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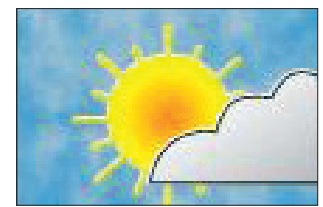


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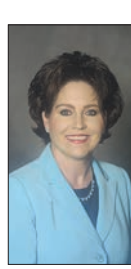
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## Hoops Dreams and Goals field expanded again

By **VALERIE AVERY**  
Special to the Herald

The bracket for the Sixth Annual Hoops Dreams and Goals 2010 competition has expanded this year to accommodate additional teams that wanted in on the day of fun and competition March 26 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Hoops Dreams and Goals is our most popular event of the year," said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith. "It grows each and every year and its success year after year shows me that the event speaks for itself. It's just a great time. "I smile the entire time. It is just a



Smith  
Howard College, the Arc of Howard County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., ViaMedia and KBST-FM/AM.

great day of fun." Teams from Big Spring to Pecos to Ballinger to Snyder will compete in a day of basketball tournament action beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the grand entrance, and a 9 a.m. tip-off in the coliseum. The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR, Howard College, the Arc of Howard County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., ViaMedia and KBST-FM/AM.

Teams from the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR — the designated mental health and

retardation authority for rural West Texas — will compete throughout the day, capping off months of preparation for the competition.

They will be accompanied by coaches, cheerleaders, pep squads and friends and family who will cheer on their efforts on the court.

The daylong hoopla kicks off in the morning with the rousing beat of the Big Spring High School Drum line followed by a welcome from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and an introduction of the honored guests, including State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton.

Teams participating in bracket play are: Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Red

Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkat, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers and the San Angelo Bobcats.

Throughout the day, cheer squads from each team will perform in a half-time competition.

"This isn't a day just for the athletes," Smith said. "Our athletes have been practicing all year long, but our cheerleading squads have practiced just as much to win first place."

Each team also competes for the coveted Spirit Stick, Smith said.

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## Census: What to expect?

By **HOPE YEN**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Let the count begin.

More than 120 million U.S. census forms begin arriving Monday in mailboxes around the country, in the government's once-a-decade population count that will be used to divvy up congressional seats and more than \$400 billion in federal aid. Fast-growing states in the South and the West could stand to lose the most because of lower-than-average mail participation rates in 2000 and higher shares of Hispanics and young adults, who are among the least likely to mail in their forms.

Did those \$2.5 million Super Bowl ads work? Stay tuned.

"When you receive your 2010 census, please fill it out

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## Cookie sales pros



## Best friend Brownies shine for Girl Scouts

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

If any area companies are looking for sales executives in, say, 15 years or so, they might want to give Keira Pepper and Maggie Ogle a call.

Keira and Maggie, members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 473, showed great aptitude toward making a sales pitch during the group's recent Girl Scout Cookie Sale, each selling more than 1,000 boxes of cookies during the six-week drive.

Troop leaders said that Keira sold 1,048 boxes and Maggie sold 1,036 boxes during the drive that started Jan. 31 and ended last Sunday.

"We went door-to-door and sold them at Wal-Mart, Furr's, Sonic ... all over town," Keira said.

"These girls are best friends and live one block apart," said Erica Partlow-Melton. "They have worked tirelessly selling these cookies six weekends in a row."

At \$3.50 a box, that means the girls sold more than \$7,000 worth of cookies. Of that total, more than \$1,100 stays with the local troop, organizers said.

Girl Scout troops use money raised from the cookie sale to finance all sorts of activities during the year. Locally, the sales have financed a visit to Sea World, ice cream socials and day trips to various area attractions.

"The troop has been working hard for the past two years to raise money to go to

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Keira Pepper, left, and Maggie Ogle, members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 473, each sold more than 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies during this year's drive.

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## Obituaries

## Tommy Soto Jr.

Tommy Soto Jr., 41, of Gail died on Friday, March 12, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Gail, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 6, 1968, in Big Spring and married Charla Buchanan on March 14, 1987, in Vincent.

Tommy graduated from Coahoma High School in 1987. He was a jack of all trades and had a very giving heart and enjoyed helping others. He was currently a full time student at Western Texas College in Snyder, studying welding.

Survivors include his wife, Charla Soto of Gail; four children, Trey Soto and Christina Soto, both of San Angelo, and Tony Soto and Teryn Soto, both of Gail; his parents, Tommy Sr. and Ruth Soto of Big Spring; and his paternal grandmother, Doro Soto of Slaton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Armando Soto; his maternal grandparents, Rafael and Marciala Luevanos; and his paternal grandfather, Jesus Soto.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County Booster Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 95, Gail 79738; the Borden County EMS, P.O. Box 95, Gail 79738; or to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 257, Gail 79738.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Donnie Mike Latimer

Donnie Mike Latimer, 57, of Coahoma died on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at the Coahoma Cemetery with Luke Hall, Bruce Allen and Billy Sullivan officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 11, 1952, in Big Spring. Donnie was a longtime resident of Howard County. He worked as a roustabout for B&E Roustabouts for more than 20 years, retiring in July of 2008.

He was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, April Latimer of Big Spring; one step son, Michael Kinnan of Loraine; one sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Billy Sullivan of Coahoma; one niece; and two great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Robbie Latimer.

The family suggests memorials be made to Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16 North, Medina 78055 or to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Correction

Bailee Allen, who received a third-place award at last weekend's regional science fair, was inadvertently omitted from the list of winners which appeared in Tuesday's Herald.

