HERALD



Globe-trotter Barry Segal says the restored park playground fills a vital need in the community

Story by Alex Newsom

Life



Photos by Gloria McDonald

hen the interview begins, we're standing near a fence that's just been painted. Three people, including Barry Segal, the man in charge of putting the Kids' Zone back together, have already forgotten and managed to get paint on themselves.

"A little paint never hurt anybody," Segal says, grinning and holding up his paint-smeared hands.

A few minutes before, he'd tried his luck horseback riding, continuing his habit of trying an activity native to the area, like surfing when he was in Hawaii—"I was actually one of the few people that got up within two hours. It was pretty awesome." He also went dogsledding when he was in Alaska ("In January—it was cold.")

So horseback riding may not have been his most exciting activity, but he seemed to have enjoyed it. "It was cool," he said, "but I got on the horse and I realized that it's hard to ride a horse and have a good time when there are people out here working. It was good fun, and I want to do it again when I have more time. I'd like to try it in a more mountainous area though, because basically all I could do was go up and down the hill."

Segal has been with the New York based company Leathers Associates, a small family-owned company, for more than 20 years and been a part of more than 2,000 projects worldwide in countries such as India, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, England, Canada and, obviously, the United States.

"A fun job turned into a career, and maybe even a calling at some point," he said shrugging and smiling. He's been with Leathers since a few years after the company was started in the early 1980s.

"We do playgrounds, Boy Scout camps and even the occasional theater — basically anything that people as a group can come together and gather around for the betterment of the community. So a playground, since it's for the children, is something that people can rally around," said Segal. "They have a harder time gathering around things like the theater because it's for a more specific group of people. You seem to have more success bringing people together around kidbased things than other things."

Segal talked animatedly about the importance of places like this: "There is a need. There's a need for a gathering spot for kids. Parents wrack their brains for positive things that they can do with their kids, and at these playgrounds they can engage with their kids. They can play with them or they can sit in shady areas and read the paper and be part of the community while their kids are here, so it's an easy, easy place to bring their children. That's why these places are popular and become destination playgrounds."

"What's really remarkable is that

it got burned," Segal said, then paused weighing his words. "And had it not been burned, we wouldn't be here, and the playground would have deteriorated kind of gradually. But because we had the fire, we turned something bad into something good. We got the community to rally around this and — I don't know if you remember what it looked like before we got here. It was old and dingy looking and worn out. And now, it looks new.

"And if we can all manage to stay away from the paint job ...," he trails off grinning.

"So now they've got an upgraded playground, they've got a more compliant playground, they've got a safer and more exciting playground. All of this because some kids decided to torch the playground. So I like to think that what we've done is sort of overcome evil with good, and really, how does it get better than that?"



LOCAL

Obituaries

Noel Mark Gutierrez

Noel Mark Gutierrez, infant son of Paige Ryman following activity Friday: and Johnny Gutierrez. died at birth Thursday. May 28, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be at a later date.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Niki and Mark Ryman of Corpus Christi and Leslie Rodriguez and Larry Gutierrez, both of Big Spring.

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

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to reported in the 1600 block of Interstate 20. noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in through sixth grade. the Mega Millions lottery:

23-30-36-39-48

Mega Ball: 34.

Estimated jackpot: \$35 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 18-15-21-36-23. Number matching five of five: None.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:

6-7-2-9. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:

0-0-1. Sum It Up: 1.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 4-1-9-6. Sum It Up: 20.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the

• JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ JR., 19, 2625 Ent, was arrested on charges of assault Class C/family violence and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• SAMANTHA MARIE PAYNE, 25, 1509 Stadium, was arrested on two local warrants.

• KRISTINA L. MILLER, 26, 1809 Mittel, was arrested on five local warrants.

• EUGENE RAUL VELA, 27, 1319 Mulberry, was arrested on two local warrants.

• RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 19, 1733 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1000 block of 16th.

• CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE was

Take Note

• Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:

Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.

Berea Baptist, June 22-26 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Central Baptist Elbow, July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.,

ages kindergarten through adult.

College Baptist, June 7-11 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

E. Fourth St. Baptist, June 29-July 1 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages first grade through sixth grade.

Big Spring First Baptist, June 8-129 a.m. to noon, ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Coahoma First Baptist, July 6-10 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Stanton First Baptist, May 31-June 46 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Tarzan First Baptist, June 1-5 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Forsan Baptist, June 22-26 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.k, ages 4 through sixth grade.

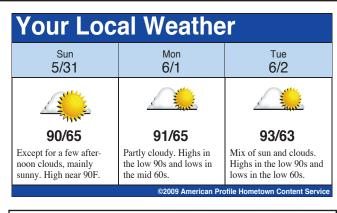
Gateway Baptist, July 6-10 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4

Hillcrest Baptist, July 26-30 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Midway Baptist, June 8-12 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (VBS camp with breakfast, lunch and snacks).

• Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation.

The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa.



Bulletin Board

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MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

 Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.



Allof Me, All-OutforGod

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday after-

noon, in order: 0-4-4. Sum It Up: 8.



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SPORTS

2B Bryant leads Lakers into **NBA** Finals

Los Angeles Lakers entered the Western Conference Finals drowsy, distressed and disjointed. Thanks to the Denver Nuggets, they're heading back to the NBA Finals with their old L.A. swag.

Behind Kobe Bryant's 35-point, 10-assist performance, the Lakers dispatched Carmelo Anthony and the pesky Nuggets with a 119-92 victory in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals on Friday night.

That set up half of the glamorous Kobe-LeBron matchup that Madison Ave. is hoping for, but LeBron James will have to lead Cleveland to two more wins over Orlando to keep it from being a Kobe-Superman pairing against Magic star Dwight Howard instead.

The Lakers are back in the finals for the second straight year and the 30th time overall.

Bryant suggested the Nuggets helped the Lakers play to their potential.

"Denver is a great team, very skilled at all positions," he said. "Strong inside. Strong on the perimeter. Huge problem for us. And because of that, we had to elevate our level as a unit. And if we didn't do that, we'd be going home early."

Instead, it's the

DENVER (AP) — The Nuggets whose season ended early.

"Forgetabouttonight. Tonight wasn't Nuggets basketball," coach George Karl said.

At least not the brand the Nuggets had been playing this season a season in which they became a true contender for the first time since 1985, back when they wore rainbow uniforms.

Before the game, Karl said all the talk about the officiating had obscured what was a pretty good series — at least until the finale.

"In a lot of ways, we've helped them put their pieces back together and they've helped us grow up faster," he said.

The Nuggets still have some growing to do.

"I thought we were better team," the Kenyon Martin said. "But we're not moving on."

Karl likes the Lakers in the finals no matter if it's Kobe-LeBron or Kobe-Superman.

"I saw little cracks in the Lakers and somehow we've cemented those cracks back up, and I think they're the best team right now in the NBA," he said.

Bryant wasn't а one-man band. He got plenty of scoring help from Trevor Ariza, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom.



Christopher Tomlinson/Grand Junction Daily Sentine

Howard College's Andrew Collazo follows through after hitting a home run over the left field wall to give Howard a 4-3 lead in the top of the ninth inning over Sante Fe (Fla.) College in the finals of the Junior College World Series at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo. Collazo was named tournament most valuable player.

CHAMPS

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Bryan Johns laid down a bunt to move Leftridge to third. Miles Hamblin hit a sharp chopper to first and Santa Fe's Trace Vengas attempted to throw Leftridge out at home, instead of stepping on the bag to retire Hamblin.

Venegas' throw was well late and Leftridge got the Hawks on the board first.

The Saints tied it up in their part of the first, playing station-to-station baseball after Tyler Cook led off with a single. Cook stole second, advanced to third on a grounder by Andy Mee and scored on a single by Ryan Matthews.

Leftridge continued to be the catalyst that every championshipcaliber team needs at the top of the order, doubling with one out in the third inning. An infield single by Johns and a walk by Hamblin loaded the bases for clean-up hitter Monk Kreder.

Kreder took advantage of the situation with a base hit up the middle of the infield, scoring Leftridge and Johns and giving Howard a 3-1 lead.

The Hawks couldn't

sustain the lead, though, as Santa Fe pushed two across in the bottom of the fourth to tie the

game at 3-3. Ryan Mathews led off the inning with a double to left center. Mathews scored two batters later when Jardian Thomas hit a two-out RBI double down the right field line. Thomas tied the game when he crossed the plate via a base hit by Travis Yeckering, setting the stage for the dramatic final two

innings. With the win, Howard College finishes the season 63-1 — the best record ever by a World Series championship team at any level of collegiate baseball.

"I have never been around a group as special as this one," said Smith. "We lose 23 sophomores off this team and most of these guys were here for just one year. I'd love it if we could just start our own NCAA Division I program somewhere and keep them for another two years. It's a special group and I don't know that I'll ever be around another one like it."

Howard College 7, Santa Fe College 4

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Rachel Alexandra won't run at Belmont

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) Preakness winner Rachel Alexandra will not run in the Belmont Stakes, opening the way for jockey Calvin Borel to return to Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird in his quest for a personal Triple Crown.

Jess Jackson, Rachel Alexandra's co-owner, said Friday the spectacular filly "deserves a well-earned vacation."

Rachel Alexandra, the first filly to win the Preakness in 85 years, had been set to work out Monday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, and no announcement was expected until after that. But Jackson explained she simply needed a rest after running — and winning four graded stakes races since March 14, including a dominating victory in the Kentucky Oaks.

"We know the media and many fans would have liked to see her run in the Belmont Stakes we feel the same," Jackson said in a statement. "But all of us sincerely interested in the horse must agree that we only want to see her run when it is best for her. While she is in great shape, having strong works, and recovering well from her amazing performances, we feel Rachel deserves a wellearned vacation."

Borel was the jockey aboard for both Mine That Bird in the Derby and Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness and Oaks. He was set to ride her again in the Belmont, but Mine That Bird's trainer Chip Woolley had said he was prepared to wait even into next week — if there was a chance Borel could become available again.

"We hate she's not going to be in there for horse racing, but at the same time it's maybe better for me," Woolley said Friday in a phone interview. "It was a very strange year where you had two great horses and the same guy riding both of them."

Borel, who was riding in nine races on Friday's card at Churchill Downs, was already planning to be aboard Mine That Bird on Monday at the Louisville track for the colt's final workout before shipping to New York for the Belmont.

"We're gonna get the jobdone," Borel said during a news conference at Churchill Downs.

He said Mine That Bird "worked really good the other morning. I was very happy with his work."

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Weddings

Robyn Paige McKinnev and Jason Paul Price. both of Midland. were united in marriage April 4, 2009, at St. Luke's **United Methodist** Church. Mark McCormick of Dalhart, uncle of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Patsv McKinney of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Jake and Helen Arnold and James McKinney and the late

Frances McKinney, all of Midland.

The groom is the son of Steve and Jennifer Price of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Frank and Vola Moore of Stamford and Alvie Price and the late Pat Price of Seagraves.

Danie Roberts of Midland served as the maid of honor. The bride was also attended by Erica Jones of Midland and Hope Gilbert of Albuquerque, N.M.

Billy Massingill of Albuquerque, N.M. served as best man. Brandon O'Field of Midland and Trey Cauble of Big Spring served as groomsmen. Blake Huckabay, cousin of the bride, and Ryan



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Price

Barnes, both of Midland, served as ushers.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white A-line gown featuring beaded lace tulle over satin and a cathedral train. The back of the gown was highlighted by the corset-style lacing and the entire dress was adorned with beaded flower appliques and crystals.

