

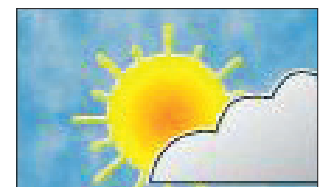
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## City 'confident' emergency meeting was legal

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 The lawsuit recently filed against the city of Big Spring for allegedly breaching the Texas Open Meetings Act got its first response from the municipality Tuesday evening,

and it was a confident one. City Attorney Linda Sjogren met with the Big Spring City Council in executive session Tuesday night, and while the attorney declined to confirm or deny whether the lawsuit was a topic discussed behind

closed doors, she did release a prepared statement on behalf of the city. "We at the city were, and still are confident the circumstances present on Jan. 6 of this year met the legal requirements for an emergency

meeting," said Sjogren. "We will not make any further comments regarding the litigation until we file our answer in court." The lawsuit — which was filed in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court Thursday on behalf of the

Concerned Citizens Council with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — See **CITY**, Page 8A

## Trustees to call for BSISD bond election

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 It's not the age, it's the obsolescence. When Big Spring Independent School District trustees meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room, they likely will call for a \$60 million bond election to renovate or replace several district school buildings. Tops on their priority list is closing four campuses — Bauer, Washington and Marcy elementaries and Goliad Intermediate — and replacing them with three new elementary campuses.

**What:** Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting.  
**Where:** BSISD Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place.  
**When:** 6 p.m. Thursday.

to support those claims. Two district facility studies completed in the past four years — from the Texas Association of School Administrators in 2006 and the architectural and engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper a year later — concluded the buildings were either obsolete or in need of massive renovation. While the TASA study found fault with all BSISD elementary campuses, it was withering in its assessment of Bauer (built in 1930) and Washington (constructed in 1951), calling for both campuses' immediate closure. "Two of the (district's) elementary schools score in the category that recommends



**HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins**  
 This giant snowman greets motorists in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon Tuesday afternoon after several inches of snow fell in the Big Spring and Howard County area. Raymond Castaneda and Kimberly Castillo wrangle two children, Brandon and Manuel Castillo, to help with the project, which produced a snowman nearly eight feet tall.

## DISTRICT 85 REPRESENTATIVE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

### Landtroop touts state's rights in Texas rep bid

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Republican candidate for the District 85 Texas Representative seat Jim Landtroop said he's willing to take his fight to Austin in an effort to protect the rights of Texans against big government and socialized healthcare plans. Landtroop, who is facing David An-



draws for the party's backing in the March political party primaries, said state representatives are going to have to put an end to "out-of-control spending" in the Lone Star State. "I will fight any federal government takeover of our state's rights, and nullify a government-run socialized healthcare system," said Landtroop. "We must stop out-of-control spending. You can't increase government handouts without someone paying for it, and the 'payers' are tired. "It's time we require companies to

See **LANDTROOP**, Page 3A

### Increasing jobs among goals Andrews is eyeing

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 According to David Andrews, Republican candidate for the District 85 Texas Representative seat, job creation is the most pressing issue facing West Texas in the coming years, a problem he says he plans to address if elected. Andrews, who is facing off against fellow GOP candidate Jim Landtroop in the March political party primaries, said he plans to confront the issue with concrete measures. "Unlike my opponent, who uses rhetorical solutions to solve this problem, I have concrete action that I will propose if elected," said Andrews. "On newly created corporations,



LLCs or partnerships that fall under the Texas Franchise Tax or Texas Margin Tax, (I would) exempt those entities from having to pay any Franchise or Margin Tax for a period of three years and then for the next two years pro-rate the tax. The first five years of any business is key to its survival. During this time, the business either survives or fails depending on its business plan. "For the first three years, to ensure the business has a chance to succeed, allow that entity to reinvest the tax

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# Rangers' Young improving in 2nd year at 3B

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — With last year's position change behind him, Texas Rangers third baseman Michael Young is getting back to the normal routine of preparing for the season.

"Last year my goal was to get acclimated with third base," Young said Tuesday. "This year I want to focus in and work on the things

I want to do to get better."

What those things are, he's keeping to himself. "I'm going to keep that close to the vest," he said. "I'll let you know when I do them."

On the surface, little improvement seems necessary, given Young's success after shifting from shortstop to third base to make room for rookie Elvis Andrus.

Offensively, Young was as solid as ever —

a .322 batting average, .892 OPS and 22 home runs in 135 games. Defensively, he made only nine errors in 134 games at third base, tied with Alex Rodriguez for the lowest total among qualifying players.

Young was rewarded with his sixth straight All-Star selection, his first at the hot corner after five in a row at shortstop.

"As the summer went on he got more comfort-

able in there and started enjoying it out there," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "The thing he wants to do is zero in on a couple of things and get a little bit better."

Washington envisions Young batting second again this year, and with Josh Hamilton healthy and new designated hitter Vladimir Guerrero now in the lineup, the manager thinks Young will see a lot more fast-

balls.

"Sitting in that second slot, he's definitely going to make us go. I never worry about Michael Young's offense. I know that's going to be steady," Washington said.

For his part, the 33-year-old Young knows he has considerable help in fueling the Rangers' offense.

"We're a better team now than when we left last season," he said.

"I couldn't always say that. We have some stability here now and it's a matter of just adding. I think our expectations have changed. It's exciting for me to be a part of."

Like the Rangers' other returning players, Young thinks Texas is on the verge of something special in the wide-open AL West.

"There's a ton of opti-

See **RANGERS**, 3B

# Steers poised for playoff action

Herald Staff Report

Steer basketball and playoffs haven't been synonymous terms for a while around Big Spring, but they're starting to go together.

The Steers are in the playoffs for the second straight season after flying through District 4-4A play en route to their first district title in two decades. They will go up against District 3-4A's No. 4 seed, Canyon High School, at Levelland's Texan Dome at South Plains College tonight at 6:30 p.m.

In last year's bidistrict game against Canyon Randall, the Steers looked like playoff rookies as they fell into an early 12-2 hole, a deficit they couldn't overcome. Morris hopes his squad will be ready this time around.

"A playoff atmosphere is still going to be new to us," Morris said. "We're just going to try to continue what we've been doing throughout the year."

A strong squad of seniors and a talented guard tandem lead the Steers, which are two important pieces for teams hoping to make a deep playoff run.

Three-year starter Jerrell Williams is at the head of the group, leading the Steers in scoring and assists for the second straight season from the point.

Williams, along with junior guard Luke Adams, who joined the team after Christmas,



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

**Jerrell Williams, right, and the 4-4A champion Big Spring Steers will go for their first playoff win in more than 20 years against Canyon High tonight in Levelland. Williams leads Big Spring in scoring and assists.**

were instrumental to the Steers' success this season.

"You have to have good guards to win in the playoffs, and to win, period, it starts with good guard play. We have two guards who are very capable."

On the flip side, the Steers will have to lock up Canyon guard Braden Kimsey, who is

averaging more than 14 points per contest for the Eagles.

Kimsey is the shooter outside to complement post man Will Tolliver, who is averaging more than 10 points and six rebounds per game. Derek Odell also averages double figures for Canyon.

"They're young, but they're a good basket-

ball team, and they're well-coached," Morris said. "They've got two or three inside kids who are good, athletic and active, one guard who can shoot and another who can handle the ball. They've grown throughout the year playing tough competition, and it's going to be a good, tough basketball game."

# No. 6 Kansas State easily handles Tech

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Jacob Pullen sees his Kansas State team operating on the road like a corporation.

It seems the approach is working as the sixth-ranked Wildcats have lost just one of seven conference games away from home.

"For us, we have to handle this as business," Pullen said after scoring 21 of his 28 points in the first half to lead Kansas State to an 83-64 victory over Texas Tech on Tuesday night. "If you're McDonald's or Wendy's, you don't want Wendy's selling more than McDonald's. And so we have to make sure that we stay in front. So we handle stuff as a business, as a corporation for all our road trips."

Kansas State (23-4, 10-3) won its sixth straight overall to remain alive for a possible tie for the Big 12 championship with No. 1 Kansas.

Wildcats coach Frank Martin said Pullen was psyched up before the game.

"There was something about his body language and about the message he kept repeating to the team in the locker room and on the bus," Martin said. "I've been around him enough to where I'm starting to have reads on him. And I had the feel that he was really, really zoned

in today." Martin is pleased with his team overall.

"As we move forward, which is huge because you don't want to be in neutral," he said. "They're a fun group of guys. They come in, they listen, they work. They make it easy for us to coach because they care. When you're around people that care, it makes your job a lot easier."

John Roberson scored 15 points for Texas Tech (16-11, 4-9), which lost its fourth straight, three of them to Top 25 teams in the past week.

Kansas State trailed only at the game's outset and held off brief spurts by Texas Tech late in the first half.

The Red Raiders pulled within 43-37 on two free throws by Darko Cohadarevic early in the second half but never threatened after that.

Jamar Samuels had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Kansas State, while Denis Clemente added 14 points, ending a run that had seen him score at least 21 points in four of the last five games.

Kansas State, which won in Lubbock for the first time since 1986, could still share the Big 12 title with the Jayhawks. Kansas would have to lose its three remaining games, and the Wildcats would have to win their final three. They play March

See **TECH**, Page 3B

# U.S. hockey team gets rematch with Switzerland in medal round

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Call it the Swiss sequel.

The United States' men's hockey team will start the medal round just as it began the preliminaries with a matchup against seemingly overmatched, yet dangerous Switzerland in the Olympic quarter-

finals on Wednesday.

The eighth-seeded Swiss earned the right to play the No. 1 Americans by beating upstart Belarus 3-2 in a shootout on Tuesday.

The United States will look to take advantage of the favorable draw earned with a 3-0 start that included a 3-1 victory over Switzerland last Tuesday. Should the

Americans get past the Swiss, they won't have to worry about heavyweights Russia, Canada or Sweden until the gold medal game.

"Those were the three teams everyone was talking about heading into the tournament," forward Dustin Brown said Tuesday after practice. "Finishing first gives us the easier draw.

Is it easier? I think it's a good draw, but you could get a hot goalie in one game and you can maybe squeak out a game."

Even though Switzerland boasts only two NHL players on its roster, one is Anaheim Ducks goalie Jonas Hiller. He is the main reason the Swiss can pose a threat to any pow-

erhouse. Hiller stopped 21 American shots in the opener.

"Everybody can win one game in this tournament," said Hiller, who made 20 saves against Belarus. "We're the heavy underdog. We have nothing to lose."

Bobby Ryan, who scored the Americans' first goal against Hiller in the earlier Olympic

meeting, said he saw Hiller — his Ducks teammate — on Tuesday morning and wished him good luck against Belarus.

Consider the pleasant-ries over.

"We know what the Swiss do. We obviously know their goaltender. There won't be any

See **HOCKEY**, Page 3B

# Sports in brief

## Big Spring softball tournament needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March 4-6.

The tournament needs community support to be a success. Banners will be displayed at the tournament for business owners who wish to support the tournament. Call John Sparks at 270-2711.