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## M.E. 'Eddie' Simer

M.E. "Eddie" Simer, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 14, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 6, 1932, in Bonham. He lived in Borden County from 1955 until 1979, when moving to Howard County. He had been a contract pumper and also raised exotic birds. He was a Methodist and served as a county commissioner in Borden County for eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen, of Big Spring; two sons, Gary Simer of Big Spring and Larry Simer of Stanton; two daughters, Donna Miller and Becky Overby, both of Big Spring; one brother, Billy Simer of Bonham; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 East Seventh St., Ste. A., Big Spring 79720 or Chapel Of Faith, 501 East 14th St., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Marjorie Ann Graves

Marjorie Graves, 83, of Hereford died Saturday, March 13, 2010, in Fort Worth. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mrs. Graves was born March 29, 1926, in Pratt, Kan., to Wayne Arnold and Harriett Pauline Jenkins Laswell. She married Good Crawford Graves on Aug. 15, 1947, in Big Spring and had been a Hereford resident since 1968. Marjorie worked for First National Bank of Hereford for 20 years and then for Poarch Brothers Inc. for 10 years. She was also a member of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Graves was preceded in death by her husband, G.C. Graves, in 2004; her parents; and one brother, Robert Laswell, in 1976.

She is survived by: two daughters, Judy Brunson of Austin and Nancy George and husband, Tom, of Hereford; one, Ike Graves and wife, Cathey, of Fort Worth; one sister, Barbara Gage of Big Spring; one brother, Dick Laswell and wife, Lunell, of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Mrs. Graves' name may be made to Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 1410 La Plata Dr., Hereford 79045; Hereford Senior Citizens, 426 Ranger, Hereford 79045; or a favorite charity.

To register on line, or send condolences please visit [www.fixfd.com](http://www.fixfd.com)

## Richard Ray Burrow

Richard Ray Burrow, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 14, 2010, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Charles J. Wilson III

Charles J. Wilson III, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 14, 2010, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

## JoAnn Turner

JoAnn Turner, 75, Garden City went to be with the Lord Saturday afternoon, March 13, 2010, in a San Angelo hospital. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at First Baptist Church, Big Spring, with Colby Abney officiating, assisted by Steve Long with interment to follow at the Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 29, 1934, in Plainview, the eldest of three children of Ruth (Sanders) and Joseph Ervin Wooten. After the death of her father in 1939, her mother Ruth married Hank Childress in 1941 and became step-mother to his seven children. The family later moved to Reagan County where JoAnn graduated high school in May 1951.

She lived through some hard times as a child and a single mother with four children and a step-daughter. Her brother, Ervin, and his wife, Bertie, generously opened their home to her until a house next door was fixed up for her and her children. She was employed by the Glasscock County Independent School District for 27 years as the superintendent's secretary and retained the job regardless of superintendent changes. She was concerned when the district upgraded to computers and she had trouble with the mouse; however, she played "Solitaire" until she could double-click and then conquered computerized payroll. Even after retirement, she continued to process checks for Garden City and other schools until her last hospitalization this year.

After graduation of her youngest child, JoAnn kept busy with volunteer work and some travels. JoAnn especially enjoyed the July 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. She often said she was busier after retirement than before. She volunteered at Glasscock County Senior Citizens, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Goliad and Kentwood Elementaries and the Howard County Jail. She taught a Sunday school class at First Baptist Church of Garden City for 33 years.

She loved her family deeply and as it grew and became harder for everyone to get together for Christmas, she enjoyed planning family reunions and asked that everyone plan to attend. She was always eagerly looking forward to the next one almost as soon as the current one was over.

She was selected as the Glasscock County Woman of Distinction and honored at a luncheon sponsored by the West Texas Girl Scouts Council in Abilene on May 19, 2005, where emcee Johnnie Lou Avery stated, "JoAnn Turner of Garden City visits nursing homes regularly, serves on the Food Committee for Senior Citizens and is an active member of the First Baptist Church. She has volunteered in the Accelerated Reading Program in Garden City, helped with library fairs in Garden City and Big Spring and mentored many young people. Her enthusiasm for making a difference is contagious."

JoAnn is survived by her children and their spouses: daughters Cindi Nunnally of Irving, Pam and Ryan Walker of Big Spring; sons James and Carlyn Williams of Colorado City and Corey and Sherry Turner of San Angelo; a stepdaughter, Bitsy Fowler of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers and their spouses, Ervin and Bertie Wooten of Garden City and Jerry and Alma Wooten of Fredericksburg.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Wooten, on Dec. 31, 1939, at Carlsbad, Texas, and her mother, Ruth Childress, on Nov. 2, 1998, in San Angelo.

The family is deeply appreciative of the dedicated and caring ICU nursing staff, the cardiopulmonary staff and physicians of San Angelo Community Medical Center who were so attentive to JoAnn's needs while battling the last stage of Crohn's disease.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 177, Garden City 79739; West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-3665; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105

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"A mother is all those wonderful things you never outgrow your need for." — Kay Andrew

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." — Proverbs 31:10

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOE SALDONA, 41, of 1515 Kentucky Way, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PETE MARK ANTHONY ANCHONDO, 23, of 1315 Mulberry, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CODY WAYNE WALTERS, 27, of 1202 S. Main St., was arrested Saturday on three local warrants.
- JOHNNY SLAY ANCHONDO JR., 26, of El Paso, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 21, of 1408 Johnson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEPHANIE MIMS, 22, of 3213 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FLORENCIO HERNANDEZ, 35, of Duncanville, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and urinating in public.
- ANTHONY MENDOZA, 29, of 2609 Wasson Rd. Apt. 44C, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- BENJAMIN HERBERT, 22, of Michigan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to identify.
- TAMMY COKER, 33, of 1302 W. Leatherwood, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- MICKEY WAYNE WILLIAMS, 23, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PATRICK WILLIAM SWEENEY, 50, of California, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KELLY CONWELL, 49, of Arizona, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 27, of 902 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- ADAM MAURICIO TORRES, 36, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on charges of disregarding a stop sign and possession of a controlled substance.
- FABIAN HILARIO, 18, of 709 Douglas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CHRISTINA FUENTES, 30, of 808 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- JODY COX, 26, of 1300 Baylor, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 200 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1100 block of Benton.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87 (four runs).
- ROBBERY was reported in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 100 block of Eighth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- BRANDON MENDOZA, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- MARVIN LEROY MOHN, 69, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL PATRICK COLLINS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than four ounces, less than five pounds.
- CECELIA MENDEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than four ounces, less than five pounds.
- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- RAYMOND CHAVARRIA, 54, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- STEPHANIE CHAVERA, 19, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- THEODORE RIOS, 18, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and failure to secure child in safety seat system.
- SANTIAGO ALVEDA SANCHEZ, 61, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MISAEL PONCE, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of child support.
- ZACK MONROE TURMAN, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault — family violence.
- JOE SALDONA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without final resolution.
- JOHNNY ANCHONDO, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEPHANIE MICHELLE MIMS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PETE MARK ANTHONY ANCHONDO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CODY WAYNE WALTERS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, running a red light and failure to appear in court.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTHONY MENDOZA, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of harassment.
- FLORENCIO HERNANDEZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct — urinating in public.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- BENJAMIN NEAL-LEE HERBERT, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of disregarding a stop sign and failure to identify — giving false information.
- ADAM MAURICIO TORRES, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and running a stop sign.
- MICKEY WAYNE WILLIAMS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PATRICK WILLIAM SWEENEY, 50, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JOSE ESCOBEDO, 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container.