Her regal style tiara of pearls, rhinestones and crystal held a triple tier tulle veil scalloped in clear bugle beads, Swarovski crystals and sprinkled with bead pearl accents. She carried a bouquet of yellow and white roses with yellow gerbera daisies and aqua hydrangeas wrapped in satin ribbon.

bridesmaid's The

dresses were tealength in aqua crinkle chiffon and were enhanced with matching satin ribbons at the empire waist and above the hemline. They carried flowers matching the bridal bouquet.

groom The was attired in a black tuxedo with black tie and white vest. The groom's attendants and

ushers wore aqua vests with their tuxedos.

A dinner reception and dance were held at the Midland Hilton Plaza following the ceremony. The bride and groom chose Chicago's "You're the Inspiration" for their first dance.

The bride's cake featured square stacked tiers accented by a cascading sparkling crystal arrangement. The groom's cake was a large square chocolate cake surrounded by chocolate-covered strawberries and featuring the Texas Tech University insignia. Both cakes were made the bride's aunt, Sharon Rhea of Midland.

After the wedding, the couple went on a Caribbean cruise.



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LOCAL

Big change coming Monday on Gregg Street

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with Price Construction — the contractor responsible for ongoing renovations being made to Gregg Street — are warning local motorists some drastic changes are coming to the thoroughfare beginning Monday morning.

Brian Klinksiek, the project engineer with Price Construction, said the roadway, which is normally a four-lane highway with a turning lane, will become a three-lane highway Monday, as construction crews take over the two western lanes.

"This is going to be a major traffic shift," said Klinksiek. "This past week we were able to keep much of the roadway open, limiting lane and intersection closures to a minimum. However, beginning Monday there will only be three total lanes — a southbound lane, a northbound lane and a turning lane. Down in places like Laredo they refer to this as a Super 2 highway. The shift is necessary to allow crews to work in both of the southbound lanes."

Klinksiek said the new configuration is certain to cause traffic back-ups.

"There's really no way around it," said Klinksiek. "Anytime you limit a highway to two lanes like this, it causes traffic to back up. Motorists are going to need to be careful and very watchful when they are traveling through the work area."

The work, which has already called for the closing and reopening of several stretches of roadway and intersections, limit is still 40 mph, with no is moving along smoothly, according to Klinksiek.

"Things are moving along well, and this last week we got everything done on schedule, so we're feeling pretty good about it right now," said Klinksiek.

While construction work is moving along nicely, Klinksiek said it's having something of a negative effect on motorists traveling through the construction area.

"We've seen quite a few traffic accidents since the work began," he said. "It's hard to say how many of them are directly related to the construction, however."

Klinksiek said despite the number of accidents that have been reported on Gregg Street since construction efforts began, the posted speed immediate signs of slowing.

"The speed limit, even through the work zone, is something that's handled by the Texas Department of Transportation," he said. "And as far as I'm aware, there are no plans in motion from TxDOT to lower it through the work areas."

While the posted speed limit hasn't changed, Klinksiek advises local motorists to slow down and keep a watchful eye out for construction workers and other vehicles.

"I think it's a good idea for people to slow down, especially when they are in an area where other drivers might become disoriented by the work and barriers," he said. "The last thing in the world we want to see out here is someone get hurt."

The project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the FM 700 intersection to to the Fourth Street intersection, according to TxDOT plans.

"We know this is going to inconvenience motorists, and we're doing everything we can to minimize that," said Klinksiek. "And we're very appreciative of the cooperation we're currently receiving on the downtown project. People's attitudes have been very accepting of the work, and I feel like they understand the final product — which is better driving conditions is worth the effort."

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SMMC Volunteers Clara Cline, Mary Rossen, president, and Peggy Plew pose with groundskeeper Monico Quiroz and Director of Volunteer Services Anita Cline as the volunteers present Quiroz with a new Gator to assist him as he works his magic on the hospital's large campus.

Final leg of Relay for Life is Thursday

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald A relay is one step passing on to the next step. The 2009 Howard/ Glasscock Relay for Life went one more step with the committee wrap-up on Tuesday night, but it isn't over yet. When Relay committee members gathered for ice cream, they received the report from Treasurer Sandy Griffin that as of May 26. the net amount raised in this year's event is \$213,925.56 and still counting, a new record. An unexpected treat for members was their

introduction to Sydni team may display its Sayles, the daughter team shirt and people of co-chair Jenny Say- may vote for the favormiss the rainy Relay. The final leg of the annual relay is Thursday, June 4, when the Community Wrap-up takes place in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. Beginning at 6 p.m., committee members will provide food for Relay underwriters, sponsors and Relay teams. The T-shirt contest and silent auction, which were postponed by rain at the event on May 15, will be conducted. Each

les, whose early arrival ite with \$1 a vote. The representing all those caused her mother to winning team will get to honored and memorialadd all the vote money to its team total. Money raised in the silent auction will be added to the total revenue. These events will conclude at 6:45 p.m. Shortly after, the Luminaria Ceremony, traditionally which takes place after dark in the stadium, will be an indoor. battery-operated light ceremony with music and narration produced by Bob and Susan Lewis. The perluminarias. sonalized

which were dissolved in the rainstorm, will be replaced by luminarias ized by the originals.

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Sayles and Jenny Sayles

will recognize teams,

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County high schools receive \$350 grants for Project Celebration

Special to the Herald

ABILENE — Again this year, the Texas Department of Transportation is providing a \$350 mini-grant to area high schools to help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events.

Called Project Celebration 2009, high schools in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan are among 30 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350 mini-grant.

"As a mother myself, it's always a comfort to me knowing that Tx-DOT provides funds to high schools that offer our teenagers a safe and sober occasion for their graduating events," said Brenda Mitchell Tx-DOT's traffic safety coordinator for the Abilene district. "TxDOT is helping to support hundreds of high schools across the state with their organized and chaperoned graduation activities." Mitchell visited each of the 30 participating high schools in the district. In addition to the \$350 each school will receive, she presented

the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school all-night event. One of the mementos is a colorful backpack that bears a safety slogan.

According to Mitchell, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol- and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like.

Mitchell said the program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of Tx-DOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.



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there, while the 16-yearold was airlifted to a Lubbock area hospital.

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support is absolutely unbelievable. Thank

Attempts to determine his status were unsuccessful at press time.

Preliminary investigation into the shooting revealed that a fight involving the two teenagers and several others

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had occurred earlier in the evening, but Everett said no arrests have

pose of the yearlong event to battle cancer. been made as yet. No other information was available as of noon

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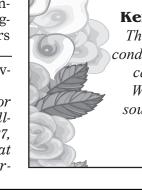




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Sports

Stanly Cup finals: Deja vu for Detroit, Pittsburgh

DETROIT (AP) Chris Osgood has seen up close what it takes to win consecutive Stanley Cups.

Osgood was the Detroit Red Wings' No. 1 goaltender in 1998 when they repeated a year after he was a backup on their championship team. He won his third Cup last year against the Pittsburgh Penguins and will go for No. 4 Saturday night in Game 1 of the finals.

Osgood is fired up to get started because he claims these Red Wings are more talented and versatile than they were the last time they won back-to-back Cups.

"This team can win in more different ways than those teams could," Osgood said Friday, the day before Game 1. "We can win ugly. We can win a wide-open game. We can win the grindthem-out games."

Osgood, though. believes the Penguins pose a greater challenge than they did a year ago because they have learned how to play playoff hockey.

"They don't try to score as many pretty goals as they did last year," he said. "They're happier just to score the ugly, bang-it-in-the-net goals.

"We'll have to be ready for something different from them this season."

The NHL is ready for something different, too, by getting a championship rematch for the first time in a quarter-century.

Edmonton beat the



Detroit Red Wings head coach Mark Babcock, center, talks during team during hockey practice in Detroit Friday. Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Finals on Saturday will match the Red Wings against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

defending four-time champion New York Islanders in 1984 after losing to them the previous year in the finals.

Pittsburgh hopes to follow the Oilers' path of losing against a powerhouse, which Detroit has become with four titles in 11 seasons, then winning the Cup the next season against the same team.

"We know what to do," Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby said. "Last year, that wasn't the case."

Detroit is shooting to become the first NHL team to repeat since Osgood, Nicklas

Lidstrom and some of its other current players did 1998.

Mike Babcock is the first coach to reach the Stanley Cup finals three times in a six-season span since Edmonton's Glen Sather two-plus decades ago.

Last year, he cherished winning the Cup with his wife and kids soaking up the moment with him in Pittsburgh after Game 6. In Babcock's debut season as an NHL coach, he and the Anaheim Ducks lost to New Jersey in Game 7 of the 2003 finals.

"It's the most fun you can ever have in your whole life to win that great trophy," he said. "To touch it, to have your name printed on it, to share it with your family and the community and the people that have helped you along the way."

Marian Hossa could've been on either conferchampionship ence team this season, and he hopes he made the right choice. Hossa helped Pittsburgh reach the finals last year, then turned down a long-term deal in the summer to stay and signed a oneyear deal in Detroit.

"I could be a good scout because I picked the two best teams right now," Hossa said with a smile. "In life, you have to make hard decisions and I chose this one.

"Hopefully I made the right decision."

While Detroit was near the top of the standings all season, Pittsburgh had to rally just to earn a postseason bid.

The Penguins have surged since February when coach Michel Therrien, who took them to the finals last year, was fired.

Pittsburgh was in 10th place in the Eastern Conference and in danger of missing the playoffs.

Dan Bylsma, who played for Babcock six years ago when Anaheim played the Devils in the finals, was promoted from the AHL to head coach and led an 18-3-4 finish that vaulted the Penguins to becoming a fourth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference.

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"You dream your whole life about being in that position and you work so hard, and right at that moment you never know if you're going to get another chance," Crosby said. "We feel pretty fortunate to get a second chance here."

Houston downs **Pirates** PITTSBURGH (AP) shutout in nearly 10 ered while going 4 for 4

- Brian Moehler was vears.

and driving in four runs to support Moehler.

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walking down the dugout steps after the eighth inning when he turned and told Astros manager Cecil Cooper to not even think about taking him out.

Cooper wavered, but gave in. After all, it's not often a pitcher lob- rookie making only his bies to go after his first third career start, hom-

Moehler didn't manage that, but pitched his first complete game in nearly nine years to help Houston end a seven-game losing streak I could even say anyby beating Pittsburgh 6-1 on Friday night.

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"We all wanted him to finish it. He came in after the eighth and said, 'I'm going back' before thing to him," Cooper said. "He's pretty excited about it, and we're glad he got the complete game."

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Anniversary





Proctors celebrate 50th

James and Billie Procter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children, Tammie Paige and husband, Roger, and Karen Moore and husband, Brian, all of Big Spring; and grandchildren, K'Ja, Tiffani Paige and Tyler Fowler, all of San Angelo, and Tori Paige, K'Leigh Fowler and Mason Moore, all of Big Spring, on a week long trip to Branson, Mo.

James, originally of Dublin and the former Billie Joyce Gibbs of San Angelo were married on June 4, 1959, in Coahoma, and have lived in the Big Spring area throughout their marriage.

James is retired from Power Resources and Billie is retired from First National Bank (Norwest).

The couple enjoy hunting, fishing, traveling and family get-togethers. They are members of Trinity Baptist Church.

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MEGAN K. SCOTT

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — With an out-of-work huapsband and two children to support, Christine Mead needs a cheap – and uplifting — break from life.

So lately she's been escaping into sweet and heartening stories of love and passion, where heroines overcome insurmountable obstacles to

Births



Kaden Michael Oliver

Kaden Michael Oliver, a boy, was born at 9:43 p.m. April 17, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 14.9 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Stephen and Natalie Oliver of Big Spring.

He is the grandson of Cincy Lozano and Roland Lozano, both of Big Spring, George and Becky Oliver of Big Spring and Alice Oliver and Don Moore of Fort Worth.