## Softball signups under way

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will hold signups for the upcoming 2010 season for girls ages 4-14 as of Jan. 1.

Signups will be held each Saturday through March 13 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration fee is \$75, including a full uniform. Late registration after March 13 will cost \$10 extra. For more info, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

## Last chance to sign up for youth baseball league

Saturday is the last chance to sign up for Big Spring's youth baseball league.

Children 5-15 can sign up for the league at Big Spring Mall. Registration fee is \$65 and \$60 for additional siblings. Birth certificate required. Weekday signups are at Gartman Refrigeration, 3206 E. FM 700, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Players ages 8-12 will have to attend tryouts March 8-10.

## Take Note

• Big Spring Independent School District will dismiss classes at 1:45 p.m. Friday so that staff can attend a meeting to discuss facility plans for the district.

• The public is invited to meet Republican candidates for office from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Gregg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall. For more information, contact Dana Baker at (432) 816-6258.

• The federal government, through the No Child Left Behind Act, requires each school district across the country that receives Federal Title I funds to report the status of the district and each campus through an NCLB Report Card. The Report Card for Big Spring ISD can be found on the school district website: [bsisd.esc18.net](http://bsisd.esc18.net). A hard copy of the report can be viewed in the BSISD Central Office. Copies of the Campus Report can be found on the school district website under the individual campuses. Look for NCLB Report. The report covers the following areas: Part I - Student Achievement; Part II - Student Achievement and Academic Expectations (AYP); Part III - AYP and Schools Identified for Improvement, Corrective Action, and Restructuring and Part IV - Teacher Quality.

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the church. The cook books can be purchased by calling Pat Steen at (432) 263-3035.

• T&P Federal Credit Union has set up an account for Arthur Hernandez Jr. for medical expenses. Arthur has had numerous medical problems the past couple of years. The out-of-pocket expenses, the travel and expenses for his wife and many other numerous expenses are mounting up. Please help Arthur and his wife Melinda in this difficult time and make a much-needed donation.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 900 block of Third.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 10,000 block of Molss Lake Road.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (note: officials reported 50 prisoners in the county jail):

- DAVID FIERRO, 37, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELEUTERIO PADRON-TORRES, 61, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication.
- FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 22, was arrested on warrants charging failure to appear, driving while license invalid (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, running a stop sign and violating promise to appear (three counts).
- JESUS RAMIREZ, 49, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUTH EHINEN LEVELLE PRIVETT, 44, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft by check.
- EDWARD GLENN GUERRERO, was arrested by DPS on charges of no driver's license, speeding, assault/family violence, violating promise to appear and failure to appear.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Tuesday:

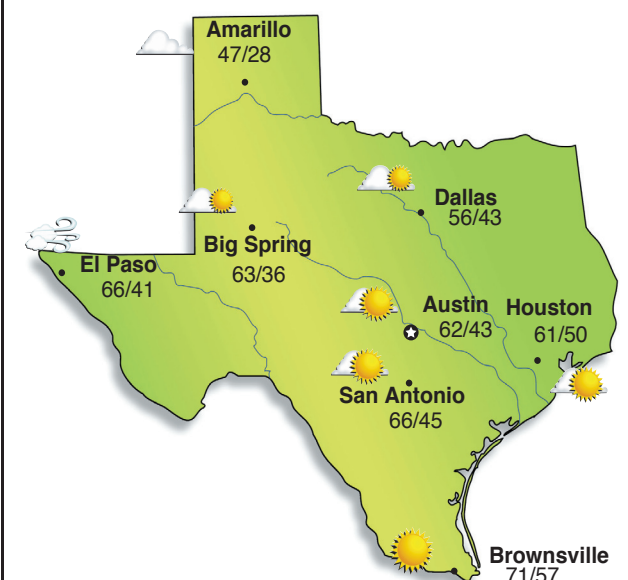
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 2/25	Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27	Sun 2/28	Mon 3/1
<b>63/36</b> Partly cloudy skies. High 63F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>58/34</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>62/39</b> Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>55/34</b> Windy with showers at times. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>42/33</b> Snow showers at times. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:42 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:13 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:44 PM

## Texas At A Glance



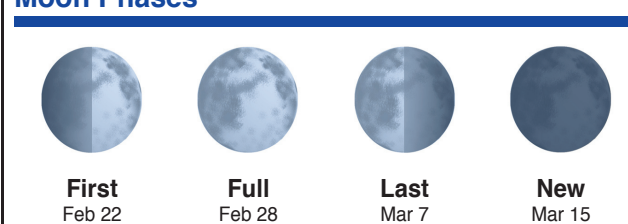
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	37	pt sunny	Kingsville	71	51	mst sunny
Amarillo	47	28	cloudy	Livingston	60	43	mst sunny
Austin	62	43	mst sunny	Longview	57	43	pt sunny
Beaumont	60	47	mst sunny	Lubbock	59	32	pt sunny
Brownsville	71	57	sunny	Lufkin	61	42	mst sunny
Brownwood	63	41	mst sunny	Midland	67	38	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	67	52	mst sunny	Raymondville	71	52	sunny
Corsicana	56	42	pt sunny	Rosenberg	62	49	mst sunny
Dallas	56	43	pt sunny	San Antonio	66	45	mst sunny
Del Rio	69	43	mst sunny	San Marcos	63	43	mst sunny
El Paso	66	41	windy	Sulphur Springs	55	44	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	71	40	pt sunny	Sweetwater	63	37	pt sunny
Gainesville	53	38	pt sunny	Tyler	56	43	pt sunny
Greenville	54	41	pt sunny	Weatherford	56	38	pt sunny
Houston	61	50	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	57	35	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	26	sunny	Minneapolis	24	6	pt sunny
Boston	41	34	rain	New York	38	31	mixed
Chicago	27	18	flurries	Phoenix	69	45	mst sunny
Dallas	56	43	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	52	cloudy
Denver	40	23	sn shower	Seattle	54	45	cloudy
Houston	61	50	mst sunny	St. Louis	35	20	sunny
Los Angeles	68	51	sunny	Washington, DC	36	31	sn shower
Miami	63	45	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 2/25	Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27	Sun 2/28	Mon 3/1
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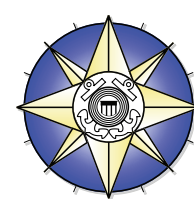
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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Mistakes in Olympics costly**  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Bode Miller made the kind of mistake that happens in skiing, especially for a risk-taker like him.

The gaffe made by Dutch speedskater Sven Kramer? Unbelievable. Kramer went through the grueling 10,000-meter race in what would've been record time, but was disqualified for not switching lanes while coming out of a turn about two-thirds into the race.

Kramer actually made the switch but his coach missed it. Thinking his star was about to make an epic mistake, the coach animatedly motioned for Kramer to switch lanes. Kramer seemed to pause before deciding to follow orders.

All Miller did was lose control and fail to finish his first run down the giant slalom course.

He missed his chance for a record fourth Alpine medal at a single

Winter Games. Elsewhere around the Vancouver Olympics, Canada's hockey team bounced back with an 8-2 victory over Germany and Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette earned the best score of her career under incredibly emotional circumstances — performing on home ice two days after her mother died of a heart attack shortly after arriving here. She'll go into the final Thursday night in third place.

**NCAA accuses Michigan of violations**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The NCAA is accusing Michigan of five potentially major rules violations under coach Rich Rodriguez, who admitted making "mistakes" but will be back for a third try at putting the Wolverines back into the Big Ten title hunt.

Incoming athletic director David Brandon

disclosed the NCAA conclusions, while expressing full support for his coach, who is 8-16 in two seasons heading the nation's winningest football program.

In its notice of allegations — which Michigan received Monday — the NCAA said Rodriguez "failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the football program." He tracked neither what his staff was doing nor whether his players were following NCAA rules, particularly those limiting the time spent on practice and football-related activities, the report said.

It also said the athletic department failed to make sure its football program was complying with NCAA regulations. Brandon said the department "clearly made mistakes," but "there was no charge of loss of institutional control" — an allegation that in previous cases has led to severe NCAA sanctions for other schools.

**Former NBA star gets five years**

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Former NBA star Jayson Williams was sentenced to five years in prison for fatally shooting a hired limo driver in 2002, ending an eight-year legal odyssey by tearfully apologizing to the victim's family. He will be eligible for parole in 18 months.

Williams, avoiding a retrial on a reckless manslaughter count that deadlocked the jury at his 2004 trial, pleaded guilty last month to aggravated assault in the death of Costas Christofi on Feb. 14, 2002. At the same 2004 trial, he was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter but convicted on four counts of covering up the shooting.

The sentences on the assault and cover-up counts will run concurrently. State Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman went along with a plea agreement that spelled out the five-year prison sentence and the potential for Williams to be released as early as summer 2011.

ment will be reached and the upcoming season will be played without a salary cap.

In the memo, Smith outlined the union's talks with the league, but made it clear he doesn't think a new deal will occur before the March 5 deadline — giving the NFL its first uncapped season since 1993.

Smith said the union's most recent proposal contains an offer to keep the current capped system for another year to allow both sides to continue negotiations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league would have no comment on the union's internal memo. Commissioner Roger Goodell said before the Super Bowl that he believed negotiations would lead to a new deal before March 2011, when the CBA expires.

**Venus wins on clay**

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Top-seeded Venus Williams won her first clay-court match of the season, defeating Mathilde Johansson of France 6-2, 6-3 to reach the second round of the Mexican Open.

Williams, the defending champion, is coming off a hard-court tournament victory at Dubai on Sunday. She seemed to have few problems beating the jet-lag and making the switch to the slippery clay.

Williams has never

won the French Open, the only grand-slam event on clay. But she reached the 2002 final and sounded positive about still having a chance.

In other women's first round matches, third-seeded Gisela Dulko defeated Lucie Hradecka 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 and No. 5 Carla Suarez Navarro beat Greta Arn 6-0, 6-0.

On the men's side, the top four seeded players all advanced.

No. 1-seeded Fernando Verdasco rallied from a set down to defeat Italy's Fabio Fognini 2-6, 6-4, 6-0. No. 2 Fernando Gonzalez held on to beat Sam Querrey 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2).

No. 3 David Ferrer also advanced with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Potito Starace, and No. 4 Juan Carlos Ferrero defeated Diego Junqueira, 6-2, 6-3.

**Blake leads Dent**

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Second-seeded Ivo Karlovic and third-seeded Benjamin Becker won first-round matches at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships.

Seventh-seeded James Blake, a 2008 Delray Beach finalist, fought until after midnight to take a 6-1, 3-6, 5-3 lead over fellow American Taylor Dent. But he couldn't take advantage of three match points before rain suspended the match at duce. Play will resume Wednesday.