- FABIAN HILARIO, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JODY WILLIAM COX, 26, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief.
- ALVIN JOHN GILLION, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief and theft of material.
- KELLY JAMES CONWELL, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief and theft of material.
- BRANDON WHITE, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of no Class C driver's license.
- BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE SR., 50, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CHRISTINA L. FUENTES, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution and failure to identify — giving false information.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Avion. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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## CENSUS

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and mail it back," said Census Bureau director Robert Groves, who was set to kick off the national mail-in campaign Monday in Phoenix, Ariz., a state which could gain up to two U.S. House seats.

Groves is urging cities and states to promote the census and improve upon rates in 2000, when about 72 percent of U.S. households returned their forms. If everyone who receives a census form mails it back, the government would save an estimated \$1.5 billion in follow-up visits.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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JoAnn Turner, 75, died Saturday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, with interment to follow at the Garden City cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

M. E. "Eddie" Simer, 77, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## HOOPS

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"This is a very intense competition. Our judges watch the teams and

their fans and their cheerleaders throughout the day and judge them on their level of spirit even when they are watching the other teams play."

Lunch is served to all

participants, and nutritious snacks are available throughout the day. A first aid station also is made available to the athletes.

The event is free and open to the public. More

than 1,100 people are expected to attend the event, organizers said.

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us in action. It's such a wonderful day."

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## GIRLS

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Savannah, Ga. (the birth place of Girl Scouting),

then to Disney World for spring break in 2011," Partlow-Melton said.

"The girls decided that any extra that they raise will go to help their fel-

low girl scouts pay for the trip," she added

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Voters not singing praises of extremist state ed board bloc

The State Board of Education bloc that pushes an extreme fundamentalist Christian agenda took a hard hit to its solar plexus in March 2 balloting, but while down, they're not completely out.

The bloc is usually referred to euphemistically as "social conservatives." In reality, they are religious extremists bent on injecting their world views into the public school curriculum. Don McLeroy, a Bryan dentist who is a leader of the bloc and who served two years as board chairman, was defeated in the Republican primary by Thomas Ratliff of Mount Pleasant. ...

McLeroy was so extreme in his views that the Texas Senate — no collection of pointy-headed liberals — refused to confirm him as chairman of the State Board of Education last year. Ratliff, a lobbyist, will be unopposed in the November general election.

Lower inprofile but nonetheless surprising was Geraldine "Tincy" Miller's loss to Republican challenger George Clayton, an educator in the Dallas school district. Miller notched 26 years on the board, making her the longest-serving member. Ousting Miller, a former board chairwoman, was quite an accomplishment.

In Lubbock, board member Bob Craig survived a GOP primary challenge by Odessa School Board President Randy Rives, who was aligned with the McLeroy faction.

The McLeroy faction currently occupies seven of the 15 seats on the education board. The Tuesday primaries, combined with the voluntary retirement of Cynthia Dunbar — who declared that President Barack Obama sympathized with terrorists plotting another attack on the U.S. — takes three of the seven-member bloc out of action come January.

The potential exists, however, for the faction to recoup two seats should Brian Russell, an Austin lawyer aligned with the now sprained McLeroy wing, prevail in the runoff and defeat Democrat Judy Jennings, an Austin educator, in November. He is in a runoff with Marsha Farney of Georgetown. Farney calls herself a "common sense conservative."

If it comes to a Jennings-Russell showdown, the match should draw political time, talent and money that would be unusual in these normally sleepy, low-funded, down-ballot races.

Ken Mercer of San Antonio, another member of the McLeroy faction, easily won renomination in the Republican primary but faces Democrat Rebecca Bell-Metereau in November. Because Mercer is one of the few fundamentalist incumbents to survive, the stakes in that race go up considerably.

McLeroy famously said that this year's election was a referendum on how the board is performing. The answer seems clear enough. The rejection of McLeroy and Miller were signs that Republican voters have had enough of a crowd that is more interested in ideology than education. ...

Democrats and Republicans should reinforce Tuesday's message in November: SBOE stands for State Board of Education — not State Board of Evangelicals.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May Your word be a significant part of our lives,  
Lord.

Amen

# Heads liberals win, tails we lose

The left habitually distorts and exaggerates to demonize and discredit its opponents but squeals like a stuck pig when conservatives use colorful language to call the left out. Unfortunately, some on the right encourage the left's squealing.

As for the liberals, it's hard to take them seriously when they register their indignation at, say, Sarah Palin for her "death panels" comment, other conservatives for describing Obama as a socialist or liberals as "liberals," or, most recently, Liz Cheney for calling seven Justice Department appointees the "al-Qaida Seven."

Liberals are the ones who knowingly lied in saying that "Bush lied; people died," that supply-side tax cuts are "just for the rich" and that Bush left people on the rooftops in New Orleans after Katrina because they were black. These weren't just harmless rhetorical barbs; they had and continue to have serious, substantively damaging consequences.

Nor are the above descriptions by Palin, Cheney and other conservatives a matter of tit for tat or a case of the left's wrong mitigating the right's. The conservatives' statements above are different because they have a strong ring of truth, and they are not just gratuitous; they serve the purpose of calling attention to what is truly going on.