Phineas Evan Crook

Jeramy and Krystal Crook of Big Spring announce the arrival of their son, Phineas Evan Crook, born at 10:44 a.m. May 8, 2009, weighing 8.5 pounds and was 19 inches long. Leonard Watkins of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Nancy Blaylack and the late Mike Blaylock Sr. of Odessa and Marie Watkins and the late Neal Watkins of Big Spring.

Tyler Wayne Bledsoe

Tyler Wayne Bledsoe, a boy, was born at 3:49 a.m. April 7, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20-1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Jimmy and Amy Bledsoe of Big Spring and the grandson of David and Donna Buckner of Big Spring and Pete and Linda Gillette of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by sibling, Alex Clayton Horton.



find their happiness.

"I am left with a satisfied feeling at the end of a good book, a feeling of hope that all can, and will, be OK," said Mead, who lives in the small town of Festus, Mo., and suffers from fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis.

Mead, 41, rarely goes anywhere because of the price of gas, and the family has been relying on a food pantry. Romance novels, she said, are "a distraction from not knowing what's going to happen next."

Love may not conquer all in real life, but its power in relatively inexpensive books is quite a comfort in this economy. Publishers are seeing strong sales in the romance genre as other categories decline and consumers cut back on spending.

Harlequin Enterprises Ltd., a global giant in women's fiction, reported fourth-quarter earnings up 32 percent over the same period a year earlier, with U.S. retail sales up 9 percent in 2008.

For the week of May 10, romance book sales overall were up nearly 2.4 percent compared with the same week last year, according to Nielsen BookScan, which covers 75 percent of retail sales. Travel book sales were down 16 percent, detective/mystery and self-help were each down 17 percent and adult fiction overall, of

which romance is a subgenre, was up 1 percent.

Jennifer Enderlin, associate publisher for St. Martin's Press, said romance is doing so well, the publisher is releasing 32 titles this year (more could be added), compared to 26 last year.

Books from notable authors, including Lora Leigh, Lisa Kleypas and Sherrilyn Kenyon, are experiencing healthy sales, she said.

Enderlin and other publishers said they're not surprised by the genre's success.

"If you really think about it, there is a little romance in virtually every book," said Laurie Parkin, vice president and publisher of Kensington Publishing Corp. Kensington has seen a 5 percent increase in sales for mass market paperback romances for its fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, she said.

"But especially when business is bad or business is down, people want to escape a little bit," Parkin added. "I think romance offers that in a wonderful, wonderful way."

When life is more stressful, people need that escape even more, said Nancy Molitor, a clinical psychologist in Wilmette, Ill. She said movie attendance and alcohol sales are also up.

He is the grandson of Henry and Isabel Rodriquez of Midland.

Phineas was welcomed home by sibling, Zach.

Luke Patrick Watkins

Luke Patrick Watkins, a boy, was born at 10:42 a.m. April 17, 2009, weighing 9 pounds and was 19-1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Shirley Pittle and

Brennan Brodie Wash

Brennan Brodie Wash, a boy, was born at 2:01 p.m. April 3, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20-3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Brodie and Kaci Wash of Lubbock.

He is the grandson of Kathy Aycock of San Angelo and Mark and Sherleen Aycock of Menard and Lisa and David Hobbs and the late Billy Wash. His great-grandparents are Bob and Lila

Who's Who

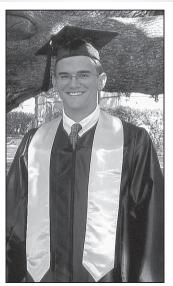
Hayes Stripling IV, the grandson of Hayes Jr. and Dorothy Stripling of Big Spring, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nuclear engineering from Texas A&M University during commencement ceremonies May 15.

Stripling graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade-point average and was a recipient of the Craig C. Brown Outstanding Senior Engineer Award.

APresident'sEndowed Scholar at the university, Stripling was lauded for his participation

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OPINION

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U.S. must not capitulate to N. Korea

EDITORIAL

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OTHER VIEWS

Legislature needs to limit cell phone use by motorists

exans as a general rule don't like the government telling them what they can and can't do, even if it may be for their own good.

Latest case in point: State lawmakers are trying to push through an assortment of bills banning Texans from talking on their cell phones while they're driving.

For starters, they're targeting teenagers, which may make senses, but equal attention should be focused on adult drivers as well.

Unfortunately, limiting cell phone use by teens appears to be as far as the Texas Legislature is willing to go this session. The scattershot approach to the issue may be part of the problem with getting legislation approved. There are proposals to:

• Prohibit only teens from talking on their cell phones while driving;

• Ban the use of cell phones only in school zones;

• Make it illegal for all people to talk on the phone while driving on any Texas road.

"People seem to forget driving on the roads of the state of Texas is privilege, not a right," said Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio. "Talking on the cell phone and text messaging while driving are probably two things we shouldn't encourage people to do in the state and it is unfortunate we can't have that debate on the House floor."

His point is well-taken, considering the results of a study conducted by the Center for Risk Studies at Harvard University. It showed 6 percent of motor vehicle accidents are caused by people driving while using a wireless phone. That's the equivalent of 2,600 deaths and 12,000 injuries a year.

The Harvard study explains why the National Safety Council, which was chartered by Congress, is recommending states ban cell phones while drivess than one week after Iran launched a ballistic missile capable of striking U.S. targets and allies, North Korea followed suit and raised the stakes by detonating an illicit nuclear device.

This aggressive act incited outrage across the globe, even drawing a strong rebuke from North Korea's traditional ally China. The question is, how will the United States meet the escalating challenge of a nuclear armed North Korea or Iran? History gives us a framework of what will not work.

In 1994, the North Korean threat to develop nuclear weapons was rewarded with the "Framework Agreement" with President Clinton guaranteeing the delivery of two energy-producing light-water nuclear reactors and 500,000 tons of fuel oil annually, if Pyongyang would halt operations at their nuclear facility in Yongbyon.

At the time, President Clinton insisted it was the best agreement possible and preferable to war. In a column I wrote in 1995, I raised concerns that this appeasement strategy bore insufficient safeguards and, by rewarding North Korea's bad behavior, we were sending a message that the United States would capitulate to nuclear blackmail.

The ineffectiveness of this strategy was again proven when, in 2006, North Korea acknowledged to the world that it had never terminated its nuclear program. That year, it tested the Bush Administration by detonating its first nuclear device. Many experts believe that the 2006 test was technically flawed and fell short of the expectations of North Korean scientists, sending them back to the drawing board.

But this month's successful nuclear test, reportedly yielding a blast comparable to the bomb dropped on Nagasaki in 1945, has made it very clear that, not only is North Korea's nuclear program active, but it has made enough technical advancements to be truly dangerous. This is an important part of North Korea's strategy, which has been rapidly unfolding over the last five years. This year, North Korea rejected the Obama Administration's diplomatic overtures, abandoned the six party talks, ousted U.N. inspectors, resumed activity at Yongbyon nuclear facility, and test launched as many as six missiles.

As former UN Ambassador John Bolton suggested in a Wall Street Journal column, North Korea faces no real consequences from the Obama Administration – only strong rhetoric. Mr. Bolton concluded that this gives North Korea what it wants: "America in a conciliatory mode." Indeed, Pyongyang is counting on a weak response, culminating in negotiations and concessions being made by the United States. Once the desired negotiations begin, Kim Jong Il can siphon food, oil, and other inducements from America in exchange for their false promises to disarm. That is what was promised in 1994, and we see the results.

Absent nuclear weapons and missiles, North Korea would be irrelevant. Their economy is in shambles, and only their bad behavior continues to pay dividends. That's why this cycle of appeasement must end. This time, our strategy must be multipronged:

First, we must lead international efforts to levy punitive sanctions against North Korea. Presently, trade with the nation is limited because North Korea has little of value to offer partners. Yet, it relies heavily on Russia and China, particularly to meet their energy needs. Russia and China are uniquely positioned to pressure Kim Jong II, and they should use this leverage to help carry out the will of the international community that North Korea not be a nuclear-armed state.

Second, future negotiations with North Korea to terminate their nuclear weapons program must link any aid we provide to inspection and verification. Assurances by Pyongyang, proven to be duplicitous, are insufficient. We cannot declare our diplomatic efforts a success without verification, while North Korea continues to arm itself unabated.

Lastly, we must defend America and our allies by fully funding a leading edge missile defense program. The President's recent budget has slashed missile defense funding by over a billion dollars. The programs that have been cancelled or seriously cut back are the very programs that would be an integral part of our missile defense response if North Korea followed through on its threats. Above all, our missile defense strategy must send the unmistakable message that the U.S. is prepared to meet and defeat any escalation of arms.

North Korea and Iran have shown that they're willing to use provocative tactics to raise international tension and to instigate conflict with nations across the globe. Efforts to extend a hand of friendship have been met with belligerence. Calls for direct negotiations have been rebuked. As the U.S., once again, grapples with these challenges, our policy must be resolute and rooted in the reality that these are hostile, unreasonable nations who wish to do us harm.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and serves on the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.





Kay Bailey Hutchison

ing — even hand-free phones.

Talking on a cell phone while driving isn't the only serious distraction you can see in Lubbock every day.

Motorists are risking injury to themselves or others by listening to music too loud, applying makeup, eating food, and juggling a cup of hot coffee or a cold soda.

Texting while behind the wheel, however, leads the list of preventable hazards as it demands more concentration than any of the others.

"What are you going to do with other distractions?" asks Joe Pickett Pickett, D-El Paso, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, the 11-member panel assigned to screen such legislation.

It's clear to us state lawmakers need to go back to the drawing board on this matter for more discussion, debate, and resolution — even if it's not during this session, which ends June 1.

There's some good ideas here, but they're scattered in so many different bills it's impossible to predict if their effect would be meaningful if approved.

Something needs to be done to address the problem, not only with teens but with all drivers whether it's now or when the next session convenes in 2011. We're still a long way from where we need to be in terms of public safety on the highways.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This is the perfect time to get to know You, Lord.

PELOSI!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

With all due respect Mrs. Hamel, none of my family or friends are thieves and most of the people I come in contact with are not, nor do they treat their animals badly like your neighbor.

Also, I have lived in many different places and people in those places treated their animals bad, too. Texans do not have a market on animal mistreatment. I have had neighbors who did those same things but I do not hate the whole town because ot it.

I think the real issue is that maybe you never really were excited about living here in the first place and nothing about Big Spring would have pleased you.

Yes, we have issues; what town does not? Our town is not as bad as you make out.

> Carolyn Burkhart Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

You, Students at the Forsan ISD v You, would like to thank the contributors for their generous donations Amen which were used in fundraising

activities.

Some 45 students and parents are going on an educational trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C. Students will be in Washington from June 23 to June 26.

Thank you again for all donations and to all of the hundreds of people in Big Spring and Forsan that supported our many fundraisers that made this trip possible!

> TERA EVANS BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a Vietnam veteran with two purple hearts. For almost 30 years I did not use the VA. Then my age and my wounds caught up with me. I have been using the Big Spring VA since 1994. It has become more and more frequent over the years.

I have had nothing but top notch treatment from the VA. This includes my doctors, nurses, brace shop, dental and X-rays. For various reasons I have had to use the emergency room on a few occasions. I have always been treated well and in a timely and professional manner.

Like any where, there are a few personalities I do not care for, but they have taken care of me. I have been to the doctor with my wife, and the VA is as professional as the dealings she had. This VA has referred me to several specialists in Albuquerque. The Albuquerque VA is a great compliment to our local VA.

I have met Mr. Marsh on two occasions away from the FA. I voiced a concern I had to him and it was taken care of. Let's give him time to fix things he has found wrong.

My C&P exam was done by local doctors and some outside the VA system. I tried to do it myself and that was a big mistake. I turned it over to the DAV and was pleased with the results. My Social Security was a lot more trouble than my VA compensation.