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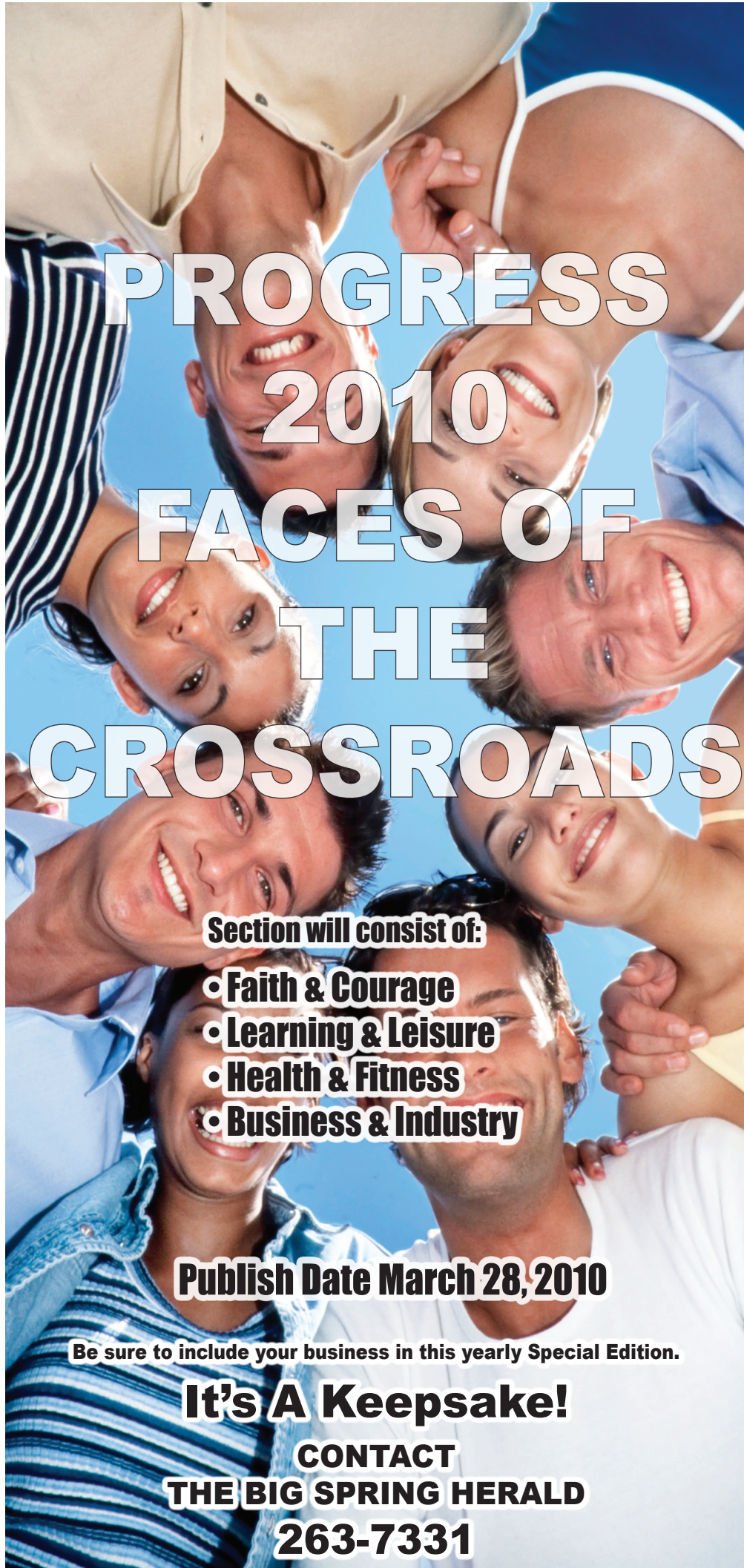
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**ANDREWS**

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liability back into itself to grow. If the business grows, then additional people can be hired and the next two years (you can) gradually start taxing the entity, but not to the full extent, to further increase the growth of the business and further employees."

Andrews said the creation of a tax-free week would also serve this purpose.

"I propose that all small businesses have a 'tax-free week' to purchase capital equipment, (which is) equipment that is depreciable," he said. "This is just like (the tax holiday) moms and dads get when purchasing school supplies before each school year. For example, a corporation purchases \$500,000 in taxable equipment. The tax would be approximately \$41,000. With

the savings, a business could hire one or two people full time or three or more people part-time."

Andrews said he feels his experience in the business world uniquely qualifies him to represent District 85.

"District 85 is more rural, which is to say agriculture, as well as oil and gas, are key to this district," said Andrews. "I raise cattle on my little piece of Texas. At the same time, I am an accountant for small businesses and corporations. I make decisions as to when I should buy and sell cattle, depending on market conditions and the drought conditions we have been experiencing.

"Also, I have to advise my clients in the business field on newly created tax laws at the state and federal level, and what they should do to minimize the effects of those changes on their bottom line, such as inventory sizes at the

end of year... I also advise my clients on their oil and gas holdings, as well as clients that have windmills that generate income from the power they produce. My opponent only has experience in an insurance agency with very few responsibilities."

Andrews said information he gathered from conservative "powers" in Big Spring and Howard County helped to convince him his bid for the District 85 seat was needed.

"I was advised to contact those that had run previously as Republican candidates to see if any of those individuals had any plans to run since I did not have name recognition," said Andrews. "I contacted Isaac Castro, a candidate in 2008, and Jim Landtroop, a candidate (for the seat) in 2006. Both individuals told me they had no plans or intentions of running in 2010. At that time, I decided to step forward and

run since no one wanted to. As you can see, only one of these individuals was true to their word."

Andrews said he also supports term limits for state elected offices and will do everything in his power to oppose federal laws that trample Texans' rights under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"If elected to serve as District 85 representative, I will introduce legislation to place term limits on state elected office positions. As long as the voters allow me to serve, I will serve no longer than six terms in the House of Representatives," said Andrews. "I will not align myself with any special interest. They do not know me and I certainly do not know them, and I plan on keeping it that way. The only special interest I will consider listening to are the voters of District 85. They are the special interest that a rep-

resentative should listen to.

"I will never compromise my belief that life begins at the moment of conception and that life must be protected. I will never cast a vote that will not support that marriage be defined as a union between one man and one woman. I will not cast a vote to raise any taxes in times of economic stress, such as what we are facing now.

"I will stand up to the federal government to support and vote a binding resolution to have Texas exercise its 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights under the United States Constitution to tell the federal government certain laws passed by Congress, such as Cap and Trade and Universal Health Care, are beyond the scope of Congress' authority and as such are unlawful upon the citizens of this great state."

For more on Andrews and his candidacy, visit [www.andrews4texas.com](http://www.andrews4texas.com)

**LANDTROOP**

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verify the work status of each employee, and I will support a voter identification program to make sure every legal citizen's vote counts. It's time we passed strong taxpayer protection. Appraisal boards should be elected by the people - not appointed by politicians. And let's require the government to prove our property values have gone up rather than us proving they haven't."

Landtroop said education in Texas is also a major concern for him, along with protecting Texans' rights to bear arms.

"I will be aggressive in reforming our education system by introducing legislation that will give local school districts more control," he said. "I will also introduce legislation allowing children to pray in school. I will fight to have more money available for vocational training and teacher pay raises. Excellent teachers deserve excellent pay. It's time our retired teachers get a cost of living increase. I will also oppose vouchers as well as legislation that threatens a parent's right to educate their child.

"I will work to expand the use of wind energy in West Texas, and fight against increases in costs and regulation to our agricultural products and services, including our continued access to water. As an A-rated member of the NRA and concealed-carry permit holder, I will fall on the sword to protect our Second Amendment right to own firearms."

Landtroop said the only way the state of Texas will prosper is if its citizens are willing to stand together and promote smart, fiscal-minded government.

"Like most people in West Texas, I am tired of our big-spending, over-

reaching government. I am running for office because I believe that we need true fiscal and social conservatives in government who will make the tough decisions to balance our budget and stimulate jobs," said Landtroop. "We don't need typical politicians more worried about getting re-elected than doing what's right ... who say one thing to get elected and do another once in office. I am committed to representing the values and beliefs of the people of this district, which are markedly conservative.

"With only a four-vote Republican majority in the Texas House, we are just a couple years away from following the failed liberal policies of states like California. We must send a message that we are opposed to these failed policies and if we are forced to nullify them, constitutionally, Texans will do so. Colonel William Barrett Travis drew a line in the dirt at the Alamo and asked who would cross that line to fight for and protect the state of Texas. During these troubling times my fam-

ily and I are crossing that line, and I am asking you to cross it with me."

Landtroop said he's a fifth-generation Texan, having graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a degree in business management, skills he feels give him an edge over his competitor when it comes time to begin the legislative session.

"I own a small insurance agency in Plainview where I create local jobs by employing three team members who help me serve more than 1,400 clients," said Landtroop. "During the last decade I have been involved in the community through the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, United Way and American Cancer Society. As men's varsity basketball coach for PCA (Plainview Christian College), I helped lead the team to the state semi-finals in 2009. I am on the worship team and an elder at Plainview Bible Church.

"A lifelong social and fiscal conservative, I have served as a precinct chairman, election judge, State Re-

publican Convention delegate and county co-chairman for U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer's successful 2004 campaign. Congressman Neugebauer tapped me to serve on his Financial Services Advisory Board from 2005 through the present time.

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# Mancuso rising to occasion after rough time

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Julia Mancuso's season turned from disappointment to delight. All it took was a couple strong races at the perfect time.

Less than a month ago, Mancuso finished 22nd in a World Cup downhill, and the performance wasn't all that different from most of her pre-Olympic races. Then she showed up at the Vancouver Games and won two medals in her first three events.

"I've been looking forward to these days. It has been rough the past couple of years," Mancuso said. "I've definitely put in extra effort coming into these games."

With skiing overshadowed by other sports in the U.S., an American skier's career can be defined by an Olympics. For Mancuso, this month was a chance to

put a difficult, injury-plagued stretch behind her, and she came through. So did Bode Miller, whose three medals at these games restored a legacy that appeared gone after his flameout at the last Olympics.

Mancuso competes Wednesday — weather permitting — in the giant slalom, a race that also includes American standout Lindsey Vonn. NBC plans to air it in prime time along with another appearance by Apolo Anton Ohno in short track speedskating. NBC is also planning to carry the U.S. men's hockey quarterfinal against Switzerland earlier in the day. The big game between Canada and Russia is on CNBC.

Mancuso won the giant slalom at the Turin Games in 2006, and she enjoyed some success in the world championships the following year. She

appeared to be in decline coming into these games, though, after fighting nagging back issues.

Those struggles were all but forgotten when she won silver in the downhill last week, then took another silver in the super-combined. She's been called a "big-game skier" by Vonn, who took the gold in that downhill.

Mancuso, who created a business that sells a line of lingerie, is well aware of how much publicity is at stake at the Olympics.

"The medal will definitely help with the business," she said after the downhill. "The business is fulfilling another one of my dreams. I have always wanted to design clothes."