I'm not advocating that we be uncivil or mean-spirited, but that we have the guts to tell the truth, using difficult-to-hear language when necessary. I dare say our failure to speak frankly and boldly has a lot to do with the horrible predicament we're

in this country. Speaking a little more truth to political correctness would be helpful. But the left's tactic of whining and crying foul at anything it chooses to be offended by, echoed by genteel enablers on the right, intimidates many from expressing truth for fear of public condemnation.

Many believe, after reading versions of Democratic health care plans, that powerful bureaucracies would be created that would have authority over the types of treatment health care providers would give, especially end-of-life decisions. Those bills also would grant wide rule-making authority to those and other bureaucracies, which, if this nation's past and current practice of administrative law is any indication, would be given wide berth and have little accountability to Congress, much less the people. Add to that the mindset of those Obama has surrounded himself with and who have had or will have their fingerprints on the drafting of these health care bills or on the regulations to be promulgated under Obamacare, such as Tom Daschle and Ezekiel Emanuel.

They are known for ghoul-ish advocacy of government-administered rationing of care, especially to the elderly, driven by their creepy values regarding human life. Tell me, then, how it's unfair or inaccurate for Sarah Palin to have called attention to that with "death panels?"

The same is true for graphic photos of abortions, decried as grotesque by the left. They're grotesque, all right, because what they depict is abominably grotesque. We have not only the right to force ourselves to face this grim, unconscionable reality by viewing grotesque pictures, if necessary, but also the duty. By shielding ourselves from these pictures showing what actually goes on in abortions, we make it easier on our-

selves to do the wrong thing.

The upshot is that hard-hitting conservatives are condemned for telling the truth, which serves the best interests of people and the nation, while liberals are given a pass for telling outright lies that damage the national interest. This is a great deal for liberals and a terrible deal for the nation and the people: Heads liberals win (and the nation loses), tails the nation loses.

The same holds true for describing Obama as a socialist. What's wrong with telling the truth, especially when candy-coating it enables Obama to operate under the radar? Are those on the right who condemned their fellow conservatives for calling attention to his radicalism early on, when it might have mattered, ever willing to hold themselves accountable for their error?

So when Liz Cheney dubs new additions to the Obama-Holder Justice Department the "al-Qaida Seven," I'm just not too exercised. As a lawyer who believes strongly in the adversarial system, I will defend the right of lawyers to represent whomever they want in our system.

But this isn't about the right of lawyers to defend unsympathetic clients.

It's about placing lawyers in our Justice Department who might well be sympathetic to or soft on the enemy. And that's anything but far-fetched, given what we now know about Obama, his attitude about America's past and its alleged culpability in causing terrorism, the America-hating radicals he has appointed, and Eric Holder himself. Scrutiny is warranted.

Kudos to courageous conservatives for calling attention to unpleasant realities.

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# Taxpayers are getting nuked

Compulsive gamblers are perpetually looking for the big score. Always thinking that the next card will draw that inside straight or the last card will turn their garbage into gold. Casinos have a name for these people — suckers. Well, Uncle Sam has pushed more than \$8 billion into the pot, gambling on big returns from the nuclear power industry. Sadly, we know where this ends.

Southern Company is salivating over an \$8.33 billion conditional loan guarantee announced this week for the construction of two reactors in Waynesboro, Georgia. The "lucky" backer of that long shot bet? The U.S. taxpayer. If the current state and history of the nuclear industry tells us anything, signing off on this tentative agreement will deal us a losing hand.

This will be the first Treasury-backed loan guarantee for a new nuclear reactor under the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program. The program was created in 2005 to distribute loan guarantees to innovative energy technologies. While the program covers a range of emerging technologies, other mature industries — like coal and nuclear — are also eligible. Currently, the program has an

overall cap of \$51 billion, with \$18.5 billion in loan guarantee authority earmarked for nuclear reactors.

Adding to the program's already significant federal financial risks, President Obama's fiscal year 2011 budget proposed taxpayers go all in on this nuclear gamble. To begin funding the industry's so-called "nuclear renaissance," the administration's budget has proposed tripling the amount of loan guarantees for nuclear power to \$54.5 billion.

But even before Obama had proposed this increase, nuclear power was belly up to the bar for federally backed loan guarantees. With extremely high capital costs, significant technology risks and a track record of project defaults, the industry can't get anyone on Wall Street to back them.

Even when the market couldn't get enough exotic, high-risk investments a few years ago, nuclear power was kryptonite to investors.

To date, the nuclear industry has applied for \$122 billion in loan guarantees — far surpassing any other loan guarantee applicant.

With numbers this high, these loan guarantees could cause a huge financial hangover.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office considers the risk of default on the part of the nuclear industry to be very high — above 50 percent — and payments for defaults would come directly from the Treasury. Additionally, DOE loan guar-

antees carry an extremely high risk because they can cover the entire value of a loan, worth up to 80 percent of a project's total cost — terms far better than any private lender would provide.

In the case of Southern Co., Obama is promising the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury behind a \$14 billion dollar project that already has serious design flaws, even though construction has yet to begin.

The story is much the same for the other nuclear projects that are lining up for loan guarantees. In many cases cost estimates have doubled and there is turmoil between project owners. And many of the new U.S. reactors rely on designs that are in financial shambles in other parts of the world to boot.

If the nuclear industry is a solid investment, then it should be able to receive the backing of Wall Street.

For over a half-century, taxpayers have propped up the nuclear industry with more than \$100 billion in subsidies.

It's time for the gravy train to stop. Facing massive budget deficits for as far as the eye can see, taxpayers shouldn't be forced to gamble billions of dollars backing loans for an industry plagued with financing, design and construction delays, and a track record of defaulting on loans.

Ryan Alexander is president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan federal budget watchdog.



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# Hospitals turning to medical interpreter hot lines

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DALLAS — Dr. Barton Giesel presses on spots down Maria del Rosario Gomez's back while talking into the speaker of a cordless telephone to ask where it hurts.

A man's voice spills out from the phone, posing the question to Gomez in Spanish and then relaying her response in English.