To sum it all up, I feel blessed to have the VA here to take care of my medical needs. With all of my different needs, I would not

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Sports

Feldman leads Rangers past A's to complete sweep

ARLINGTON (AP) -Scott Feldman overcame a shaky first inning to solidify his spot in the Texas Rangers rotation. Feldman scattered five hits over six innings, and the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-2 to complete a double-

header sweep on Friday night. In the first game, Andruw Jones hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth to send Texas to a 6-3 victory.

Feldman (4-0) gave up two runs, struck out two and walked three to help the Rangers win for the sixth time in eight games. He allowed four baserunners in the first inning, but gave up only one run before settling down.

"I thought he did an excellent job to hang in there the way he did," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Feldman has pitched at least five innings in each of his seven starts since being inserted into the rotation on April 25 when Kris Benson went to the disabled list because of right elbow tendinitis. Feldman has a 2.59 ERA this season since coming out of the bullpen.

"I started behind in the count on too many guys, and that will drive your pitch count up," Feldmansaidofhisearly struggles. "But anytime your team wins, you've got to be grateful."

Jason Jennings allowed a walk in two



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers' lan Kinsler, left, gets back to first as Oakland's Bobby Crosby (7) reaches out for the pickoff attempt in the first inning of their baseball game in Arlington Friday. Crosby was unable to handle the errant throw and Kinsler advanced to second.

relief innings in the second game. C.J. Wilson worked the ninth of the second game for his fourth save in five chances after earning the win in the first game.

Texas (29-19) has matched the 1996 team for the second-best start in club history.

The A's had won three of their previous four, but strong Rangers pitching stopped any momentum Oakland carried into the series.

"It's a letdown," A's manager Bob Geren

said. "We've been playing pretty good. That puts a damper on things."

In the second game, Ryan Sweeney's RBI double gave the A's the lead in the first inning, but the Rangers jumped on right-hander Edgar Gonzalez (0-1) for four runs in the bottom half. Josh Hamilton and Hank Blalock had RBI doubles and Taylor Teagarden added a tworun single.

Geren ordered Gonzalez to intentionally walk left-handed batter Chris Davis to pitch to the righty swinging Teagarden, but the move backfired when Gonzalez hung a slider to Teagarden. Davis went 0-for-7 with six strikeouts in the doubleheader, upping his majors-leading total to 77 Ks.

"You've got a guy (Davis) who has 12 home runs, two in the last week, against a guy who doesn't play that often," Geren said. "If you can face the next guy, you do it."

Oakland's Orlando

Cabrera scored from third in the third inning as Jason Giambi grounded into a double play to make it 4-2. Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the fourth stretched Texas' lead to 5-2.

Gonzalez, making his second start of the season, gave up five runs and eight hits in fiveplus innings, striking out four and walking three.

With the score 3-all in the opener, Santiago Casilla (1-2) walked Hamilton leading off the eighth. Jones followed,

pulling a 2-1 fastball off the screen on the leftfield pole for his fifth homer.

Nelson Cruz, who had three RBIs, followed Jones with his 13th homer.

Wilson (2-2) pitched a perfect eighth and Frank Francisco worked the ninth for his 11th save in as many chances.

Oakland got another strong performance from rookie left-hander Josh Outman, who struck out a career-high nine and allowed three runs and three hits.



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GM to build compact cars; UAW OKs contract

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The reformation of General Motors Corp. is in high gear.

The automaker said Friday that it plans to reopen a shuttered U.S. factory to build subcompact cars that will be the smallest vehicles GM has ever produced here. An element of the company's shift from hulking SUVs to more gas-sipping microcars, the move comes as GM's prepares to announce the fate of the poster child for gas guzzlers, the Hummer brand. Meanwhile, as expected, the United Auto Workers ratified a package of concessions designed to reduce the automaker's labor costs.

In Germany, the government and GM agreed on the framework of a deal for Magna International Inc. to take a majority stake in GM's Opel unit, a person briefed on the negotiations said.

With an expected bankruptcy filing looming, GM's shares sunk below \$1. The stock is expected to become worthless when GM reorganizes in bankruptcy court. GM's filing for bankruptcy protection is expected Monday, when GM also plans to announce it will close 14 more factories, including four assembly plants.

A person briefed on GM's plans said the small cars would be built at one of those plants. The person, who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the plans, said GM has not determined which plant will get the new cars.

The retooled factory will be able to build 160,000 cars per year, GM said. It would create 1,200 jobs, the person said, offsetting some of the 21,000 that will be lost when GM closes the 14 factories by the end of next year.

The move to build the subcompact in the U.S. follows a firestorm caused by GM's plans to produce up to 51,000 subcompacts per year in China and ship them to the U.S. starting in 2011, disclosed in documents submitted to Congress.

GM already builds the compact Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 at a plant in Lordstown, Ohio, and it plans to retool that plant to start making a new small car, the Chevrolet Cruze, next year. It also jointly manufactures the Pontiac Vibe, a rebadged Toyota Matrix, at a factory in Fremont, California.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said GM will not import the cars from China and had agreed as part of a concession deal to build them in the U.S.

On Friday, Gettelfinger said at a news conference that 74

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Courtesy photo

Big Spring Mall officials and members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors were on hand Friday during ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the BSM Ice Cream and Coffee Shop.

Empty condominiums giving universities new dorm space

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



Spend or Save?

Earlier this year, Newsweek magazine ran a cover with the classic picture of Uncle Sam pointing at us and a stern look on his face. This time, though, Uncle Sam was shown saying, "I Want You to Spend!"

The idea was that it's our civic duty to spend money in order to jump start the economy again. It's undeniable that consumer spending is a vital ingredient in the success of our nation.

This magazine cover got us thinking. As financial advisors, we counsel people everyday to save, save, save! Many of our clients have really taken this to heart, to the point that they consult with us before making major purchases like a new car, boat, or house. It is very fulfilling to provide this kind of counseling service in our practice.

But are we doing the right thing as citizens by encouraging people to save? Shouldn't we also be telling our clients to spend? What good does it do to be saving if no one spends and the economy grinds to a complete halt?

A paradox is a statement that seems contradictory or absurd but in fact may be true. After some reflection, we think we have an answer to the paradox of how to save and spend at the same time. We can meet our duty to ourselves and to our nation by spending our money, in a way that boosts the economy but also helps us save in the process. If you think about the basic concept of investing, the idea is to grow your nest-egg by putting your savings to work. How do you put your savings to work? By investing for the long-term in a diverse manner across industries, companies, and geographies. In doing so, you have spent money and injected funds into the economy through various businesses across our country. This in turn allows those businesses to provide products and services, generate revenues, and create jobs. As the companies prosper, so does our investment in those companies. It's like a mutually beneficial, symbiotic relationship. But remember that the point of investing in the first place was to grow our nest-egg. By spending in the manner described, we give ourselves the best chance of overcoming inflation and thus saving enough for the future. In contrast, keeping all our savings in cash means that we have neither played our vital role as consumers in the economy, nor have we met our duty to support ourselves by saving wisely. By keeping our money in cash we have in effect succumbed to inflation, which erodes our purchasing power and therefore our current lifestyle over time. Back in November of 2008, Warren Buffett wrote an article in the New York Times entitled "Buy American, I Am." We now understand the true wisdom of Mr. Buffett's words: buying American helps our country's economy through muchneeded spending; it also helps us take care of ourselves for the future. Spend or save? The answer is: Both.

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — River views, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, 9-foot ceilings. This is student housing?

When classes start this fall — if all goes as planned — some 300 students at Johnson & Wales University will be living in Capitol Cove, an upscale condominium project that had been languishing on the market for more than six months.

"It's a great Band-Aid," said Irving Schneider, president of Johnson & Wales's Providence campus, which just signed a three-year lease for the Capitol Cove development. "This arrangement was good for the developer as well as Johnson & Wales."

Some universities around the country have found a silver lining to the real estate recession that has left condominium developers in the lurch. For less time and money than it would take to build a residence hall, universities in places like New York City and Ohio are buying or leasing entire condo projects. And they are also eyeing vacant lots once targeted for high-end condos for use as retail and parking.

"This is a bonanza of an opportunity ... for universities to acquire the space they desperately need," said Dan Fasulo, managing director of Real Capital Analytics.

For developers, such deals save their projects from being total washouts. The arrangements offer developers an exit strategy from flagging projects, allowing them to unload dozens of unsold units to a single buyer rather than piecemeal.

"They can't sell them, they can't mothball them, they can't bulldoze them," said Jack McCabe, a Florida-based real estate analyst. "Developers right now are looking for every way not to lose their projects into foreclosure."

Sales of condos in April were down 9 percent from year-ago levels and are off 46 percent from the frenzied peak in June 2005, the National Association of Realtors said this week. At the current, sluggish sales pace there is more than a year's supply of units on the market.

Developer Robert Roth has built only one of five buildings planned for Capitol Cove's 5-acre site that bridges downtown Providence with the city's residential East Side.

He began marketing the condos last fall for between \$350,000 and \$550,000, but got only four reservations and no sales.

Students at Johnson & Wales University will pay yearly rents of \$10,383 for one-bedroom apartments and \$9,249 for two-bedrooms — comparable prices to on-campus dorms.

"We want the students to treat it more as if it was their home than just a dorm room," said Jamie Stone, 21, a Johnson & Wales student and resident advisor.

Roth wouldn't disclose the terms of the lease with Johnson & Wales except to say that it would help refinance the construction loans but would not come close to recouping the \$30 million already invested by him and his bank in the project.

"For us, the big hit is that we're not receiving any real equity back from the project," Roth said. "It's not putting any money into anyone's pocket."

In New York, Columbia University last year paid \$67.6 million for a residence hall for graduate students and staff in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx after a planned condo development called the Arbor couldn't sell out.

In Ohio, Capital University bought a 30-unit building for \$4 million in suburban Columbus that had been marketed as 55-and-older housing but is now reserved for about 60 upperclassmen in good academic standing.

"To build a facility of this quality for a university, there's no way we could have done that for that purchase price," said Nichole Johnson, a Capital University spokeswoman.

She said the deal made financial sense: The cost per bed at the new building was \$65, compared to a \$93-per-bed cost at a dorm that opened in 2006.

Still, the transactions are raising eyebrows among city leaders who say they were told to expect luxury condos — not students.

Members of the Providence City Council question whether Capitol Cove violated its taxstabilization treaty with the city by using the building as a dormitory, though Roth said he doesn't expect the deal to be scuttled.

And New York Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, whose district includes Riverdale, likened the sale of the Arbor building to Columbia to a "bait-and-switch."

"It would have been preferable if those were condos," Dinowitz

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LETTERS

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want to be going to a variety of local doctors. Our VA is still all I need at one place with great professional care. What a deal!

Just a thought, since when does a patient have the right to tell those in authority who to hire and fire? Sounds elementary. Voice your complaints, then let the ones who see the whole picture decide.

> MIKE TARPLEY BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my consternation with the continuing predatory lending practices of otherwise legitimate financial services providers. Recently, I received a solicitation in the mail from a local business for a \$5,000 loan.

There was no mention anywhere on the form or the certificate provided as to the interest rate this company was proposing be paid on this loan amount. This is misleading and deceptive.

Our U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer said just this week in the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, "The credit card companies [are] doing things that they shouldn't be doing..."

Financial services providers do not seem to be disposed to act responsibly and reasonably of their own volition. It is only reasonable for us to urge our elected officials to protect the citizen consumers from these unscrupulous predatory lenders.

My son, a college student, received in a short period of time 39 solicitations through the mail to go into debt. If these financial institutions do not have any better business acumen than that, both they and the citizen consumers of this country would be well served if their elected officials passed laws more

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strictly regulating financial services.

Actually, we wouldn't really be passing new laws as much as we would be repealing laws, recently passed, which give these predatory lenders permission to charge rates of interest which had, until recently, been illegal.