For many athletes, Olympic fame is elusive, no matter how much they've accomplished. Michelle Kwan didn't win a gold

medal, perhaps the lone blemish on a career that included multiple figure skating world titles. Speedskater Dan Jansen was known more for his Olympic heartbreak than his world records — until he finally broke through and won gold in 1994.

Mancuso doesn't have to worry about her legacy, and now Miller doesn't either.

In 2006, Miller failed to win a medal and was among the Turin Games' biggest busts. It didn't matter that he'd skied so well before those Olympics.

Miller will still be remembered for that debacle, but the three medals he's won this year have helped him earn back some respect. Is he a better skier now than he was in 2006? That's hard to believe, considering Miller seriously contemplated retirement last summer. But there he

was, winning a medal of each color before failing to finish in the giant slalom Tuesday.

"I have been really proud of how I've skied before but to do it ... when it matters, on the one day — that's been tough in the past," Miller said after winning the super-combined for his first Olympic gold. "It's cool to finally have it."

Mancuso has a gold from four years ago, and now she'll try to defend her title in the same event. That's a prospect that seems a lot more plausible than it did a couple weeks ago.

"I've been struggling to do my best. ... I wanted to come in and ski my best and I think I did that," she said. "I came to put the past behind me, move forward and really rip it up."

The Olympics are televised on NBC and USA Networks.

# RANGERS

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mism here," he said. "We know we're going to be a good team. But we need to put that aside when we get here. Once we get to spring training, it's time to work."

"The big picture is we expect to have a flat-out good team. It's as simple as that. But we haven't accomplished anything yet."

NOTES: Monday's MRI on LHP Derek Holland's right knee revealed nothing more serious than the mild sprain originally diagnosed when he left the field Saturday. He has been cleared to resume baseball activities. ... Full-squad workouts begin Wednesday. ... Washington said he plans to use left-handed-hitting Julio Borbon as his leadoff batter against both right-handers and lefties. "We'll put him out there and see how he handles it," the manager said.

The team begins spring training games March 4.

# TECH

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3 at Kansas.

Texas Tech played Kansas State differently than other teams this season, Martin said.

"And our guys took a while to comprehend what was there and what wasn't there, and we stayed the course," he said. "As the game evolved, we started to understand the things we can get and not get."

Texas Tech shot poorly throughout, hitting on just 37.5 percent of their 56 field goal attempts. The Wildcats hit on 47.5 percent of their 59 attempts.

Pullen finished 9 of 14 from the field and had three 3-pointers. He had five assists and three steals.

"That kid is an all-conference, first-team guard," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. "He's good. He can score."

Roberson and Nick Okorie both got their fourth foul with more than 11 minutes remaining and the Wildcats took advantage. Kansas State went up 57-42 with just over 10 minutes remaining after scoring on five straight possessions, which included making 6 of 7 free throws.

The Wildcats missed

only six of 26 free throws attempts and finished 7 of 19 from beyond the arc.

Cohadarevic's put-back pulled Texas Tech within 67-58 with 6 minutes remaining but Clemente answered with two 3s in the next minute to put the Wildcats up 75-59 with 4:06 remaining.

Before 5 minutes had elapsed Clemente had 10 of Kansas State's 14 points. He finished the half with 21 points.

The Wildcats went up 21-12 before the Red Raiders went on a 9-2 run, including a field goal and two free throws by Okorie, to pull within 27-25. But Kansas State

kicked up the pace and closed the half on a 12-4 run to lead 39-29.

Roberson and Mike Singletary, the Red Raiders' top two scorers, went a combined 1

of 8 from the field in the first half.

Knight said his team needs to rebound before playing at Nebraska on Saturday. The goal now is to play in the NIT.

"I have to be careful," he said. "These kids' confidence is fragile. I worry about that."

# HOCKEY

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surprises there," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "They're the team that has the least to lose in this tournament."

"They are playing with house money."

Some might say the same about the young Americans, considered medal long shots heading into the tournament and likely candidates to have to win a qualification game to get into the quarterfinals. That doesn't mean they are satisfied. A loss to Switzerland would be a bitter disappointment on the heels of the Americans' stirring 5-3 win over Canada on Sunday to clinch that top seed.

"It puts us in a good spot, but it doesn't mean anything if we lose tomorrow," said defenseman Brian Rafalski, who has a team-high four goals. "It doesn't mean anything if you don't advance to the final."

"We can't take anything for granted because teams out here are going to try and upset us and have their

own miracle out there."

U.S. general manager Brian Burke pulled no punches Monday while his club took the day off. The blustery Burke said he wasn't happy with how the team was playing, despite the positive results, and called for more players to step up and pull their weight.

"Burkie wants to keep us where we need to be, which is appropriately paranoid," goalie Ryan Miller said.

Burke cautioned that Canada wasn't at its best Sunday, and if the Americans don't raise their game in the medal round, the good feeling surrounding the team could be gone in a flash. Miller's strong play was the difference in the win over the Canadians, offsetting mistakes made in front of him.

"It's true words spoken," 21-year-old forward Patrick Kane said of Burke's stern remarks. "We know we have to do better. Miller's been great — he's probably not going to play better than (against Canada). We have to play better."

"I know myself, I could pick it up another level. Just get into the game a little bit more. It's a

little bit tough not playing as much as normal. There's still another level I can get to ... and I'm going to get there."



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## OTHER VIEWS

### One last chance

Whether the health care "summit" at Blair House this Thursday amounts to little more than political theater, you have to give President Barack Obama credit for perseverance. In this volatile political climate, it would have been easy to walk away.

Instead, Obama on Monday offered his own proposal that attempts to thread the needle between competing House and Senate plans and adds a couple of new wrinkles. The most notable: Obama would give the federal government the power to limit increases in health care premiums, an idea that is sure to raise howls of protest from some on the right but one that just might be essential to protect consumers in light of the outrageous increases announced last week in California. Anthem Blue Cross said rates might rise up to 39 percent.

Though Obama has repeatedly said he is open to Republican ideas, his plan doesn't include two that have promise: instituting a robust system of selling health insurance across state lines and tort reform. Not including them is a mistake.

Republicans reacted icily to the president's proposal, with House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio saying the meeting this week "had all the makings of a Democratic infomercial."

Actually, it's a chance for any lawmaker who cares more about policy than politics to reset the debate on one of the nation's most pressing issues.

Republicans should counter with their own ideas and let the public decide.

We think the Obama plan starts at the right place — with the more reasonable approach taken by the Senate.

The White House says its plan would insure 31 million more people at a cost of \$950 billion over 10 years — splitting the difference between the House and Senate bills.

The plan retains the tax on high-end health care plans, though that tax is delayed until 2018 and the threshold rises. The Obama plan cuts out special Medicaid deals made to legislators but offers increased aid to all the states. It leaves intact abortion language in the Senate bill, which was less restrictive than that in the House measure. It closes the "doughnut hole" in the Medicare prescription drug program. It boosts subsidies for low-income families. It does not include a public option.

In all, the Obama plan is a good-faith attempt at reconciling the competing Democratic plans.

If as they say, Democrats really want to pass a reform bill yet this year, this might be their last chance.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A new walk with You, Lord, can set us off in a new delightful direction.

Amen

# Supreme corporations? Go figure!

I am Texan by birth and Southern by acculturation. My family would attest I'm not beyond relating stories that mysteriously expand upon each re-telling. Given my trade, I read much of Madison, Hamilton, Story and Marshall. But, truth told, I prefer Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Woody Guthrie and Huey Long. I do not find hyperbole completely ungenial.

That conceded, I find no words to convey adequate outrage over Friday's U.S. Supreme Court decision, in the Citizens United case, to radically untether corporate spending in our electoral politics. It is bizarrely anti-democratic. It overtly robs the American people of any conceivable tool to prevent a complete slide into mocking, cynical, purchased, cash-register politics. It marks the court as mere shill for the dominance of economic privilege. Unmolested, it will lead to both democratic and constitutional crises. It is a ruling that will come to reside, deservedly, in infamy.

By a slim majority, the court reached beyond the factual dispute before it to reshape the way elections are conducted. Justice Anthony Kennedy's stunning opinion overruled two recent, major precedents - one from 1990 and one from 2003. Giving the back of the hand to statutes like the Tillman Act that have placed limits on campaign spending by business entities for over a century, the justices determined corporations must be treated like human beings in the political sphere.

Pressing further, Kennedy declared "expenditures ... made by corporations do not give rise to ... the appearance of corrup-

tion." That "speakers may have influence over ... elected officials does not mean those officials are corrupt." The "appearance of influence will not cause the electorate to lose faith in this democracy." Say what?

Accordingly, since Friday, corporations have enjoyed an unassailable constitutional right to spend, from their ample treasuries, unlimited amounts of money in elections - federal, state and local - to assist or to defeat particular candidates. If you have worried that institutions of daunting wealth have inadequate influence in the halls of government, be relieved.

A system of government in which those who seek certain policies are allowed to spend unrestrained sums on behalf of those who make the policies can be called many things. "Democratic" and "fair" are not among them.

The Citizens United ruling should put to rest any lingering doubts that Justices Roberts, Alito, Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy are anything other than aggressive, expansive, committed and ideological activists. They cast aside their oft-asserted standards of stare decisis, narrow fact-based decision-making, adherence to tradition, deference to elected branches of government and any conceivable notion of interpretation by original intention. (It's hard not to recall Jefferson's wish "that we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength.")

But it's not the hypocrisy of the decision that crushes. It's the impact. It is one thing to talk about corruption. That trail can lead in an abundance of directions. But, regardless of label, ponder the reality, now constitutionally required.

Months ago, Sen. Kay Hagan was reportedly torn about health care reform. Imagine that then

representatives of an insurance company explained, publicly if need be, that if Hagan voted against reform they were prepared to spend \$2 million on her behalf in the next election. If she voted for reform, they'd spend \$2 million to take her out.

It is impossible to believe that such moves - multiplied across issues and jurisdictions - will not have a corrosive, debilitating and often insurmountable effect on the outcomes of our political process. It cannot be that the Supreme Court majority doesn't know this. The only logical conclusion is the judges embrace it.

And what is good for federal elections applies across the board. If a developer longs to secure a massive project in Chapel Hill, he is free to spend hundreds of thousands to aid a favored council candidate. It may, in fact, constitute a reasonable component of his business plan.

Under such a reality, any system of campaign finance limitation is rendered absurd. We should repeal them all. That may be the actual motivation for the decision.

In the past two years, the Roberts Court has brought us two landmark, unprecedented, inexplicable departures from over a century of settled jurisprudence. One determined that all but a handful of restrictions on the right to possess firearms are unconstitutional.

The other, now, gives a free hand to corporations to purchase elections and legislators. It's hard to believe any group could survey American life and determine what we need most are more guns and more corporate influence.

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# EPA power grab will hurt businesses

When our great nation was established, the Founding Fathers created a careful

system of checks and balances between the three branches of government. America would have no "Imperial Presidency" and the Constitution gave certain powers to Congress to ensure that unelected members of the Executive branch would not have the ability to bypass the elected representatives of the people.