"The pain goes to the left breast," the interpreter on the phone says, as if he were the patient. After her consultation ends, Gomez calls the entire exam a blessing.

The telephone interpreter is part of Parkland Memorial Hospital's growing effort to connect with patients in their own language throughout the facility, from the intake windows, to triage to patient rooms. On-the-spot interpreters are accessible through about 1,000 cordless, headset

and dual-handset devices at the Dallas hospital.

It is a trend getting more attention at many other U.S. hospitals, several of which are turning to telephonic or video interpretation services to help supplement their in-house interpreters and bridge the language barriers that might otherwise keep growing numbers of non-English-speaking patients from getting an accurate diagnosis or proper medical attention.

Nationwide, the Census Bureau estimates some 24 million people over the age of 5 speak no or limited English, making it likely many will need language services when they get sick.

Parkland's phones are a response to a 40 percent increase in demand for interpretation services at Parkland over the past two years. There are at least 77 languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Arabic.

The hospital has used tele-

interpreting phones on a limited basis for more than a decade and expanded their use last fall, placing the devices in every patient's room.

"It makes a huge difference from a patient perspective," said Jonathan Hirsch, Director of Guest Services and Patient Advocate for Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey. "They understand what care they're getting; they're empowered within the walls of the hospital."

Besides telephone interpreters, Hirsch said Holy Name also uses video interpreters who, by seeing a patient's facial cues and body language, can capture nuances that improve translation of the spoken word.

Hirsch recalled a Korean man referred to Holy Name's oncology group with a reputation for being difficult to treat and resistant to his doctors' orders. Using a video interpreter to assist in their first meeting with their new

patient, staffers quickly realized he had no clue what was wrong with him or why his previous doctors wanted to do certain procedures.

By the end of that meeting, Hirsch said the man was on board with the treatment plan his doctors recommended to fight his aggressive cancer.

While no data is available on the number of medical mistakes that happen each year in the U.S. due to language obstacles, health care advocates point to the 1980 misdiagnosis of an 18-year-old South Florida man as a tragic example of what can go wrong.

The young man at first complained of a headache and lost consciousness at his home before being rushed to a Miami-area hospital. It was there that one of his relatives used the word "intoxicado" to describe his condition.

For some Spanish speakers, that word means nauseous. But hospital staff misinter-

preted it to mean intoxicated, leading doctors to believe he had overdosed on drugs.

It wasn't until later that doctors discovered he had suffered a brain injury. The mistake left the man quadriplegic and cost those who misdiagnosed him \$70 million to settle a resulting lawsuit.

Similar problems have been reported in emergency rooms across the country.

Cindy Choy, 47, of San Francisco, believes language problems she encountered two years ago at a Bay area hospital following a severe asthma attack could have proved deadly.

As she gasped for air in the emergency room, hospital staff tried in vain to explain to Choy, who speaks only Cantonese, that she needed to sign a medical release and other papers before they could treat her. Fortunately, she said, her bilingual ex-husband arrived at the hospital in time to interpret.

## Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** Six years ago, my sister's ex-boyfriend found out I was divorced. He called and invited me for a drink. I accepted with some reluctance, as I didn't think my sister would approve, but I needed some lighthearted company after the dark days surrounding the end of my marriage. "Jim" and I had a nice time and began seeing each other.

My sister dated Jim for eight years before they split up. At the time I began seeing him, she had been happily married to a wonderful man for quite a few years.

After Jim and I had been dating for a couple of weeks, I tried to tell my sister, but she immediately shut me up and refused to discuss it. I wrote an e-mail explaining the situation and my feelings, but she didn't reply.

Jim, along with my sister's friends and relatives, all agreed she would get over it in time, but she hasn't. She has not spoken to me in six years. I have sent her Christ-

mas cards, get-well cards, etc. One birthday card came back marked "Return to Sender." My father once asked her why she had a problem with me, and she told him she didn't. Annie, why can't she get over this? — **Crying in California**

**Dear Crying:** We suspect that while your sister was dating Jim, she thought he had "a thing" for you. (And if she didn't then, she certainly does now.) There is the additional possibility that she

might not be able to deal with seeing him at family functions. Her refusal to deal with it shows a lack of maturity, and she may not want to consider that she is also jealous. However, you knew dating her ex was going to cause a problem and you did it anyway. Try apologizing for your lack of sensitivity. Tell her you miss her, and ask for another chance. You might also see if a family member can intercede on your behalf and broker a truce.

**Dear Annie:** My brother and sister, both in their 60s, have decided to move into a small apartment together. I find this inappropriate, and I told my brother it doesn't look right. He disagreed. Am I wrong? — **Bad Move**

**Dear Bad Move:** Many siblings who are single choose to live together in order to share expenses with someone they are comfortable with. We assume they aren't sharing a bedroom, so unless something else is going on, we wouldn't worry about it.

It only becomes a problem if one sibling becomes involved with a person who objects. At that point, they can rethink the arrangement.

**Dear Annie:** You told "Tennessee" to let sleeping dogs lie when it came to getting a DNA sample from a grown daughter he suspected wasn't his.

I was adopted as a baby and couldn't find peace until I located my birth parents. "Tennessee" is already being eaten up by this secret, or he wouldn't have written you. And if the difference in appearance is so noticeable, the daughter is not oblivious. The secret could be eating her up, too.

This is old-school thinking — that if you don't tell the child the truth, they will not suffer. Children feel the truth, and when they are lied to or the truth is hidden, they suffer. The message she needs to hear is: "You are the product of your mother's affair, and I love you as much as my other children."