Therefore, I would urge everyone to contact their representatives and urge them to support legislation to reinstitute the usury laws which once protected us from predatory lenders and to, at the very least, force these predatory lenders to disclose in the solicitation, crucial information, such as the proposed interest rate to be charged, which any reasonable consumer would find vital in determining whether entering into such loan was in their own best interest.

> WALTER L. SHIPMAN BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Words seem so little when saying thank you to our community, our family, friends and our church family at Baptist Temple Church. All the prayers, love, support, kind words, smiles and hugs helped us through this time in our lives that was so unexpected and so overwhelming!

When K'lyn Jae was born at only two pounds, five ounces, we didnt know what was truly in God's plan but we knew that we needed a miracle and we needed a lot of prayers and love during our time. We got those prayers from our home town, from people all over the world that we never have even met by people like all of you that just passed on the prayer letters, passed on the caring bridge page and passed on the love.

We can't find the words to ever say thank you enough, but we can see that love and hope every time we look into our baby girl's eyes and hold her tight now that she is home. We are so grateful to have had the Herald share our story and get the word out about K'lyn and how much she has endured in her little life.

She is doing great now thanks to our God, and all of your prayers and love. She just turned 3 months old and also weighed seven pounds! We are truly blessed and we are forever grateful for Big Spring and all our supporters through this time.

K'lyn truly is our miracle and we thank you for sharing in that miracle with us.

> HEATH AND JEN GILLESPIE BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I've had an idea, written a letter to you, wadded it up and threw it away, but I write again. Here goes. We are fortunate to have a beautiful lake in our city park and the city recently had some rainbow trout put into the lake for fishing. I think it was a great idea.

What if the idea was expanded, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would add some crappie and smallmouth bass, there were some fishing piers built and a charter boat that was even wheelchair accessible added?

Kids, middle ages, seniors and nursing home residents could have a blast.

> ORAND CARROLL BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

A few weeks ago, Thomas Jenkins wrote a column on stem cells, insisting that embryonic stem cells was a must, as if there were no other answer. I would like to speak to that.

On March 19, the Oprah Winfrey Show had as a special guest Michael J. Fox, who suffers from Parkinson's disease. The program was about stem cell research that may soon lead to cures for diseases like the one afflicting Fox. Dr. Mehmet Oz, a frequent expert on the show, seemed to stun both Winfrey and Fox by asserting that "the stem cell debate is dead."

"Since embryonic stem cells are hard to control and can even lead to cancer," Oz said,"adult stem cells hold the most promise."

Besides having unregulated growth, the body may reject the embryonic stem cells as foreign bodies. Further, Oz said he believes researchers are within 10 years of making major breakthroughs using adult stem cells.

The National Institute of Health seems to agree, "A number of experiments have suggested that certain adult stem cell types are pluripotent." They define pluripotent as "the ability of a single stem cell to give rise to all of the various cell types that At present, more than 70 diseases have been treated with adult stem cell therapy. In fact, blood forming stem cells have been used in transplants for over 30 years. In contrast, the track record for the use of embryonic stem cells in clinical applications demonstrates no successes: "However, to date, no approved medical treatments have been derived from embryonic stem cell research."

make up the body."

Scientists from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine suggest that the injection of adult stem cells from human corneas can result in restored transparency to damaged eyes. The research led by Dr. James L. Funderburgh, associate professor at the university's Department of Ophthalmology, is being heralded as a dramatic advance in stem cell research that could apply body-wide. The scientific team used adult stem cells found in the fibrous part of the eye. The cells were then injected into the damaged cornea of mice. The adult stem cells activated to reorganize the fibers and produce a transparent cornea. The study, published in the April 9 journal Stem Cells, states, "The results suggest that cellbased therapy can be an effective approach to treatment of human corneas."

In Portugal, a group headed by Carlos Lima used autologous (from the patient's own body) olfactory stem cell transplants and put them into the spinal lesions of paraplegic and tetraplegic patients. In a July 2006 Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine article, they wrote that adult stem cells are beginning to offer the most hope for those paralyzed from spinal cord injuries. Lima's team's adult stem cell research showed restored motor function and sensation in a few paralyzed patients using adult stem cells obtain-

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Buffalo Country Fina

At the Big Spring Herald we are suffering through the same road construction problems as everyone else. Over the last 2 weeks the front of our building has had no parking and it has been very hard for our customers to get to us. It is now available for parking and our newspaper racks that are out front are again available. We also realize that it is not easy to get to places on Gregg St. to get your copy of the paper. We would like to make everyone aware of all the different locations the Big Spring Herald is sold at for your convenience.

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Date: May 8, 2009

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Grantee: George Karibian and LaNita

Property: The E/118 feet of Lot 1

Block 83, Original Town of Big Spring;

and The S/52 feet of Lot 1 and the S/52

feet of the E/25 feet of Lot 2, Block 83,

Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum dba

Grantee: Lupe Y. Martinez and San-

Property: A 1.6-acre tract out of Sec-

Property: The E/92 feet of Lot 2 and

the S/10 feet of the W/48 feet of Lot 2,

Grantor: Gary Ware and Vicky Ware

Property: The SE/4 Section 47, Block

Grantor: Roy David Platte and Laurie

Grantee: Paul J. Harvilicz and Carolyn

Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block Block

Grantee: Meosha Michelle Jackson

feet of Lot 14, Block 2, Wrights Second

Property: The N/69 feet of the W/66

Property: Portions of Lots 13 and 14,

Grantor: Tammy L. Colvin and James

Grantee: Anthony J. Jackson Jr. and

Property: A 10 acre tract out of Sec-

Grantor: Danielle P. Jackson and An-

Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Mill-

Property: Lot 13, Block 13, Kentwood

Property: The W/4 feet of Lot 13 and

Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section

24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Sur-

all of Lot 14. Block 1. Edwards Heights

tion 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.

Block 40, Original Town of Big Spring

Grantee: Kendall Vance Smith

34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

tion 21, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum

Grantee: Guadalupe Ybarra

Original Town of Big Spring

Date: May 11, 2009

Date: May 13, 2009

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Date: May 14, 2009

15. Fairview Heights

Date: May 14, 2009

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Date: May 15, 2009

Date: May 15, 2009

Date: May 15, 2009

Date: May 18, 2009

Grantor: Eva Chappell

Grantee: Dianne Austin

Grantor: Ronald A. McLane Grantee: James Bart Moore Jr.

Danielle Jackson

thony jackson jr.

Grantor: Sandra Sharp

Grantee: Lakisha McGregor

Block 2, Wrights Second Addition

Grantor: Sandra Sharp

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Unit No. 1

Kristi beauchamp dba Beauchamp

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Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22nd Pl., Lame-

Trudy Arreguin, 5105 Leisure, Midland

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thor King Apt. 101, Big Spring Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1002 N.

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Lamesa Alexis A. Bowie, 2811 Lawton, Ama-

rillo Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street.

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Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City

Mickey Jermain Starnes, 402 Hollv Oak Dr., Tyler

William Dale Stewart, 3505 Gail Highway, Big Spring

Roberts Summers, 1905 Wasson Drive Apt. 5, Big Spring

valid, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)

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Grantee: Arvel Wayne Stansel

Date: May 8, 2009

Date: May 8, 2009

Date: May 12, 2009

Date: May 13, 2009

Grantor: Craig Bailey

Date: May 14, 2009

Date: May 14, 2009

Block 9, Edwards Heights

Grantee: Clifford T Coats

Date: May 18, 2009

Date: May 19, 2009

Date: May 7, 2009

Grantor: William R. Neal

Grantor: Sandra Sharp

Grantee: Marsha Sturdivant

Grantor: John Cramer

Grantee: Mendi Strickland

Grantor: Joseph W. Pate

Grantee: Clay A. Harris

Brenda Stansel

Property: A 3.8 acre tract out of Sec-

Grantor: Arvel Wayne Stansel and

Property: A 3.8 acre tract out of Sec-

Grantor: Bobby Barber and Cheryll

Grantee: Brian Jones and Sharon

Property: Lot 4, Block 4, Cedar Ridge

Grantee: A.C. Mize and Billie Mize

Grantor: Emma Dillard Jenkins

Grantee: Willowick Real Estate

Property: Lot 30, Block 7, Stanford

Property: A 6-acre tract out of Section

Grantor: Justin Jenkins and Koby Jen-

Property: A 2.9 acre tract out of Sec-

tion 12, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Grantee: Howard County SWD LLC

tion 12, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Property: A 13.2-acre tract out of Sec-

Property: Lots 22-24, Block 7, South

Grantee: J.T. Land Investments LLC

Property: Lot 12, Block 4, Wright's Air-

Property: Lot 3, Block 35, College

Grantor: Tin Nyunt and Aye Kyaing

Property: Lot 1 and the E/2 of Lot 2,

Grantor: Anthony Cimino and Saman-

Property: A 5-acre tract out of Section

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's

Grantee: Randall E. Kirkwood and Jo

Property: A tract out of Section 32.

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14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Sur-

Grantee: Marcellous Weaver

Grantee: Willowick Real Estate

Grantor: Emma Dillard Jenkins

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tion 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.

Probated Judgment: Maria Brito Rojas, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Patricia Bacon, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Abel Torres. criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$1,000 fine, \$378 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Marriage Licenses:

Juan David Gonzalez, 28, of San Antonio, and Carmen Haydee Rivera, 29, of Big Spring.

Lorenzo Martinez Valbuena, 22, and Rebecca Lynn Murphree, 21, both of Big Spring

Douglas H. Johnson, 41, and Connie D. McCoy, 39, both of Big Spring. Jimmy Byron Honea, 78, and Betty

Myers McChristian, 80, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Carroll Choate and Joyce Choate Grantee: Dusty Choate and Patty

Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section

Section 16, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR

Grantor: Robert and Rosie Stapp

Grantee: Robert and Rosie Stapp

Property: A 2.43 acre tract out of Sec-

Grantor: James Gross, Charles gross

Property: Lots 22-24, Block 7, South

Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Highland

Grantor: Carol Anne Drake, Marilyn

all of Lots 28-29 and the south 1/3 of Lot

tion 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.

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Date: May 7, 2009

Date: May 7, 2009

Grantee: John Cramer

Grantor: An Ngoc Nghiem

Grantee: Huong Thi Van

Joy Woodall, Linda Jo Arnold

Grantee: James Craig Drake Property: The north 1/5 of Lot 27, and

30, Block 14, Washington Addition

Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum

Property: The S/100 feet of Lot 3,

Block 85, Original Town of Big Spring;

Lot 3, Block 17. Monticello Addition 1 of

Block 19, Monticello Addition; and Lot

Grantor: Yolanda Jane Doniguez

Property: Lot 24, Block 15, Town of

Property: A tract out of Section 39

Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co, Survey; a

tract out of Section 28, Block 33, T-2-N,

T&P RR Co. Survey; and a tract out of

Section 18, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR

Grantee: Jackie Merrick and Teresa

Property: A 10-acre tract out of Sec-

tion 20, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co.

Grantor: Mamie Lee Merrick

Grantor: Pete Rosenbaum

4, Block 17, Monticello Addition

Grantee: Irma C. Gonzales

Date: May 7, 2009

Date: May 8, 2009

Grantor: Beall Farm Inc.

Grantee: Joe Paul Beall

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and Kathy Locke

Melissa Gonzalez, 2317 CR 220, Garden City Gabriel Guerrero, 411 N.E. 10th

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Road, Big Spring

Patrick Kyle Heckler, 12501 N. Co.

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GM

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percent of GM's 54,000 U.S. production and skilled-trade workers voted in favor of the deal. Reaching a deal with the union was one of the conditions imposed on GM by the Obama administration's auto

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said. "Generally speaking, people who own their property feel they have a greater stake in the property."

Nevertheless, builders argue these deals are in the best interest of the community.