In our history, we have seen several attempts by an administration to impose its will on the nation through regulatory mandates, bypassing Congress. And now the Obama Administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is attempting to do an end-run around Congress by imposing unilateral regulations on American businesses large and small over greenhouse gas emissions. The American people will be the losers if the EPA is allowed to get away with it.

As we know, President Obama and several members of Congress from New England and California have said they want to implement a nationwide "cap and trade" policy. This legislation would have a disastrous effect on every aspect of American businesses and Americans' daily lives.

It would place U.S. companies at a tremendous disadvantage in relation to those that operate in other countries such as China and India, which are not contemplating mandatory emissions cuts on their industries.

In the middle of an economic

downturn, the last thing hard-working Americans need is a policy that kills American jobs and creates higher costs of goods and services.

In fact, last year, the Wall Street Journal noted that Peter Orszag, the Obama Administration's budget director, had once told Congress: "Those price increases are essential to the success of a cap-and-trade program."

Texas, with our strong domestic energy production industry, will be particularly hard hit if "cap and trade" regulations are enacted. And throughout my travels across the state, I have heard the voices of families, small business owners, farmers and ranchers who will also be devastated by this legislation.

Currently, Republicans have been able to slow the disastrous "cap-and-trade" legislation in the Senate. But this has not stopped the administration from now trying to force its policy through "government regulation" and bypassing Congress entirely.

In December 2009, right before President Obama flew to Copenhagen for the global climate change talks, the EPA issued an "endangerment finding" that would allow the agency to regulate greenhouse gas emissions on American companies and institutions.

Make no mistake; this is nothing short of a bureaucratic power grab that will endanger American jobs and businesses.

Earlier this month, the states of Texas, Alabama and Virginia filed federal lawsuits to challenge the EPA's "endangerment finding." They join several groups, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Mining Association and several others, who have

already filed court challenges to this EPA ruling. Many of these challenges raise concerns over the science the EPA used to make its determination.

The EPA's new regulatory authority would allow it to look at millions of "sources" of greenhouse gas emissions. Farms, apartment and condominium buildings, schools, colleges and hospitals could come under the EPA's regulatory scrutiny right along with energy plants and manufacturing businesses.

Noticeably, the EPA avoids discussing the potential costs for their proposed new regulations.

To prevent the EPA from implementing this massive infringement on the American people, I joined with my colleague, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, in December for the introduction of a joint "resolution of disapproval" under the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

The Congressional Review Act of 1996 provides Congress an opportunity to veto any rules and regulations developed by federal agencies, which it determines are to be misguided or ill advised. This resolution has bipartisan support, and we will work to get enough votes to prevent the EPA from implementing "cap and trade" by regulation.

The Obama Administration's attempt to put more power in the hands of unelected bureaucrats is alarming. The invasive regulations that the EPA will impose on all Americans will grind this economy to a halt.

We must work together to ensure that Americans voices are heard and this bureaucratic power grab is stopped.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.*



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Books are still trickling in, so I have ventured into the stacks to find some lost gems. Over the weekend, news came that General Alexander Haig died at age 85. His son, Brian, has become a writer of military thrillers. In "Man in the Middle" (F HAI G), Sean Drummond, the military investigator who keeps moving from job to job (as events and plot demands dictate), has been temporarily assigned to the CIA.

He is still getting himself oriented when a case drops into his lap that could easily blow up in his face if he doesn't handle it diplomatically. Unfortunately, the words Drummond and diplomat rarely appear in the same sentence, but with a dead government official and an unresolved question of suicide or murder on his plate, our hero must learn the art of circumspection and learn it quickly. But when the investigation takes him deep inside the secret corridors of the intelligence community, it's straight shooting, not subtlety, that will keep him alive. The Drummond novels are big, action-packed thrillers that say something meaningful about American politics, and this one is as satisfying as its forerunners. David Pitt from Booklist wrote this review. The library does have more of Haig's books.

"Pompeii:" In this painstakingly researched story, Robert Harris has produced much more than a historical thriller. Although we know the story will end with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of the surrounding cities, Harris has built suspense by describing the mysterious disappearance of the former aquarius Exomnius and the attempts of the officials of Pompeii

to prevent Attilius from discovering the truth. This book also provides fascinating detail on the culture of ancient Rome, from the feasts in the sumptuous villas to the ingenious plumbing in the bath houses. It provides details on the aqueduct system, a marvel of Roman engineering. Each chapter is prefaced with an excerpt from a treatise on volcanoes that describes the causes of, and events occurring during, an eruption. The reader is entertained while learning all this, and is not overburdened with facts and figures. "Pompeii" (F HARR) is well worth reading. You may also like "Fatherland" (Hitler), "Imperium" and "Conspirita" (both are about ancient Rome).

Traveling now to America, "Prairie: A Natural History" (508.315 SAC C) by Candace Savage is an excellent, non-technical guide to the biology of the Great Plains. The grasslands extend from Alberta, Canada to Texas and from the Rocky Mountains to the great Mississippi River on the east. Savage describes how the relationship between the climate and grasses, the fertile soil and beneficial microbes all coalesced into a region that was (and is) the breadbasket of the United States. There are spectacular full-color photo spreads along with some excellent black and white sketches of trees, insects and the animals that inhabit the Great Plains. A great book to read.

Before you start to while away the afternoon with reading, stop and put on a delicious main course in your slow cooker. Judith Finlayson has

compiled "The 150 Best Slow Cooker Recipes" (641.5 FIN J) cookbook for your enjoyment. Finlayson starts off with instructions on how to use your slow cooker and the ingredients to have on

Like Finlayson, Munson also has a "how-to" section, followed by vegetable, meat and so on.

For some light-hearted reading, check out M.C. Beaton's "Hamish MacBeth" detective stories. While murder might not really be all sweetness and light, the deft hand of Beaton will enchant you with the character studies of the inhabitants of Lochdubh. Beaton has written 25 novels with Hamish and I think we have a goodly number of them. Beaton also pens the Agatha Raisin and Arly Hanks series. I don't much care for Agatha, but Hamish and Arly are certainly worth reading and the library does have quite a few of them.

Another good mystery series is Earlene Fowler's quilt series. The title of each book is the name of a quilt block and quilting works its way into the story line. If quilting is your game, the Elm Creek series by Jennifer Chiaverini are good to read.

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*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*



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hand. Recipes selections run the gamut from soups and stews to beef, chicken, pork or lamb dishes; the vegetarian can also find vegan recipes to use. Desserts can even be made in the slow cooker.

Another great cookbook is "The Ultimate Slow Cooker Cookbook" 641.5 MUC C) by Carol Heding Munson.

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## Where the months got their names

Since the earliest times, the natural cycles of the Sun and Moon have been used to measure intervals of time. Solar cycles define days, years, and seasons while the Moon marks off months (“moonths”).

There are two major lunar cycles, the best known being the 29 1/2-day synodic month during which the Moon goes from new Moon to new Moon. (“Synodic” refers to the meeting of the Sun and Moon). Less apparent is the 27 1/3-day sidereal month which is based on the Moon’s position as seen against the background stars.

If Earth wasn’t orbiting the Sun, synodic and sidereal months would be equal, but since we are moving, the synodic month takes longer. In a sidereal month, the Moon travels 360 degrees (one complete circle) around Earth before re-passing the same background stars. During this time, however, Earth has traveled nearly 1/12 of the way around the Sun, meaning the Moon must travel nearly 390 degrees, and two more days, before reaching the next new Moon.

A year being 365-1/4 days, there is not an even number of synodic or sidereal months in a year. This was not a problem for cultures who referred to these intervals by the names they gave full Moons, like Harvest, Hunter’s, and Long Night Moon.

But when our ancestors devised formal calendars, adjust-

ments were required, like adding or subtracting days and even ignoring periods of time. These months approximate but no longer exactly correspond with the lunar cycles. The names we use for our months derive from the Romans and their Latin language.

Originally, the Roman year had 10 months that began with March, named for Mars, the god of war. The second month, April, was named for Aphrodite (Venus), the goddess of love and beauty. May is the month of Maia, goddess of spring. June honors Juno, goddess of women, childbirth, and marriage.

July was originally called Quintilis (quintus being Latin for fifth) as the fifth month; it was renamed by Julius Caesar in 46 BCE to honor himself. Similarly, August, first known as Sextilis (sex = six) as the sixth month, was changed by Augustus Caesar.

The next four retained their Latin numeric names: September (septem = seven) as the seventh month, October (octo = eight) as the eighth month, November (novem = nine) as the ninth month, and December (decem = ten) as the 10th month.

The winter months apparently went unnamed until about 700 BCE when the 11th and 12th months were added. January was named for Janus, the double-faced god of beginnings and endings who could see the past and the future. February

came from Februa, the festival of purification.

So like the names we use for many constellations, as well as the days of the week, the names of our months were invented by our ancient ancestors.

### Sky Calendar.

\* Feb. 21 Sun.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

\* 25 Thu. evening, and all night: Mars is to the left of the bright gibbous Moon.

\* 28 Sun: The full Moon is called Wolf Moon, Snow Moon, and Hunger Moon.

\* Mar. 1 Mon. evening: The Moon is to the right of Saturn as they rise around 8 p.m.; following each other across the sky all night, by morning the Moon is to the lower left of the planet.

\* 7 Sun.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth’s west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Mars is prominent high in the east as Saturn rises some two hours after sunset. Morning: Saturn is in the west southwest.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Sylvia Strikes Again

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 7 3 2  
♥ K 8 5  
♦ K 7 4 2  
♣ K 8 2

**WEST**  
♠ A K Q 4  
♥ 6 4 3 2  
♦ 5  
♣ 6 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 8 6 5  
♥ Q J 10  
♦ J 10 9 8  
♣ Q J 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 10 9  
♥ A 9 7  
♦ A Q 6 3  
♣ A 9 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass  
Opening lead — king of spades.

There were some members of the club who insisted that Sylvia was protected by a guardian angel. She would make the most dreadful plays imaginable, and, somehow or other, these plays would work to her advantage.

Consider this deal where Sylvia (West) led her A-K-Q of spades and then, planning to cash the four next, inadvertently led the four of clubs instead. As a result, Sylvia was never able to cash her last spade.

However, declarer eventually went

down anyway, and Sylvia’s sense of mortification was greatly allayed by this favorable turn of events.

Only in subsequent analysis was it discovered that South would have made three notrump had Sylvia cashed her fourth spade, since this would have squeezed her partner in the three remaining suits!

Thus, if East discarded a heart, declarer would win any return and cash three heart tricks. East would then find himself squeezed again. He would either have to unguard his diamonds or his clubs, and South would make three notrump by scoring an extra trick in that suit.

The same result would accrue if East elected to discard a club on Sylvia’s fourth spade. Declarer would then cash three club tricks, squeezing East in hearts and diamonds.

And finally, if East discarded a diamond on the four of spades, he would later be squeezed in hearts and clubs when declarer cashed four diamond tricks in succession.