What a gift that would be for both of them. Even if she turns out to be his biological daughter, being honest and loving can only bring them closer by putting old doubts to rest. — **Holliston, Mass.**

**Dear Holliston:** Most adopted children know they are adopted. This girl believes "Tennessee" is her biological father. Asking for a DNA test would turn her world upside-down, and there's no way to know whether and how much it would hurt their relationship. Your heart is in the right place, but if Dad doesn't plan to tell her regardless of the DNA results, we say leave it alone.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**HOROSCOPES BY** The waning moon will be void of course before it slips into Pisces, making this an excellent time to do as little as possible. We all need



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time to recharge. Catching up on sleep will be important, but even that may not be enough. No matter how lazy you may feel, lounging around serves a key function, setting you up for a powerful week to come.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As for those crazy people you run

into with all of the ludicrous ideas — well, one of those weird notions is just nuts enough to work. So listen to the crazies, however ridiculous their talk may seem.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You used to make sure you knew what everyone else was planning before you made your move. Older and wiser, you now consider that a waste of valuable time. Be confident about your route. Commit to it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Celebrate your health. "If you have health, you probably will be happy, and if you have health and happiness, you have all the wealth you need, even if it is not all you want."

— American philosopher Elbert Hubbard

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your sense of purpose is strong. You may not know exactly where you belong, but you know that you belong somewhere. Explore groups, schools and organizations. You'll soon find a wonderful new social niche.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Misunderstandings can be healed through love. This will include patience and listening. It will also include trading in your notions of how things should be as you accept how things actually are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be wise to follow your inklings. But the intuitive hit

alone will not be enough to earn you supporters. Back up your intuition with tangible data. Do your homework and you can't lose.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will naturally appeal to the emotions of others. It's not clear even to you how you are able to understand what people want to feel and bring that about. But you can do this, and you'll find it quite helpful today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need more rest. Make an effort to get it. When your brain and body are refreshed, you'll take on the world. Or at least you'll take a fresh approach to an old problem. And this time you'll succeed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have some unexpressed resentment, and this is a perfect time to express it. The best way to do so is to an uninvolved third party or to your private diary. Once you get it off your chest, you'll feel energized.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're likely to play it cool whether things are going very right or very wrong. Others would have extreme emotions, but you see a bigger picture, which minimizes the impact events have on you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can tell who is hiding something. You'll sense correctly when there's juicy info to be had, and

you'll dig deeper. Amazingly, people will tell you just what you want to know, even if it's not a very flattering reflection on them.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something compelling to your presence, and your charms are amplified further as you do the things that you do best. You might make someone fall in love with you, or you might make everyone fall in love with you.

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# Anderson makes mark with record long jump

## Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — When Desiree Anderson's long jump cleared 19-feet, 6 1/4 inches this weekend at the Concho Belle Relays in San Angelo, she put herself into an elite class of high school athletes.

Anderson leaped into the meet record books, Big Spring's record book and recorded the longest jump this season of any athlete in the nation.

"She hit a good jump, and she's working her way up to being a premeir long jumper, no doubt," coach Nick Roberson said. "She's definitely worked hard and deserves what she's

getting."

The Lady Steers took fourth in the event, which was won by Amarillo High School.

Anderson also won the triple jump with a 36-foot, 3 3/4-inch leap, took second in the 200-meter and third in the 100-meter.

Cerbi Ritchey threw a personal-best 102-foot, 11-inches in the discus to take third place. Tahlia Green took fourth in the shotput, throwing 32-4.5.

Big Spring's 4x100-meter relay team finished fourth with a time of 50.22 without runner Bridgette Tuitt, who sat out the tournament with a minor injury. Anderson, Andi DeLeon, April

Turner and Chanel Cuvillo ran the race.

"That puts them leading the district in sprint relay," Roberson said. "That's very good times for this early for these girls. I didn't know they had a 50 in them, but now I think they have a 49 in them."

## Steers compete in Odessa

ODESSA — Mike Menefield won the triple jump by almost two feet as the Steers took ninth place at the West Texas Relays at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa this weekend.

Daniel Segundo took third in the 800-meter and the Steers' 800-meter relay team took fifth.



COURTESY PHOTO/Bill Riggs

Daniel Segundo finished third in the 800-meter Saturday in Odessa.

# Nazareth beats Grady for 7th title

## BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

AUSTIN —Chalk up another for Nazareth.

The Grady Wildcats, underdogs of the state tournament, fell 52-41 to the Nazareth Swifts on Saturday, who wrapped up their sixth state title and fourth this decade.

Grady (31-5) couldn't overcome an 11-point second quarter deficit as Nazareth's defense gave the Wildcats' problems all night.

"You don't get here 14 times without being good," Grady coach Shawn Harrison said. "They play tough defense... Their defense won it for them."

Nazareth's Sage Black was the player of the game for the Swifts, scoring 24 points. The Swifts returned to the top of Class A for the first time in three years.

"Every year you work so hard to get to this point, and when you do, it's just that much more sweet," Nazareth coach Zach Boxwell said. "When you're lucky enough to have been here a couple times, you sort of take it in more and more each time, so it's always a great feeling."

For Grady, which had not been past the regional quarterfinals since 2004, the experience was the ride.

"We were underdogs every game, and just pushed strong and beat



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Bryley Pinkerton goes for a layup against Nazareth Saturday in the Class A, Division II state title game. Nazareth built a lead in the second quarter it didn't give up as Grady finished its best season since 2004.

people we weren't supposed to," senior Tyler Matthews said. "We played hard and we came out on top of our region. We weren't supposed to be in the state tournament, much less the state finals."

The Wildcats lose

just three seniors off the 2010 team, but they were impact players, Harrison said.

"We're going to miss these seniors," he said. "They're the core of the team. Zach (Perez) doesn't start, but he gives us a spark off

the bench. Dylan (Cox) has been a team leader, Tyler (Matthews) has stepped up his defense this year and been one of our pressure guys on the floor. We wouldn't be here without these

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# Steers beat Presidio, go 3-2 in tournament

## Associated Press

MIDLAND — The Big Spring Steers wrapped up a 3-2 weekend in the West Texas March Classic this weekend, highlighted by a Friday win over 2A powerhouse Presidio.

The Steers knocked off the Blue Devils 4-1 in the game as Mike Enriquez stymied the Presidio bats. He allowed one run and five hits in the six-inning game, striking out three.

Big Spring (8-9) got all its runs in the fourth frame. Jacob Acosta and Max Papajohn each singled to lead off the inning, followed by a Gunnar Kennedy double that scored Frank Hernandez, Acosta's courtesy runner. The Steers had the squeeze on with Michael Felton at the plate and runners at second and

third, but a wild pitch got Papajohn across. Felton was hit by a pitch, reached second on another wild pitch and scored on an Anthony Saracho 2-RBI single.