Baltimore developer Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse had originally planned more than 100 condos, 15,500 square feet of retail and 550 parking spaces — at an estimated development cost of \$75 million — on a lot next to Johns Hopkins University.

But the project was scrapped as the city's condo market crashed, university and the

Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, NM Liandro Ventura, 1905 Wasson No 23, Big Spring

Grace Walker, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 904, Big Spring Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 run-

nels, Big Spring

County Court Decisions: Probated Judgment: Dennis Michael Richardson II, driving while license in-

Grantor: Doyce Coyle and Lana Dowforce. Originally meant to help keep the automaker out of bank-

ruptcy court, bankruptcy experts say having the labor agreement in place will help move the process through court more quickly. The UAW says the cuts

will save GM \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion a year.

GM has received \$19.4 billion in federal loans and likely will get an-

bought the 1.12-acre parcel last month for \$12.5 million — "susbtantially less" than what had been poured into the project, said James McGill, a Hopkins senior vice president. The school expects to use the site for retail and parking and possibly housing or academic purposes.

"It's fair to say we had a lot invested," said Tim Pula, a Struever Bros. senior development director. But he noted: "We could have built a building and we'd be sitting on a bunch of empty condos, probably at this point."

Back in Rhode Island, Roth said he intends to retake Capitol Cove in three years — though the university has an option for an additional two years — and resell to private buyers.

other \$30 billion from familiar with the negothe U.S. government tiations, who did not as it makes its way want to be identified bethrough the bankruptcy cause talks had not yet court process. finished.

In Berlin, negotiators were working out the final details of the Opel deal and an announcement could come within hours, said the person

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Grantor: Jackie Hill and La Tisha Hill Grantee: Phillip C. Anderson and

Mandy Anderson Property: A 39.9 acre tract out of Section 17, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date:May 8, 2009

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Grantor: Mary D. Brown Grantee: James T. Allen Property: Lot 15, Block 5, Kentwood

> a euro1.5 billion (\$2.1 billion) bridge loan that



By Steve Becker Keep Your Eyes Open

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH **♠** J 5 2 ♥AQ96 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣J 10 6 WEST EAST 🕈 K 6 4 ♠Q 10 9 3 ♥754 **♥**10832 ♦K7 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣Q9872 **4**3 SOUTH A 8 7 ♥K J 🜢 A O 5 2 🗣 A K 54 The bidding: East West North South Pass Pass $2 \mathrm{NT}$ 3 NT Opening lead — seven of clubs. Sometimes a declarer suffers a blind spot that causes him to go down in an ice-cold contract. Why this happens is anyone's guess, but it

happens often enough to be a cause for concern for any player who takes his game seriously

Consider this deal where South was in three notrump and West led a low club. Declarer promptly put up the jack, which held, and then led a diamond to the queen, losing to the king

West exited with a diamond,

South ducking East's nine and winning the next diamond as West discarded a spade. When the diamonds failed to divide 3-3, declarer had to look elsewhere for his ninth trick.

So he turned his attention to the heart suit, playing the king and overtaking the jack with the queen. He then cashed the ace, hoping the ten would fall and establish the nine. But when the ten did not appear, South had to go down one.

It is true that three different possibilities — the diamond finesse, a 3-3 diamond division or the fall of the heart ten - failed to materialize for declarer. But it also is true that he started the play with nine ironclad tricks and wound up with only eight. All he had to do to guarantee his contract was to play low from dummy on the opening lead and win West's seven with the king!

This seemingly frivolous play — disdaining the "free" club trick offered by playing the jack assures South of the dummy entry he needs to score four heart tricks rather than three. After winning the king of clubs, he cashes the K-J of hearts and leads a low club toward the J-10. Nothing can then stop him from scoring four hearts, three clubs and his other two aces to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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LOCAL/WORLD **6A BIG SPRING HERALD** Sunday, May 31, 2009 **Bush and Clinton appear on stage together**

By ROB GILLIES

Associated Press Writer TORONTO - Former President George W. Bush called former President Bill Clinton "his brother" and the two rarely disagreed in their first-ever appearance together on stage.

The Republican and Democratic ex-presidents defended each other at a Toronto forum on Friday, disappointing some in the crowd of 6,000 who expected a more heated debate.

Bush said that he never liked it when previous administration officials criticized his government but said Clinton was respectful and never did.

Bush declined to criticize the Obama administration, in contrast to former Vice President Dick Cheney, who has been a vocal critic of Obama. Bush, who wasn't asked about Cheney, said there are "plenty of critics in America."

Bush and Clinton did differ on Iraq. Clinton said U.N inspectors should have been given more time to conduct the search for weapons of mass destruction and Bush should have con-

centrated on Afghanistan. Bush disagreed.

"I don't buy the premise that our attention was diverted," Bush said.

Bush joked about how much time his father, former President George H.W. Bush, and Clinton spend together. He said his mother, Barbara Bush, "said President Clinton and Father share the stage so much, he's like a son to her."

He said, "So brother, it's good to see you."

Clinton and the elder Bush have worked together to lead fundraising after disasters such as the southeast Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and last summer's Hurricane Ike.

While both men received polite applause from the audience at Toronto's convention center, a couple hundred protesters demonstrated outside. The organizers declined to say how much the men were paid for the event, called "A conversation with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton." Ticket prices sold for C\$200 to C\$2,500.

Bush joked about the speaking fees, which are normally lucrative for former presidents.

AP photo/Jim Ross/The Canadian Press People protest in front of the Metro Convention center in Toronto Friday. Former U.S. presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton spoke at the Toronto convention center.

could have saved 250,000

or 400,000 of the 800,000

people who died had he

sent about 20,000 troops.

Bush defended Clinton,

saving 20,000 troops

could not have been mo-

Clinton praised Bush

for his AIDS initiatives

and also hailed the ra-

cial and ethnic diversity

bilized quickly.

"President Clinton and I used to believe in free speech," Bush said before pausing. "So thanks very much for coming - we are glad

you're here." The two made speeches before taking questions from moderator Frank McKenna, Canada's former ambassador

to the United States.

Asked why he didn't stop the killing in the Rwanda genocide when he was president in 1994, Clinton said he had no excuse or defense.

"It's one of the two or three greatest regrets of my presidency," Clinton said. Clinton said the U.S.

Other presidents have tried to do the horrendous deeds you have accomplished but none have managed to destroy as many things in their four to eight years in office as you have destroyed in your short term in office.

It's unfortunate that the news media was so totally captivated with your rock star charisma during your campaign so as to have not reported on your true agenda for destroying this country.

Many of us see through your charming smile and ability to read the prescripted speeches you read so well via the ever-present teleprompter, but our voices are silenced as being racially motivated and biased.

You've nationalized the major banks and taken over car manufac-

warming. You push bills through Congress before anyone has a chance

to read them, nor do many people

of his cabinet choices.

Christian Darbyshire and Andy McCreath, partners in tinePublic Inc, organized the event. They hosted Bush for his first speech since leaving office in March and have also hosted others like former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

know what they contain, including the sponsors of the bills. That speed reader was a real slap in the face and the little puppets laughed.

And now you want to shove nationalized health care down our throats and add carbon taxes to the huge taxes you've saddled us with, despite the fact you said we wouldn't have taxes increased. Can you say Hugo Chavez?

Every time "the only people who can fix things," fix things, they make things worse.

Get out of my life, I was doing just fine until you and your band of idiots and criminals "helped" me.

You will be remembered by generations, not for anything great that you've accomplished, but for what you've destroyed and the horrendous turing. Huge sums have been spent debt you've inflicted on generations trying to make us believe in global to come. Shame on you.

LETTERS

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ed from a patient's own nose.

In a clinical trial in Australia, as reported in the August 2008 edition of the medical journal Brain, said "transplantation of autologous olfactory ensheathing cells into the injured spinal cord is feasible and is safe up to one year post-implantation."

In summary, as far as I can tell, all advances and successes have been in adult stem cell research; none in embryonic stem cell research. Why? Because embryonic stem cells are hard to control (growth is unregulated), may lead to cancer, may be rejected

by the body, and most importantly, destroy a life. Adult stem cells come from your own body, so there is no rejection nor destruction. As pluripotent, they can be induced and regulated. And, studies have shown, they are safe.

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TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this as an open letter to President Obama.

Dear Mr. President,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the band of thugs in your cabinet on the speed with which you have tried to destroy this great country.

A Demilitarized Palestinian State (II)

Should Israel, should the world rely on it?

It is the declared policy of the United States government (and of most of the world) that in order to bring peace to the Middle East, the creation of a Palestinian state - the two-state solution - is indispensable. Even many Israelis have come to agree with that. But it is generally understood and taken for granted that such a state, which would essentially consist of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza, would have to be totally demilitarized.

What are the facts?

Israel is a very small country. Israel is surrounded by enemies. It is a very small country. Including the Golan and the "West Bank," it is only one-half the size of San Bernardino county in California. Israel concluded peace with Egypt in 1978 and some years later with Jordan. Most other Arab states are still in a declared or undeclared state of war with Israel. Iran, Muslim though not Arab, is the most determined and deadly of them all. It lurks in the back- ground, its foremost military and

political objective being the destruction of the State of Israel, which is quite openly declared. Recent events in Gaza, peril [of a Palestinian state] and will act accordingly."

regrettably, are an indicator

of what Israel could expect from an independent Palestinian state, even though declared to be "demilitarized." Hamas, the terror organization in control of Gaza, has lobbed close to 10,000 rockets into Israel. Until now, these rockets have been of relatively poor quality, of fairly short range, and of limited accuracy. Even so, they have caused much damage and injuries and have put the Israeli localities affected into an almost constant state of alarm, making normal life impossible.

Even after the hard lesson that Israel taught Hamas in the recent short war, the terror continues: rockets fall almost daily on the Israeli cities within range. But, supplied by Iran and China, and smuggled through tunnels from the Sinai into Gaza, much more sophisticated rockets are now making their appearance. Larger population centers such as Beersheba and Jerusalem are coming within range.

Demilitarization is a myth. Nobody can reasonably doubt that even if Israel, under the never-ending pressure of world opinion, were to relinquish control of the "West Bank," a scenario similar to what happened and continues to happen in Gaza would

prevail. Even if the "West Bank" Palestinians would wish not to become an armed camp similar to Gaza, the reality is that the Arab nations would not allow that. In contrast to Gaza, which is isolated from the world and which can be reached only through tunnels made and used under the "watchful eves" of the cooperating Egyptians, the "West Bank" is totally accessible. The "Palestinian Authority," which is in control of the "West Bank," has thousands of trained soldiers disguised as police. Those so-called police are poised to be helicoptered in minutes

"demilitarized" Palestine would not even be required. As the

Gaza experience shows, the weapons of preference of the

Palestinian terrorists are rockets - either the Qassam, which are

raining on Israel from Gaza, the Soviet-made Katyushas -

highly efficient, truck-mounted and mobile, which are ideal for

hit-and-run raids against Israel - or the even more advanced

Iranian and Chinese missiles, that are now in the pipeline. Israel could not prevent them from flooding the "West Bank." A look

at the map makes clear that even with the missiles of present

performance and a hostile and not at all "demilitarized"

Palestine covering Israel with missiles from Gaza and from the Judean ridges of the "West Bank," virtually all of Israel would be

under the Palestinian guns, from every point of the border,

which would by then have lengthened from about 60 miles to

over 200 miles. Virtually all of Israel's population centers would

be within range. So would virtually all of the country's

industrial centers, the military establishments and the

country's only international airport. Life in Israel would quite

literally grind to a standstill.

government of "Bibi" Netanyahu will understand the night. But mobilization of the

to positions on the border "One can only hope that the Israeli people... and the with Israel, with armed forces from Syria reaching them within the same such



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While the idea of a Palestinian state may have some merit, there is abundant proof - the most recent being the continuing rocket attacks from Gaza - that such a state, whatever the promises at its creation, would represent an immediate existential threat to Israel. There has never been such a Palestinian state and the creation of such a state is not the primary nor even the secondary goal of the Arabs. Their primary and never-changing goal - overshadowing everything else - is the destruction of Israel - "wiping it off the map," to use the fanatic Muslims' favorite phrase. After unwisely having turned Gaza over to the Palestinians, yielding the "West Bank" to its sworn enemies would make Israel indefensible. Israel would be laying the groundwork for its own destruction. Tanks, warplanes, and infantry battalions would only be needed for the final mopping-up process. In the meantime, the missile batteries located in Gaza and on the Judean ridges - Israel's proposed new borders - would suffice to paralyze life and industrial activity in Israel. One can only hope that the Israeli people and Israel's new government under "Bibi" Netanyahu will understand this peril and will act accordingly.