So, whichever way East turned, he could not escape the pressure exerted by a fourth round of spades from Sylvia. To this day, some members of the club still contend that it was not Sylvia who led the four of clubs at trick four, but her guardian angel!

Tomorrow: Improving the odds.  
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Tracts of land comprising a total of approximately 29.79 acres located in Sections 1 and 12, Block 34, T-4-S, T&P R.R. Company Survey being more particularly described in conveyances to the Glasscock County Independent School District as recorded in Volume 11, Page 96; Volume 97, Page 113; Volume 160, Page 562; Volume 170, Page 150; Volume 195, Page 707; Volume 48, Page 352; Volume 48, Page 486; and Volume 56, Page 431. This lease includes, but is not limited to, all the lots and blocks owned by lessor in the Town of Garden City, Texas and Calverley Heights Subdivision as shown on plats of record in the office of the County Clerk of Glasscock County, Texas,

and the District wishes to enter a mineral lease or leases for said properties.

A Resolution Authorizing Leasing Minerals on District Real Property was passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Glasscock County Independent School District on 2-8-2010.

Bids will be accepted at the Glasscock County ISD Administrative Office until 10:00 am, March 8, 2010. Bids will be rejected or accepted at the March 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Glasscock County ISD PO Box 9/308 West Chambers Garden City, Texas 79739 432-354-2230 432-354-2503 (Fax) Attn: Steve Long, Superintendent #6441 February 17 & 24 and March 3, 2010

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Cancer moon is a comfortable complement to the Pisces sun, inspiring all kinds of notions that will protect and soothe our overactive senses. The day is enhanced by the rituals of self-care that have sustained us through the years. Staying in and having familiar people around will bring warmth and sweetness to the night.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It is very easy to say yes to people. Those who can say no gracefully will be catapulted to a place of power. You belong in that group. Stand firm and speak your mind.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's a puzzle to be solved in your life. Getting the answer isn't as important as wondering about the question. Your mind is opened by all of the possibilities. Enjoy this state of unknowing for a while.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You treasure your friends. However, they don't always feel this. Make a gesture that sends an unmistakable message about your feelings. This could be as simple as a message on an answering machine.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You want to experience more of life, and so you will. You'll learn the kind of worldly

knowledge you can't get in the library. This education will engage all of your senses, and you won't forget what you learn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Nothing interesting can be accomplished without that fire burning brightly inside you. So take the time to tend to your flames! Feed your passion the kindling it needs to ignite.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be dealing with many different types of belief systems. Be careful not to assume that others have the same ethical standards as you. Just because a person knows better doesn't mean he or she will do better.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Children, and those unversed in the art of politics, sometimes make the mistake of offering a defense before they are accused. Your diplomacy will lead you to handle things as they happen and not a moment sooner.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your strong suit today will be your fearlessness about telling the truth. You'll say what others wouldn't dare say. You'll also take more heat because of this, though it's nothing you can't handle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Talk to the person in charge. If you sense that someone doesn't quite have a handle on things, don't hesitate to go to the next person. Ask to speak with the manager, owner or president.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a good time for going out. You have

your own style, and it comes through in all you do. It really doesn't matter where you go or with whom. You'll be the main attraction.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're too cool to beg, plead, complain or explain. If you don't say much, what you say will hold great weight. Make your wishes known once, and then retreat and wait.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll do well in sales. You realize that most people are thinking of themselves. You won't forget this as you strategize. You'll present your case so others will know immediately what's in it for them.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 24). Your increased sense of responsibility for your life gives you great power. New love connections are made in March and under unconventional circumstances. Your home environment improves with one important change in April. September brings exciting employment, and you'll be leading others. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 25, 39, 18 and 5.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I seem to have a personality conflict with Capricorns. Two Cap women friends have dumped me without explanation. I get along great with the other earth signs, Taurus and Virgo. Why would this be?"

Capricorns are known for their drive and ambition. It's not that they're ruthless and

power hungry; they just don't have much patience for anything (or anyone) that doesn't have a clear-cut bearing on their goals. Capricorns tend to have a one-track mind: They see a mountain and want to conquer it. They're able to compartmentalize their emotions quite easily, and if you happen to be a "feeler" rather than a "doer," you're likely to get your toes stepped on. It's nothing personal. They're just on their own trip, and you're on yours. Taurus and Virgo people use their energy somewhat differently. Taurus is known for her steadfast loyalty. At times her larger-than-life personality can run you over like a bulldozer, but she's totally on your side. Virgo just wants to feed you a healthy meal and organize your closet. Anyway, don't write off all Capricorns. Among other things, a Capricorn can be your ace in the hole when you're looking for a job!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Of course I have a great affection for Pisces actor and singer Corbin Bleu — he has recorded one of my songs! Like many other children born under the sign of old souls, Bleu felt a tug toward the entertainment industry early on, and it helped to have an actor dad to show him the ropes. The strong current of earth-sign energy in Bleu's natal chart indicates he is as grounded as he is soulful.

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** When my mother went into an assisted-living home, she added my sister's name to some of her accounts so Sis could help pay her bills.

When Mom died, my sister automatically got whatever was left in those accounts. Mom's will says the estate should be divided equally between us, but the money in those joint accounts is not part of the estate.

While my sister has acknowledged that Mom did not intend for her to have so much money, she still doesn't want to part with it.

She offered to pay me back in installments over several years, but I refused. In our last communication, she said she will keep my money until I "come to my senses."

Georgia law has a provision under which she could place all the money from the joint accounts into the estate so it could be divided equally, but she won't do this.

Nor will she respond to my lawyer's request for mediation. I cannot afford the type of lawsuit that might obtain justice for me.

I needed this money for security in retirement. My sister is married to a wealthy man.

I also learned I had breast cancer while my sister was laying out all these controlling parameters.

It made no difference to her. She does this only to control me.

I wake up each morning upset. How can I get past it? — *Betrayed and Strung Along in Georgia*

**Dear Georgia:** Your sister became the sole owner of the bank account when Mom died. In order to get your share, you will have to file a lawsuit asking a judge to rule that the money was put into a joint account solely for "convenience," and that it was not Mom's intent for either of you to have 100 percent of it.

Talk to your lawyer about whether or not this is cost effective if you win. Otherwise, you can swallow your pride and let your sister pay you in installments, if she is still willing, or ignore the money entirely and get some counseling so you stop waking up miserable.

**Dear Annie:** I'm a woman of average height and have always dated men who are taller than me.

It seems appropriately

masculine for the guy to be taller. I feel awkward and uncomfortable being escorted by a man who is shorter than I am.

Here is the problem. I've been friends with "Phil" for a long time, and the more we hang out the more I like him.

But he is too short for me.

Every time he tries to kiss me, I back away.

I just can't seem to overlook his height.

Am I wrong to feel this way? Should I tell him it's his height that bothers me? How do I do that? — *In Need of Altitude*

**Dear Altitude:** It's a shame you cannot get past your preconceived notions of what is masculine, because it sounds as if you are missing out on a good match.

You aren't attracted to Phil and need to let him know so he can find someone who isn't as hung up on appearances.

Tell him you enjoy his friendship, but unfortunately, there's no chemistry on your end, sorry.

**Dear Annie:** I read your advice to "Married and Alone," who is depressed because she isn't getting the attention

she needs from her husband.

I agree that she should find other activities that fulfill her, but was outraged when you said, "and ask Hubby to babysit."

When it is your child, it is not called babysitting. It is called parenting. She should not have to ask permission. Coordinate, yes. Permission, no. — *A Mom in Murrieta*

**Dear Mom:** Please don't get too caught up in giving words more meaning than intended.

This is unrelated to "permission." It has to do with showing civility to one's spouse by phrasing your words to sound like a request instead of issuing a demand.

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replacement or relocation of the program as soon as possible," the TASA report stated. "Those schools are Bauer Elementary and Washington Elementary.

"(Bauer and Washington) cannot provide proper instructional support and should be taken out of service as soon as possible," the report added.

The case against Marcy (built in 1959) is that it is literally too small for the job. The campus is now the district's largest elementary in terms of enrollment but has had to make liberal use of portable classrooms in recent years to handle the overflow of students.

The number of students, small (by current standards) classrooms and facility repair needs consistent with a 50-year-old building mean the campus needs significant renovation to bring it up to standards. And school officials say it would be cheaper to simply construct a new building.

Goliad (built in 1958) also is in need of renovation, especially if district officials go through with plans to convert the campus, which currently houses the district's fifth and sixth graders, into an elementary for grades kindergarten through five.

But renovation costs there would not be feasible, officials said.

Dr. Michael Stevens, special as-

sistant to the superintendent of schools, said studies show that renovating Marcy and Goliad would cost about \$12 million apiece, while new campuses could be constructed for slightly more than \$10 million each.

In all, trustees want to earmark \$42 million of the bond money to build three new elementaries, finance a new classroom wing, physical education gym and other renovations to Moss Elementary and demolish Bauer, Washington, Marcy, Goliad and the long-vacant College Heights buildings.

The rest of the bond money is targeted as follows:

- \$1 million to renovate Kentwood Elementary.
- \$2.7 million will be spent at Big Spring Junior High to install a fire suppression system and construct 11 new classrooms. With the additional classroom space, officials will move the district's sixth graders to the junior high.
- \$12 million in improvements are planned at the high school, including installation of a new roof and fire suppression system and upgrading the building's science labs.
- An additional \$2.5 million is being asked for improvement to campus grounds, parking lots and driveways.

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**News in brief**

**Longtime caretakers of the Alamo looking for help**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have taken care of the Alamo for more than a century. Now, the ladies are looking for help.

The group was joined by Texas first lady Anita Perry on Tuesday in launching its first membership program to raise money to preserve the site.

Visitors have long visited the Alamo for free, and the group would like to keep it that way without using taxpayer money.

Perry told about 500 people packed into the Shrine of Texas Liberty that they shouldn't let the Alamo's stories fade. The event marked the anniversary of the start of the siege that preceded the famed 1836 battle.

**Guns missing from police evidence room**

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — A federal investigation is under way to determine whether some 500 weapons missing from a police department's evidence room are part of an illegal firearms-trafficking scheme.

The guns were discovered missing from the Cleveland Police Department's evidence room during an inventory last year, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday. The

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives declined to discuss the probe, saying it is an ongoing investigation.

Court records show ATF agents recovered 112 of the missing guns while executing a search warrant at a Humble gun shop.

**Probation revoked for man who threatened Obama**

MIDLAND (AP) — A federal judge has revoked the probation of a man who pleaded guilty last May to threatening President Barack Obama and the Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis.

U.S. District Judge Robert Junell of Midland sentenced 21-year-old Timothy Ryan Gutierrez of Andrews to 18 months in prison after revoking his four-year probationary term.

Prosecutors sought the revocation after the electronic monitor Gutierrez was required to wear sounded 10 times. Prosecutor John Klassen also said Gutierrez failed to submit to mental health treatment, according to the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Gutierrez said the monitor alarm sounded only when he went onto his front porch to smoke.