The Steers were in line to beat Seminole Friday, up 6-1 going into the final two innings. But the Indians would come up with seven in those last two frames. Every run scored started with a walk as pitcher Gunnar Kennedy missed on several close calls. Kennedy finished the game allowing three earned runs on three hits and nine walks with four strikeouts.

"In my book, we're winners both games despite what the scoreboard says," head coach Bert Otto said.

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# Newton's arm, bat lead Coahoma to win

## Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — Heather Newton did it all Saturday against area rival Forsan.

The senior not only tossed a five-hit shut-out of the No. 7 Forsan Lady Buffs, but she went 3-for-4 at the plate, including a home run, to knock in three runs and score three times

in a 7-0 win Saturday at Forsan High School.

"Everybody was hitting the ball pretty well," said Coahoma coach Shane Tadlock, whose Bulldogettes pounded out 13. "Heather didn't have her best game in the circle, she was in trouble several times and wriggled out of it."

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# Coahoma's Hart swings hot bat to lead Bulldogs in tournament

## Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Chance Hart may have angered Sweetwater's baseball team this weekend in Midland.

After putting a home run ball through the windows of the Sweetwater bus on Friday hitting for the cycle against Seminole,

Hart smashed a grand slam ball out against the Mustangs en route to 5 RBI and earned the win Saturday.

Coahoma finished 3-2 overall in the tournament, winning its final three games over Pecos, Seminole and Sweetwater.

"Going in and playing the schools we were

scheduled to play, I'd be happy if we won two," Coahoma coach Shane Fuller said. "I feel like our defense gave away one game, but I'm glad our bats woke up."

The Bulldogs beat Pecos 7-4 thanks to five runs in the final two innings. Lane Douglass tossed 4 2/3 innings in his second appearance,

allowing four runs and striking out five while also knocking in two runs. Hart got the last out to earn the save and went 2-for-3 at the plate, knocking in three runs with a double and triple.

Rey Gutierrez and Kirk Hahn each had RBIs.

"(Douglass) kept them

from hitting the ball solid, and we got timely hitting when we needed it," Bulldogs coach Shane Fuller said.

The Bulldogs got hits seemingly at will against Seminole, notching 16 hits and holding off a five-run last inning from the Indians to win 13-12.

Hart knocked in five

RBI while hitting for the cycle, including a two-run shot that shattered glass on the Sweetwater bus, and Lane Douglass went 4-for-4 behind him with a triple and three RBI. Dakota Griffith and Gutierrez each hit RBI triples. Hart allowed three earned runs while

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# Sports in brief

## Howard goes 3-1 in home doubleheaders

The Howard Hawks took three of four from Seward in two doubleheaders played Saturday and Sunday.

The Hawks won both games Saturday, dropped the first game Sunday 15-10 but came back to win in the nightcap 11-7.

Howard has two home doubleheaders against New Mexico Military Institute Saturday. Check the Herald for more information.

## Coahoma softball signups getting under way

Coahoma youth softball signups will take place March 23 at the Big Spring Mall for girls 4 and up.

On March 23, 25-26 and 29-30, signups will be at the Coahoma Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per child. Tryouts will be April 10 at 10 a.m. Contact Amy Shifflet at 213-5615 for more info.

## Big Spring Country Club to hold United Way fund-raiser

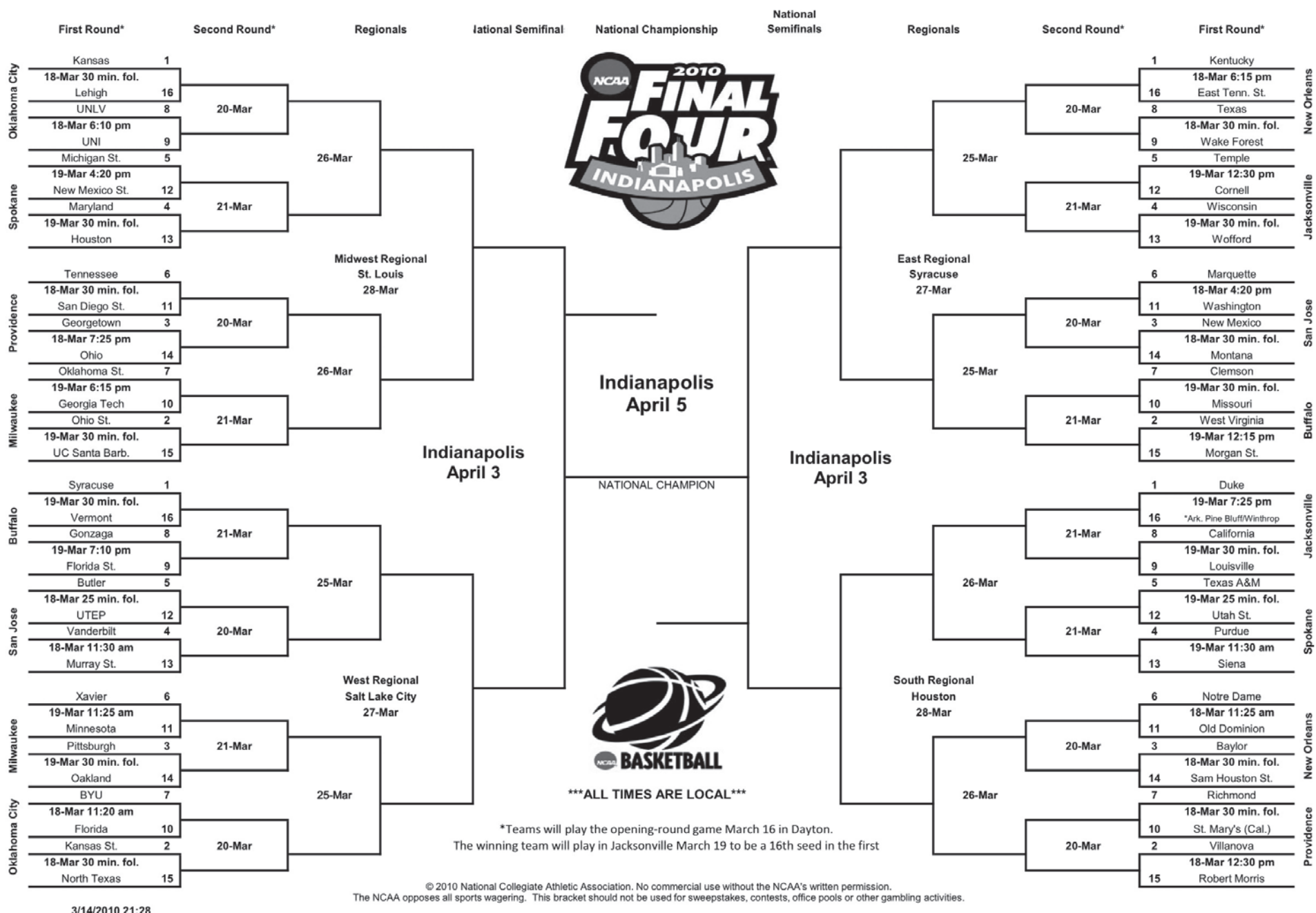
Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scramble March 27-28 at the Country Club.

Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio.



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## GRADY

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three.”  
Cox, who scored 25 points to go with 10 rebounds in the title game, looked back on a season to remember for Grady, which toppled perennial state contenders Ira and Lipan in the regional tournament, and Leggett in the state semifinals Thursday.  
“It was a great experience for us,” he said.

“We came together this year, grew closer together through our run, and we made it as a team. We have proven ourselves to everyone this year.”  
A sloppy first quarter ended 6-4 in favor of the Swifts as both teams struggled shooting the ball from the field. Nazareth was able to get points in the paint in the second quarter and it used a 6-0 run and a 10-0 run to pull ahead by 11 going into

half.  
Grady threatened to start its comeback at several points in the second half, but the Wildcats just couldn't generate consistent offense against the Swifts' tough defense.  
“We kept it close, kind of got behind there in the first half, but we fought and fought, and we couldn't get any closer,” Harrison said.

Nazareth 52, Grady 43  
Nazareth 6 20 16 10 -- 52  
Grady 4 11 14 14 -- 43

Nazareth (30-7): Black 4-6 24, Huseman 0-4 1-2 1, Cluck 3-9 0-2 6, Sheffy 2-10 0-1 4, Birkenfeld 4-5 3-4 11, Wilhelm 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 20-51 8-15 52.  
Grady (31-5): Wiebe 1-2 1-2 3, Rodriguez 3-11 0-0 6, Teague 0-5 3-6 3, Cox 8-19 5-7 25, Matthews 1-5 0-0 2, Russell 0-0 2-2 2, Pinkerton 1-5 0-0 2, Pere 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 14-49 11-17 43.  
3-point goals-Nazareth 4-14 (Black 4-11, Huseman 0-1, Sheffy 0-2); Grady 4-13 (Rodrigue 0-1, Teague 0-2, Cox 4-8, Matthews 0-1, Pinkerton 0-1). Fouled out-Nazareth: none; Grady: Rodriguez. Rebounds-Nazareth 36 (Cluck 11), Grady 32 (Cox 10). Assists-Nazareth 10 (Cluck 4), Grady 1 (Wiebe 1, Rodriguez 2). Total fouls-Nazareth 14, Grady 16. Technicals-none. A-8,430.

## STEERS

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we've got to learn to deal with those things.”  
Big Spring capped off the tournament with an 8-7 win over Ozona on Saturday. After the

Lions came up with six in the opening frame, Acosta shut out Ozona in 4 1/3 innings to earn the win. Papajohn earned the save with a scoreless frame at the back end.  
The Steers came up with five runs in the bot-

tom of the fifth to take the lead. Martin Yanez started the inning with a single. After Steven Islas walked, Yanez stole home on a first and third play. Islas later scored on a Mike Enriquez single. Acosta followed with a single

and the two were driven in by a Papajohn double. Kennedy walked and scored on a wild pitch to round out the inning.  
Big Spring travels to Sweetwater Tuesday for a doubleheader starting at noon.

## SOFTBALL

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Newton struck out 14 in the game. Her counterpart, Ashley Buzbee, lasted 2 2/3 innings, giving up seven hits and four runs. Amanda Longorio pitched 4 1/3

innings in relief, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out two.  
Hayley McCullough also came up with three hits for Coahoma (14-5), which won its seventh straight game. McCullough, Joanna Gonzales, Jennifer

Castilaw and Jordan Martin each had a RBI in the game.  
Miranda Park came up with two hits at the bottom of the lineup for the Lady Buffs, and Buzbee, Longorio and Kelsey Jones each hit doubles in the game.  
“We knew they were

a good team, so we always want to play well against them,” Tadlock said. “And them being right there next to us was a little extra motivation.”  
Coahoma will take on Snyder today on the road at 5 p.m., weather permitting.

## BULLDOGS

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earning the win, striking out seven.  
In the Bulldogs' tournament finale against Sweetwater, Hart was again the player of the game as his third inning grand slam lift-

ed Coahoma over the Mustangs 11-6.  
Coahoma got four in the opening frame as Gutierrez got the win, allowing four hits and no earned runs, though the Mustangs came up with six in their third. Freshman Kaleb

McAdams earned the save, pitching one scoreless inning.  
Jared Doporto, Lupe Abrego, Adrian Amaro, Griffith and Josh Paniagua all knocked in runs in the game.  
The Bulldogs have one more contest against

Monahans on Friday before district play starts March 23.  
“We're still looking to see that complete, rounded game, but I feel like we're starting to get hot at the right time,” Fuller said.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

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♥ A K 7 6 2  
♦ 5 3 2  
♣ A 6

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ 10 5 4  
♦ J 8 7 6  
♣ Q J 10 8 5 3

**EAST**  
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♥ J 9 8 3  
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**SOUTH**  
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Tomorrow: Timing is everything.  
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