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House gives school districts electronic textbook option

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts would be able to use some of their textbook allotment to purchase approved electronic materials under a measure the House has sent to the governor's desk.

The state House voted 118-24 in favor of the proposal Friday night.

"We need to move into the future," said Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, the author of the legislation.

Branch said districts could purchase electronic learning materials that would supplement textbooks and other materials approved by the State Board of Education.

Man sentenced in federal court for lying about secret affair

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced a civilian contractor from Houston to six months in prison for hiding his affair with a Chinese woman while he worked at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Gregory W. Blackard, 37, was sentenced Friday on one count of conspiring to make false statements.

According to prosecutors and court documents, Blackard lied to federal agents about his 2005 to 2007 relationship with the woman when he was repeatedly asked whether he had frequent contact with any Chinese foreign nationals while working on a construction project at the embassy.

As part of having high-level security clearance to work on the project, Blackard had to report any frequent contact he had with Chinese citizens.

San Antonio man found guilty of trying to sell girl, 5, for sex

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man was convicted Friday of trying to sell his girlfriend's 5-year-old daughter for sex after jurors heard two days of lurid testimony describing how a child predator would use her.

Sean Michael Block, 40, faces life in prison after being found guilty of one count of trying to sell a child and another of distributing child pornography. Jennifer Louis Richards, 25, pleaded guilty to a child-sale charge in April and testified against her former boyfriend.

During the trial, some jurors partly covered their faces or look visibly disgusted as they heard sexually explicit conversations between the couple.

Both face up to life in prison.

Richards testified that she wrote out the conditions on which she would sell her daughter to a child predator, who was actually an FBI informant. The San Antonio Express-News reported that Richards testified she would first teach her daughter to have sex, and then supervise while the girl was with the man.

In exchange for giving up the girl, prosecutors say Block offered Richards a used car and an apartment. Discussions of the sale evolved from the couple's bondage and role-playing lifestyle.

Richards testified that she "wanted to raise my daughters in a sexually open house where sex was not taboo," according to the newspaper.

FBI agent Rex Miller said that when Block was being questioned, he claimed to the sale was part of a sting he was running and that he planned to turn the evidence over to law enforcement. Block's attorney had urged the jury not to convict Block for what he thought and said in texts and chats. The girl and her 10-month-old sister were never sexually abused and have been placed with one of Richards' relatives. torney Steve Sucsy said. "I feel like it was fully supported by the evidence."

In his closing argument, Sucsy said Wilcox told the children's parents he was taking them to Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington but then took them camping in the woods in Oklahoma.

Wilcox played "terror games" with them, he said, including talk of cannibalism, the sex trade and how a human could be skinned alive.

"These aren't fun and games," Sucsy said.

Wilcox knew from the outset he wasn't going to Six Flags, Sucsy said. A short time before leaving with the children he bought camouflage overalls, a supply of pinto beans and rice, a large cooking pot and fire starters.

"What do you think you use these for at Six Flags?" Sucsy said, holding up the overalls in front of the jury box. "That's intent folks. That's intent. He didn't intend to go to Six Flags."

Two of the children, 14-year-old Lashawnda Theriac and 9-year-old Angel Contreras, were found together. Wilcox was found with 11-year-old Jasmine Bazan.

All three children testified, saying he never touched them inappropriately.

House sends smokeless tobacco tax boost to Perry for signature

AUSTIN (AP) — Smokeless tobacco in Texas would be taxed by weight instead of the list price under a bill headed to Gov. Rick Perry.

The state House approved the measure Friday evening. It would use some money from the tax change to help pay for a program to encourage doctors to practice in underserved and rural areas.

The tax change is expected to raise about \$105 million. Part of that would go to a medical school loan repayment program for doctors who work in underserved areas.

Supporters say medical school graduates are drawn to higher paying areas and specialties to pay off hefty school loans, leaving rural and border areas short of doctors.

The plan would also match the tobacco tax change with a reduced tax on businesses that make less than \$1 million a year.

Two men injured, one seriously in crash of ultralight plane

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — An ultralight plane crashed into North Texas field, sending two people to the hospital.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports the pilot and passenger were taken to a Fort Worth hospital.

Seventy-six-year-old pilot James Sears, of Paradise, is listed in critical condition. Passenger Douglas Campbell is listed in fair condition.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the Chinook plane went down before noon Friday near Bridgeport in Wise County.

A Texas Department of Public Safety official says the aircraft was circling for pilot training when Sears lost control and the plane nose dived.

House agrees with tax decrease for 40,000 small businesses

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has voted to agree with the Senate and give a tax break to 40,000

looked down when the decision was read. Jurors sentenced him to 45 years on five counts and 25 years on the sixth, to be served concurrently. Padieu had faced up to 99 years.

The Collin County jury convicted 53-year-old Padieu (pah-DOO') on Wednesday on six counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Since HIV is the virus that causes AIDS, prosecutors contended Padieu's bodily fluids were a deadly weapon.

Padieu is a former martial arts instructor who continued to have unprotected sex after he tested positive for HIV in 2005.

Assistant District Attorney Lisa King in Collin County told jurors earlier Friday that Padieu deserved a life sentence.

But defense attorney Bennie House said Padieu may have made mistakes as a "modern-day Casanova," but did not intentionally spread the virus. He said a 20-year sentence would be fair.

Jurors heard testimony was Thursday in the punishment phase, including from women who described the harm that the HIV diagnosis had done them.

Padieu himself also took the stand, saying he was a victim of overzealous prosecutors. He said the women who accused him had all had multiple partners.

Two El Paso swine flu deaths push total in Texas to five

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Swine flu-related deaths in Texas reached five on Friday after health officials in El Paso confirmed the virus in a pregnant woman and man whose initial flu tests came back negative.

The baby was delivered at 31 weeks and was doing OK, said Joanne Bates, a spokeswoman for the El Paso Department of Public Health. Both the 24-year-old mother and the other victim, a 42-yearold man, died earlier this month.

Bates said both had been given rapid flu tests — a nasal swab that is often the first step in determining whether a patient might have the flu — but that results came back negative. After they died at an El Paso hospital, further tests confirmed they had swine flu.

Bates and officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said rapid tests will sometimes return negative when a patient is actually infected. CDC officials said they did not have data about whether rapid flu tests may have missed, if they were given, in 15 other swine flu deaths nationwide.

There are more than 1,400 cases of swine flu in Texas, according to the Department of State Health Services. Nationwide, more than 8,900 cases have been reported.

The other Texas deaths linked to the virus have been a 33-year-old Cameron County woman; a 33-year-old Corpus Christi man; and a Mexico City toddler who had been on a family trip to visit relatives in Brownsville.



Lubbock man convicted of abducting, terrorizing kids

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock man was convicted Friday of kidnapping three children who were taken to Oklahoma on a three-day camping trip where they endured what prosecutors called "terror games" that included talk of cannibalism and sex acts.

The children's parents thought Kenneth Michael Wilcox, 41, was taking them to a Dallas-area amusement park last October. Instead, the children were found physically unharmed three days later in the Oklahoma towns of Idabel and Shinewell.

Wilcox appeared stoic as U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings announced guilty verdicts on each of three kidnapping counts. He faces up to life in prison and a fine of \$750,000. A sentencing date hasn't been set.

Jurors took about 90 minutes to find him guilty of taking the children from Lubbock in October.

"I'm pleased with the verdict," assistant U.S. at-



small businesses.

Proposed changes to the state's franchise tax — approved in a 144-1 House vote Friday — now go to Gov. Rick Perry, who has said he wants a tax cut for small companies.

Under current law, companies with less than \$300,000 in annual revenue are exempt from paying the tax. Now those making up to \$1 million would be exempt, at least initially. The tax cut is estimated to be \$172 million over the coming two years.

Rep. Rene Oliveira, a Brownsville Democrat who sponsored the measure in the House, says the Legislature in the near future needs to revisit the entire franchise tax.

McKinney man gets 45 years for spreading HIV through sex

McKINNEY (AP) — A jury sentenced a suburban Dallas man to 45 years in prison Friday for knowingly infecting six women with the AIDS virus.

Philippe Padieu, described by his own lawyer as a "modern-day Casanova," shook his head and





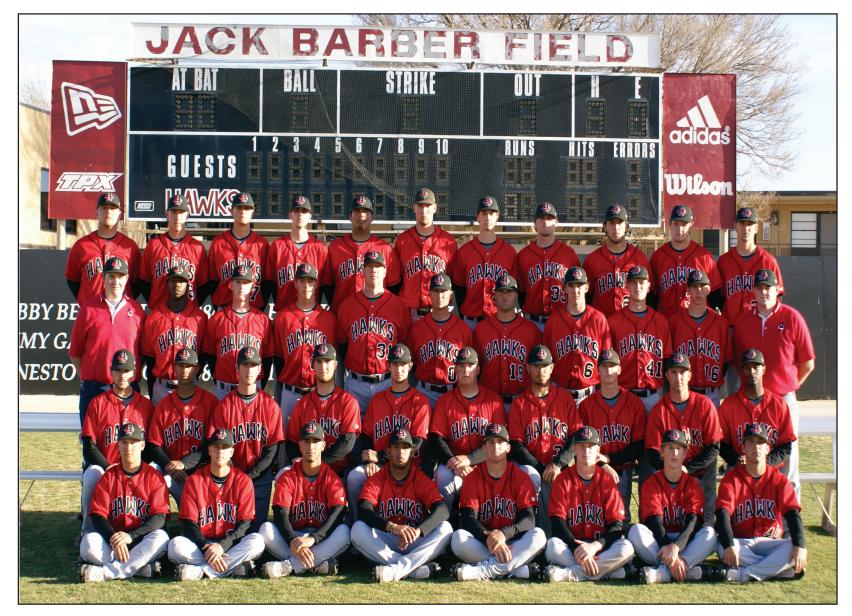
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **San Andres and Glo**rieta formations, in the following: <u>Howard Glasscock</u>

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Well No. 1W 1348' FSL 2618' FEL, Sec 125, Blk 29, W&NW Survey, approximately 5 miles E from Forsan, Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 1550' to 3120'. Well No. 6W 2615' FSL 175' FEL, Sec 125, Blk 29, W&NW Survey, approximately 5 miles E from Forsan, Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 1550' to 3100'

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512)463-6792. #6150 May 31, 2009

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The warrior planet, future enters Taurus, Mars, stimulating our appetites for symbols of status. It's not really about the material item, though any success that's worth having cannot be bought. While Mars is in Taurus, we won't mind working

hard for what we want. And we commit to our desire, we actually enjoy the sweat it takes to get there.

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HOLIDAY ARIES (March 21-MATHIS April 19).