Gutierrez pleaded guilty May 4 in Denver to a charge of making threats by e-mail and was released on \$25,000 unsecured bond.

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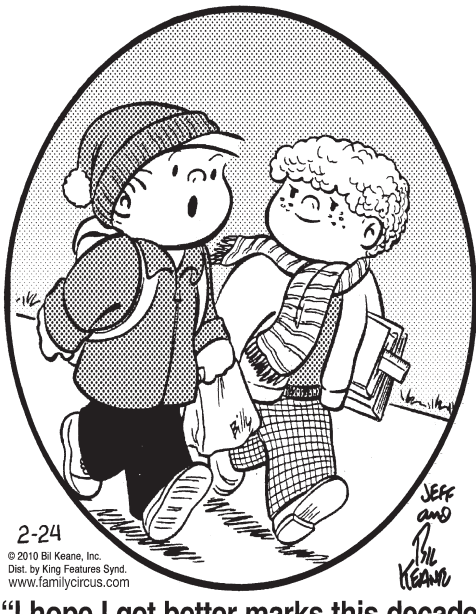
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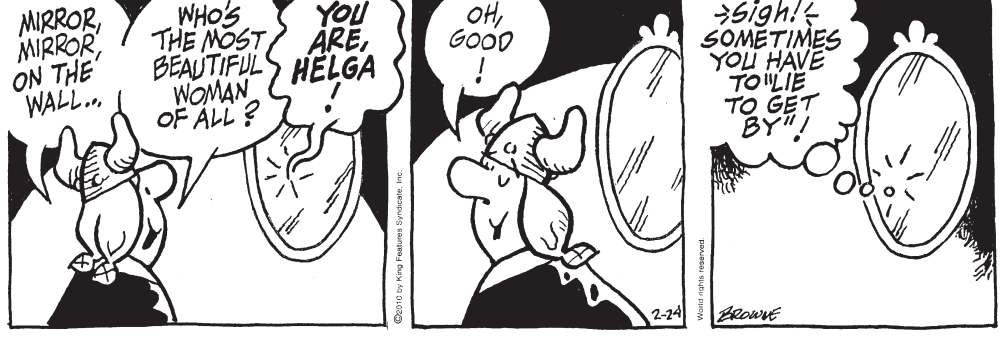
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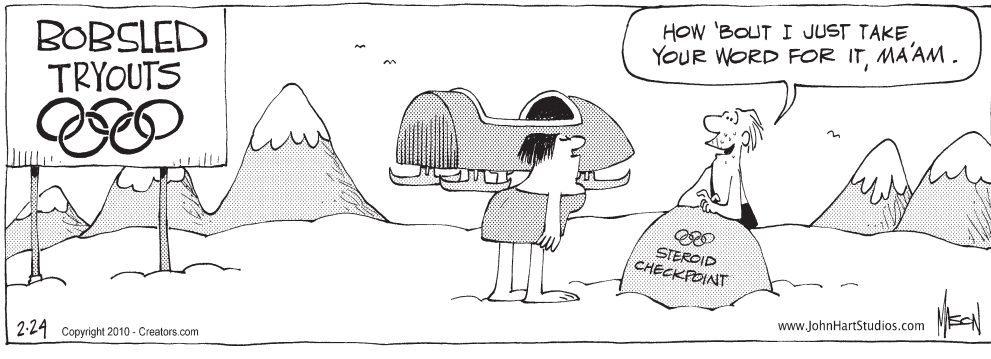
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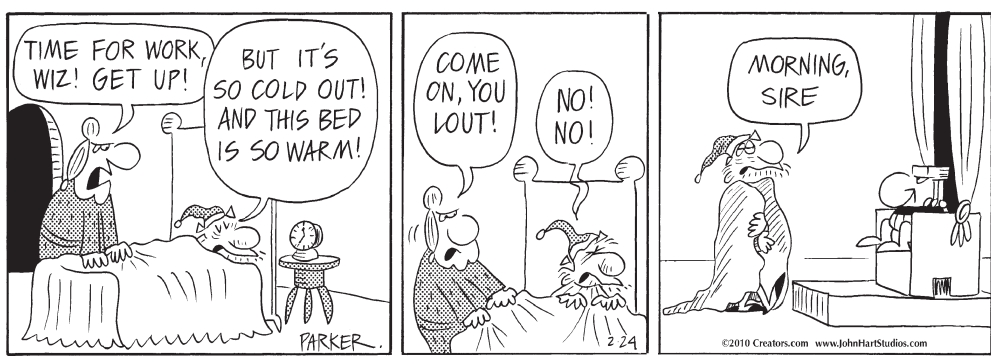
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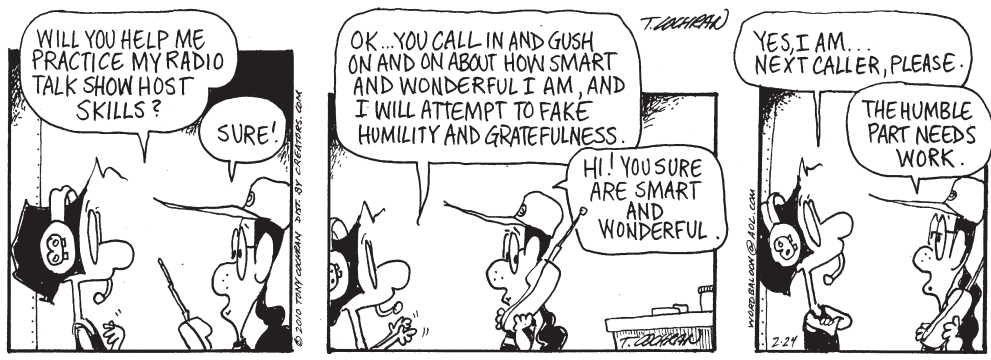
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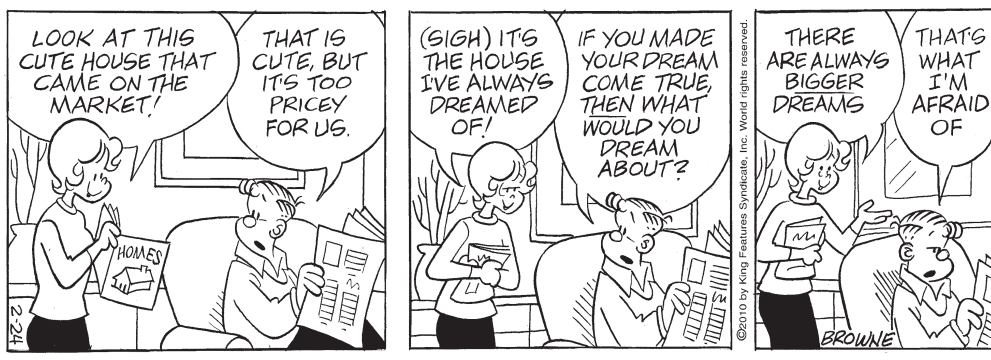
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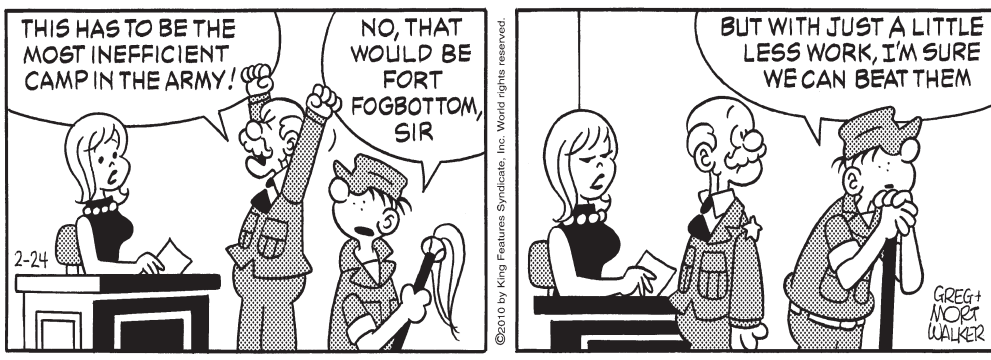
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2010. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the "Plan de Iguala," their declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1946, Argentinian men went to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1990, magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes died in Far Hills, N.J. at age 70. Fifties balladeer Johnnie Ray died in Los Angeles at age 63.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 89. Actor Steven Hill is 88. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 79. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 78. Actor James Farentino is 72. Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.) is 68. Actor Barry Bostwick is 65. Actor Edward James Olmos is 63. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 63. Rock sing-

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15 Water duct

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23 GOP elephant creator

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26 Obstinate sort

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60 Fall heavily

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63 Takes a gander at

64 "K-K-K-\_\_"

65 Thumbs-ups

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12 Project details

13 Shapes up

18 Peck on the cheek

19 Slick, in a way

24 "You \_\_ kidding!"

25 Hard work, so to speak

27 "That's a shame!"

28 Liquid asset

29 Buster Brown's bulldog

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33 Shire of Rocky films

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alleges an emergency meeting of the Big Spring City Council held Jan. 6 violated the act, which requires 72 hours notice of meetings.

According to officials with the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, one of several groups backing the plaintiffs in the case, the city waited until the last minute to take action on a petition calling for a rollback tax election in Big Spring. The city is required by Texas law to find any such petition either valid or invalid within 20 days of its submission.

"They had 20 days to do so and they waited until the very last hour, then they posted an emergency posting for a meeting that, by law, requires at least 72 hours notice," said Keith Elkins, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, moments after the lawsuit was filed with the District Clerk's office. "They gave the taxpayers six hours notice. That, in and of itself, is unacceptable."

Had the rollback petition — and subsequent election — been successful, the tax rate would have fallen back to 97.9398 cents per \$100 property value, the roll back rate set by the state of Texas, from its current rate of \$1.013243 per \$100. The adopted tax rate was 3.3 cents above the rollback rate, but remained identical to the tax rate used by the city the

previous year.

Despite the efforts of the Concerned Citizens Council, the petition was determined to be invalid by the city council because it contained only one signature — that of Thomason — and not the approximate 1,200 required to force a rollback election. Thomason called the petition submitted to the city a "token petition."

Members of the Concerned Citizens Council opposed the tax rate because it made room for a new \$4.2 million aquatics center to replace the Municipal Swimming Pool, which was closed last year because it fails to meet federal and state requirements.

According to Thomason, the city should give the taxpayers a chance to decide what — if any — action should be taken to address the sudden lack of a swimming pool.

"We still believe an expenditure of that magnitude should go before the voters," said Thomason.

While a successful lawsuit against the city could force the municipality to bear the cost of a rollback election despite the massive failure of the petition, citizens would only get the chance to vote on the tax rate, not the size or type of aquatic center currently destined for Comanche Trail Park.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council:

Reset its scheduled meeting from March 9 to March 8.

Awarded the bid for a radio voter repeating system for the Big

Spring Police Department to Basin 2-Way for \$29,779, just shy of the project's \$30,000 budget.

Approved the emergency reading of a zoning change for 3401 E. 11th Place to Heavy Industrial from Single Family-2.

Approved first reading of an ordinance that will change the names of the pavilions in Comanche Trail Park from No. 1 and No. 2 to Cactus and Buffalo.

Approved first reading of an ordinance that would make a section of N. Scurry from N.W. Ninth Street to N.W. 10th Street no parking on the east side of the roadway.

Approved first reading of an ordinance that would provide for an unlimited seasonal subscription to the Comanche Trail Golf Course Driving Range for \$200. The measure was approved 6-1, with Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. voting against it.

Approved first reading of an ordinance making a section of Merriely Street, located near Kentwood Elementary, one way from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on school days.

Approved a permit for a pair of goats at 4001 Connally. According to Police Chief Lonnie Smith, of the notices sent out to nearby homeowners, 18 were returned with no objection, eight were not responded to, and only one objection was submitted.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

News in brief

Scores of flights canceled as Texas gets more snow

DALLAS (AP) — Widespread snow across a wide belt of the Texas midsection Tuesday prompted schools and government offices to close early and airlines to cancel flights.

At least two people died in traffic accidents said to be weather-related.

The National Weather Service reported up to 6 inches of snow accumulated in parts of Texas as widely scattered as Midland and Sweetwater in West Texas and Palestine in eastern Texas. But 3-4 inch accumulations were far more common across parts of central Texas, with 2-4 inches in the Bryan-College Station area, 1-3 inches in the Hill Country and less than 2 inches from Austin to San Antonio.

The Houston area reported a trace to 1 inch of snow.

Scores of flights were canceled by the second winter storm to hit Texas in as many weeks, officials said.

Police in El Paso said a woman was struck and killed by a Jeep Cherokee as she stopped to pull someone from the wreckage of another accident. The driver of the Jeep lost control due to the slick roads, said police spokesman Michael Baranyay.

"She was doing something good," Baranyay said. "She was a good Samaritan. This lady died being a hero. It's unfortunate." Her name was not immediately released.

In the South Plains of West Texas, a 19-year-old man died when his pickup truck overturned on an icy overpass while pulling a utility trailer.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Isaac Contreras of Tulia died when his truck went into a slide on an Interstate 27 bridge in Plainview, rolled and came to rest against a guardrail, pinning him inside the truck. Hale County Justice of the Peace Kaye Phillips tells the Plainview Daily Herald that Contreras died at the scene of the 6 p.m. Monday crash.



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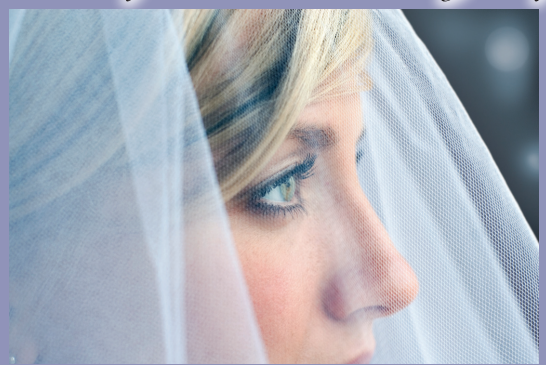
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He went on to say "As

people drive through Big Spring on Highway 80 that each one may pause in humble humility before this symbol of liberty and sincerely re-dedicate yourselves to the democratic way of life."

Sixty years later, Highway 80 is better known as Third Street and east-west traffic has long since moved to Interstate 20.

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# Scouting: A tribute to liberty

Scouting has a long history in Big Spring, dating back to 1911, when Troop 1 received its charter. The troop was the first to be chartered in the state of Texas.

Howard County was also the first community in Texas to benefit from a Boy Scout special 40th anniversary project — the replica of the Statue of Liberty, erected in front of the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

The project was the idea of Kansas City businessman, J.P. Whitaker, who was then Scout Commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council. The copper statues were manufactured by Friedley-Voshardt Co. in Chicago, Ill., and purchased through the Kansas City Boy Scout office. They were all erected in the early 1950s by Boy

Scout troops and others to celebrate Scouting's 40th anniversary theme, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty."

There are more than 200 of these replicas in 39 states in the U.S. and several of its possessions and territories.

Big Spring's statue was unveiled during a dedication ceremony at 4:30 p.m. April 28, 1950 at the City Municipal Auditorium. According to a Big Spring Herald article at the time, the ceremony followed a parade of more than 800 Boy Scouts and leaders from 17 counties.

Nat Shick, Buffalo Trail Council public relations chairman, was speaker for the dedication ceremony.

"The statue will serve to

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The Statue of Liberty replica at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium was erected by the Boy Scouts in August, 1950 — almost 60 years ago. However, the Scouting program in Howard County dates back much farther, to 1911.



# Welcome to Scouting

You are invited to share in the 100th Anniversary of Scouting! More than 100 years ago Lord Robert Baden Powell started an idea in England that led to the formation of the Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of America started in 1910 as an educational program. In 1916, the BSA was chartered by the Congress of the United States of America and was designed to strengthen and benefit the boys of the nation.

Today, we see the fruits of the

labors of those in the past. We can see how Scouting really does help boys become the best they can be! This is a special year for Scouting as we turn 100 years' old. We have already started to celebrate with a special Flag Retirement to honor the greatness of having our timeless values last for 100 years. You will certainly see and be invited to many more Scouting opportunities this year as we make our excitement

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It has been said that the real way to gain happiness is to give it to others and that is one of the ultimate goals of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Buffalo Trail Council. Our goal is to bring happiness to all involved, including both the boys who benefit from the programs and those who volunteer or work to bring the quality programs to the boys.

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Spring area, a part of the Lone Star District, there are 248 youth being served in 22 units, with more than 60 adult leaders. The BSA offers many opportunities for boys to prepare "to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law" (as stated in the mission of the Boy Scouts of America). Scouting has been commonly perceived as a primarily outdoor education program; however, Scouting uses a variety of

teaching environments, especially the outdoors, to create opportunities for boys to learn values such as trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, character, citizenship, cheerfulness, bravery, cleanliness and many more. These are the values that prepare young boys in our community to become leaders and to give them experiences by which they are able to individually and wisely choose ways to make a difference within their family, school, community and nation.

In order to help boys in our community have fun while they learn these valuable skills, Scouting invites and counts on adults to volunteer, be trained, and facilitate the structure of Scouting.

Many parents become involved in Scouting because

they are able to witness their children's growth as well as feel the joy and fun in teaching, serving and developing programs for the boys to accomplish new things and learn the importance of always doing your best (which is the Boy Scout Motto).

Whether it is Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Venturing (the only coed program within the BSA), traditional Scouting generates fun while learning.

For example, within the community of Big Spring, boys are able to build cars from wood and cardboard and race them against other groups — this is our well-known Pinewood Derby. May the best car win!

Other groups may be working on service projects or preparing for backpacking experiences such as a

10-day trek at the mountainous Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. In the summertime, Cub Scouts sell popcorn to earn funds for their unit activities as well as earn prizes for all their hard work and enjoyment. In the spring and fall, volunteers visit schools and introduce the principles and fun of Scouting to boys and invite them to become Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts.

Most Scouting activities are paid for by "unit funds" or "fees" for participation in events.

However, the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign enables community members to join together to support the overhead costs of Scouting. Friends of Scouting are people who believe in the values of Scouting and recognize the potential of the program, and are willing and able to help with the financial needs of this non-profit organization.

FOS funds provide for the necessary things needed to run the organization such as staff to run the day-to-day operations and the costs involved in the camp or facility.

Everyone is welcome to become a Friend of Scouting and to help the Boy Scouts of America continue to offer quality programs and opportunities for the youth in our community.

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# Successful? You bet!

Many famous people have been Eagle Scouts. Among them is Henry Aaron, who was quoted that his greatest positive influence in his life was his involvement in Scouting. Also including in the ranks of Eagle Scout are Neil Armstrong, Gerald Ford, H. Ross Perot, Steven Spielberg and Rick Perry.

It has been said and studies have shown and records indicate that for every 100 boys who join Scouting:

- Rarely will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their church award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last their life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system in Scouting
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from other campers.” After successfully completing OA requirements, Scouts are officially inducted into the order.

The OA, like many other Scout traditions, is based on Native American lore, Sneed said.

“Legend has it that there was this certain tribe in New England that was having trouble with a warring faction,” he said. “The chief asked if there was any warrior who would go on a trek to gather the troops and send out the warning. This kind of follows that legend — it celebrates someone who can stand up and say, ‘I’ll do it.’”

Above all, the order honors several Scout traditions. Arrowmen, as order members are called, are known for

maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others.

“We have high-caliber young people in the order,” Sneed said. “They’re not self-serving. Instead, they think of others first.”

Locally, membership in the OA has fallen off in recent years because of a lack of sponsorship, Sneed said, estimating that there are about 30 active Arrowmen within the three-county district.

“But we are working hard to increase membership within the district,” he added.

Order elections are held each spring. Area Scouts who meet the qualifications for the order are urged to contact their Scoutmasters, Sneed said.



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For more information on how to help, become a Friend of Scouting, or become involved, contact me, Deanna Kulbeth at 610 Scurry St., Big Spring or (432) 212-3577.

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# Scouting is designed to build character

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America — incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 — is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Cub Scouts is a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in the second through fifth grade (or who are 8, 9, and 10 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.



Boy Scouting is a year-round program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. (Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old.)



17 that is built around five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

Venturing is a year-round program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age to provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities that help them pursue their special interests, grow by teaching others, and develop leadership skills.

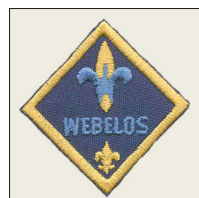


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Tiger Cubs is a year-round family- and home-centered program that encourages the ethical decision-making skills for first grade (or 7-year-old) boys. These boys participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding.



Webelos Scouts is a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth- and fifth-grade (or 10-year-old) boys.

# Order of the Arrow based on Indian lore

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

One of the highest honors a Boy Scout can earn is being inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

The order, established in 1915, honors Scouts who best exemplify the Scout oath and laws in their daily lives.

Membership in the order is open to Scouts under the age of 21 who hold a First Class rank or higher, are approved for the order by the Scout-

masters and are elected by the youth members of their troop.



In addition, they must also have at least 15 days

and nights experience in camping during the two years prior to election.

Ricky Sneed, district advisor for the Lone Star District (which oversees Scouting in this area), said the order celebrates Scouts who show special aptitude in camping and in service to others is not to be confused with scouting ranks such as Eagle.

"It's not a rank. It's more like an organization within an organization," Sneed said. "It has nothing to do with

getting an Eagle or any other rank."

Election to the order, however, is not the end of the story — not by a long shot. Prospective order members first must complete the Ordeal.

According to Boy Scouts of America information, the Ordeal requires candidates to "maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects and sleep apart

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