Your talent is unique. A lot of people something may do similar to what you do, but it's not the same. But it's not enough to just be different. Know why you are different and hone that aspect of your talent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You get a gift that's not the one you wanted. Do you ask for a gift receipt and return it? Stash it in the closet for

re-gifting? Graciously accept and save it. You're going to need this one; you just don't know it yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You care about aesthetics. The look, feel and tone of things matter to you. This doesn't make you prissy or superficial. It makes you a person of taste. Your choices will bring pleasure to yourself and others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Through the work you put out into the world, you will be known to many people, though you may not know them. There are perks to the distinction. Play your advantages today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be building your "fan base" without even knowing it. You do what comes naturally and it just so happens that others will gather to take a peak. You win hearts in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you're rigidly determined to bring in more money, you also know that you must stay flexible in your approach. The marketplace is ever changing. You'll get an idea about how you can change along with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You connect the disconnected people with one another. You may matchmaker play to friends, or hook someone up with a job. You also have skills in building a team and helping them work together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You never know whom you are dealing with and today will appearances be particularly deceiving. Don't hoard all that delicious personality you have by making people prove they are worth the effort before you turn on the charm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21). 22-Dec. Circumstances may seem to limit you, but this is only an illusion. You are the one who will decide what to do with your life. Push against walls and they'll fall like fake scenery from the set of a play.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What another person finds disturbing and irritating, you'll think of as a trivial matter. It's a sign of your maturity. You are loyal, though you needn't take on anyone else's struggle, especially one that you cannot relate to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Assume that loved ones are on your side. If you're not sure, you will have to do some convincing, and in that case, keep it short and sweet. They'll quickly decide that you're right, just because they like you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tell people what you want, but don't tell them how to deliver it. Back off and let people fill in the blanks. You will be astounded by the that ingenuity your request inspires.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The warrior planet, Mars, has never been one to sit around with his feet up and watch reruns of old boxing matches on television. He is always either training for action, in action or recovering

Taurus this week, mostly it's the second option he'll be exercising. Everything that gets accomplished happens in steps. Taurus energy is excellent for breaking down those bigger aims into doable chunks and keeping us accountable and on course. This is a wonderful week to take a project that's been in your mind and get it into the form of a model, treatment, blueprint, business plan, sketch, outline — in other words, something you can see, touch and possibly read. That is the in-between stage from your mind to the end result. Mars in Taurus has a grounding influence so you're not likely to get overwhelmed or distracted by the millions of details involved in making an endeavor happen. Things are only as complicated as we make them, and when Mars is in Taurus, simple solutions are available. readily Saturday, Venus joins Mars in Taurus, where she is exalted.

from action. As he enters favorable time for both love and work is upon us. CELEBRITY

PROFILES: What is it about Gemini Brooke Shields that puts her unwittingly at the center of controversy? From somehow inspiring a bizarre brawl between Kiefer Sutherland and a fashion designer to being chastised by Tom Cruise, Shields seems a rather sweet and unassuming target. With Mars in grounded Virgo, Shields can take the heat, as she herself is even tempered, headed level and grounded.

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Dear Margo: Praying he's not out at home

Dear Margo: I am 49

and fell in love with a beautiful man two and a half years ago. Nine months into the relationship, we'd

marriage, I

talk



Answer to previous puzzle



discovered that his divorce was not yet final. I was sorely disappointed, and his explanation was that he had been confused about the whole process, believing that he was legally divorced with only the financial settlement remaining.

My instinct told me to run, yet I felt compassion for him because his wife had abandoned him. Soon afterward, being devastated by her departure, he had a relationship with а subordinate at work.

Though it was over when we met, it seems she felt that they should get back together. Needless to say, when she found out he had moved day he everv and continued to take her out to lunch), she became judgment. enraged and called me, saying he was still trying

... along with a few other ugly proclamations. He denied it all, though he realized he should have told me about her. By this time, he had already moved up to two strikes in the first year of our relationship.

He has suffered from depression, and I feel much of his unacceptable behavior can be attributed to his poor mental state in the years after his wife left. He is on medication now and is committed to making our relationship work.

I've left him on more than one occasion, but he has begged me to remain with him and give it a chance.

He broke my heart and on (they work together trust on many levels, and I am not convinced he won't have other lapses of I fear at my age it may take a very long time to get her to marry him before I find another man

intellectually and physically compatible.

Yet I am on the fence. Can someone who's screwed up ever learn, or am I taking a huge risk by staying with him? I know no one can foresee the future, but what do I base my decision on? -Seeking Answers in Los Angeles

Dear Seek: I would stick around and see if there's a strike three. Granted, he has made some boneheaded moves, but the things he's done sound one-off like slipups. (And just FYI, in some states you can get divorced while leaving the settlement to be worked out later.)

Because you say he is begging you to give it a chance, and given that you find him wonderfully compatible, play your own private game of baseball and hope for a

third strike. — Margo, patiently

Do We Blackball the Groom?

Dear Margo: My niece is getting married this summer. My husband and I do not like the guy she is marrying, and we feel it would be dishonest for us to attend because we do not support the union.

My sister, needless to say, is extremely upset by this and feels we should go no matter what our feelings toward him are. Margo, this guy is an animal abuser (we've seen it firsthand) and has cheated on my niece multiple times. Should mail, not all letters will we bite the bullet and go. or stick to our guns? Any guidance will be greatly appreciated. – *Conflicted* BY **Dear Con:** Attending a SYNDICATE, INC. wedding does not signify approval, and nuptials are not a referendum.

with whom I feel so home run rather than a People go to weddings out of friendship for either the bride or groom or their families. (If approval were a criterion for attendance, some weddings would hav

> e precious few guests.) I suggest you go to offer moral support to your sister — and your niece — and gloss over the fact, just for one day, that the guy is a loser. — Margo, supportively

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via email dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of ebe answered.

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Civil War battlefield recovering after hurricanes



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The bronze likeness of Confederate Lt. Dick Dowling is shown at the Sabine Pass Battleground Park. in Sabine Pass. Hurricanes Rita and Ike damaged the park that is set to hopefully reopen in September.

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press Writer SABINE PASS — The bronze likeness of Confederate Lt. Dick Dowling has survived two hurricanes in the last five years, as against the odds as the few dozen rebel Texas soldiers he led to victory against a huge Union force almost 150 years ago.

But the double whammy of 2005's Hurricane Rita and last year's Ike left the Sabine Pass Battleground Park in shambles. Trees were toppled and ripped out. Historical markers were snapped off and creature comforts for visitors were swept away in one of the few Civil War battlefield sites in Texas.

The 57-acre park on the coastal Texas-Louisiana border is considered one of the nation's most threatened Civil War battlefields by the Civil War Preservation Trust. It is where Dowling and his men, in September 1863, stood fast against a Union attempt to invade Texas and wrest the state from the Confederacy.

Now after a healthy dose of tender loving care from the man who alone oversees the park maintenance, and a \$600,000 rebuilding program directed by the Texas Historical Commission, the battlefield site is to reopen probably in September — just in time for the most dangerous part of the hurricane season that starts this weekend.

"I hope and pray we get a break this year," maintenance manager Efrem Hill said. "I wouldn't want to see anybody else get it. I just hope everybody gets passed by."

The park, which opened in 1974, draws history buffs, families on picnics and fishermen. Typically, a couple hundred anglers on weekends line the concrete walkway on the riverbank.

mouth at the Gulf of Mexico made the area a strategic commercial and military site and $prompted\,establishment$ of Fort Griffin, an earthwork fort bolstered by ship timbers and railroad iron and equipped with six artillery pieces. It was named for Lt. Col. W.H. Griffin, the Confederate commander at nearby Sabine City, and was unfinished on Sept. 8, 1863, when four Union gunboats entered the river, leading a force of transports carrying thousands of ground troops.

Richard W. "Dick" Dowling, a 25-year-old Ireland-born Houston saloon owner, and his 47 primarily Irish troops from Houston and Galveston who made up Company F Texas Heavy Artillery took less than an hour to disable two of the gunboats, leaving the river channel blocked. They took 300 prisoners and seized the

The Sabine River nouth at the Gulf of Mexico made the area strategic commercial nd military site and f Fort Griffin, an earthvork fort bolstered by two damaged gunboats, convincing the remainder of the Union fleet to withdraw and bringing to a swift end one of only five Civil War battles in Sabine Pass.

About 60 Union soldiers and sailors were killed or missing. None of Dowling's men was lost.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis repeatedly called the victory by the Texas troops "the most amazing achievement in military history," according to Ed Cotham, a Civil War historian from Houston whose books include one about the Sabine Pass battle.

Dowling became a hero. The statue of him at the battlefield was erected in 1936 as part of Texas' centennial celebration. It shows him bare-chested with a cannon-ready flaming torch in one hand and binoculars in the other, surveying the Sabine River a stone's throw away.

Hurricane Rita scored a direct hit on the area and Hill, who's worked at the park for more than seven years, figures the bronze Dowling endured a storm surge that reached his chest, easily 10 feet high. The damage at the surrounding park was so severe the place had to close.

Then Ike, judging from a flooded concrete bunker that serves as Hill's tool shed, inundated the park with at least 12 feet of water.

"Rita tore us up," said Hill, who lost a mobile home where he lived. "Ike finished it. But everybody is looking forward to coming back."





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Dear Annie: An old problem keeps popping up, and I would appreciate some advice. When I was in college, I was good friends with "Carrie," another fairly liberal thinker. When Carrie met my longterm boyfriend, she was rather intoxicated and said some hurtful things about him.

He is a clean-cut, conservative-looking guy. Carrie went on and on about how she couldn't believe I would date a frat boy, what did I see in him, that I was better than that, etc.

Carrie apologized the next day, and I accepted and thought that was the end of it. I married the boyfriend and still keep in touch with Carrie. But even after two years, I cannot shake the things she said. I know her well enough to realize that while she was sorry, she meant every word.

Carrie has asked to visit a couple of times, and I keep making excuses because it would be uncomfortable. (My husband, obviously, is not crazy about her.) I know her loose tongue was a result of the drinking and she did apologize, but I can't forget the incident. When she tries to "make nice" regarding my husband, it makes me cringe. What should I say when she tells me she'd like to come and stay with us? - Confused Since College

Dear Confused: A person's opinion is not written in concrete. Even if Carrie meant those words at the time, it doesn't mean she still feels that way, and you are not giving her the opportunity to show you if she's had a change of heart. Before inviting Carrie to visit, have a frank discussion.

Tell her vou are still bothered by those comments about your husband and, because you value the friendship so highly, would like to clear the air. See what she says before checking her off your guest list.

Dear Annie: My mom is going out with a nice guy. I respect him, but sometimes it feels like she hangs out with him and ignores my brother and me. Two weeks ago, she was out doing stuff with him while my brother and I were at the house totally bored. She asked if we wanted to go with, but I was half-asleep because I had been to a dance and had to get up early.

The next day, I brought it up, and she said she knew how we felt and didn't care. That really hurt. Then we started yelling at each other and got into the biggest fight we've had in a long time. I feel like the third wheel, and something needs to change. I don't

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know what I'm going to do if they get married.

— Helpless Daughter Dear Daughter: Your shouldn't mother neglect you, but it is not her job to entertain you, either. Kids who grow up in single-parent homes often feel proprietary toward their parents and become jealous of suitors.

But one of these days, you and your brother will be out of the house, and it is rather selfish to expect Mom to remain alone. She is trying to include you in her activities, and you should do your best to participate. If you find yourself fighting a lot with her,

you might consider discussing it with your school counselor, favorite relative or best friend's mother.

Dear Annie: Thank you for informing "Grossed Out in Kentucky" that the chances of contracting genital herpes from a counter clerk at a fastfood restaurant were slim to none, and that he should stop treating her as a pariah.

Perhaps the writer could let us know where he works so the rest of us can avoid the much more contagious and serious diseases of Misinformationitis and Acute Bigotry Disorder (sometimes known as Holier Than Thou Syndrome). Absolutely Amazed at Audacity the in Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Amazed: Touche.

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