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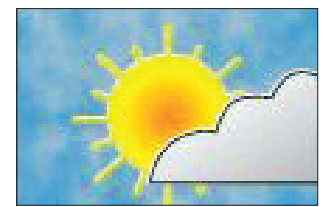
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Shooting under investigation

33-year-old man in critical condition with chest wound, no arrest made

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A 33-year-old Big Spring man remains in critical condition this morning following

a shooting in the 1600 block of Cardinal Wednesday afternoon.

According to police officials, the victim, identified as Toby Porter, was transported

to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after being shot near a residence located at 1609 Cardinal Street, located on the west side of Big Spring.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said officers arrived on the scene of the shooting at approximately 3:55 p.m., af-

ter receiving a report of shots fired.

"Upon arrival, officers found an adult male had

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Students with the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) 2010 Welding Class pose in front of their creations, a pair of metal buffaloes. The buffaloes are currently on display in Comanche Trail Park, near the overlook platform at the historic spring.

New election totals made; outcomes remain the same

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Howard County Elections Administrator's office released new election totals Wednesday for the weekend municipal and school board elections after a dozen paper ballots were discovered to have been left out of the contest.

According to Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator, the ballots were discovered shortly after final vote totals were released Saturday.

"When the election judge brought the ballot box in from the Big Spring polls, there were 12 paper ballots that I thought were among

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Annual fundraiser begins here Friday

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By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

The single event that draws people from all corners and levels of society in Howard and Glasscock counties, Relay For Life, begins Friday with Blankenship Field open for registration and team campsite set-up beginning at 4 p.m.

Team members will be decorating their sites for the judging, setting out the wares or activities they are selling for the final push to garner the most money, and begin their laps around the track, the symbolic relay to fight against the common enemy, cancer. A new activity preceding the opening is that of lining the track with "Quarters for a Cure."

People who have survived any kind of cancer will register from 6 to 8 p.m., and receive their purple T-shirt. They will also get an on-site meal ticket.

The 16th anniversary event will be opened by co-chairs Diane Wood and Vicki Stewart at 7:45 with Cornell Companies Color Guard, Big Spring High School choir members and Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church.

After the opening, everyone is asked to line the field for the Survivors' Lap, which will be followed by the Caregivers' Lap, the part of Relay that celebrates the winners over the disease. Then, survivors will share the

birthday cake, a special nod to this year's theme: "A world without cancer is a world with more birthdays." At 10 p.m. the luminarias, memorializing those who have been lost to cancer and honoring those who have survived or who have cared for them, will be lit. The stadium lights will be extinguished, and Tumbleweed Smith and Susan Lewis will present the Luminaria Ceremony, in


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Photos, video messages sought for Pops in the Park celebration

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

With the July 3 Pops in the Park symphony and fireworks extravaganza less than two months away, members of the organizing committee are hard at work on a number of different fronts, including creation of the show's intermission video featuring local military personnel.

That particular duty has fallen on committee member Cindy Smith, who is now requesting photographs and/or short "hello" video mes-



Smith

sages from those currently serving abroad. "I would like for people to begin sending their photos and videos to me as quickly as possible but absolutely no later than Friday, June 11," Smith said, adding that the preferred format for photos is jpeg (high resolution is not required by can be accepted) and for videos is mp4.

Video messages should be

no more than about 20 seconds. "I know that sounds kind of short," Smith admitted, "but in a video format, that's really not bad."

Those submissions can be e-mailed to Smith at either of her e-mail addresses: csmith@howardcollege.edu or cinasmith@yahoo.com.

"People can send their submissions in other formats and I will attempt to convert them, but there are no guarantees," she added.

"What's more, this will be on a first come, first serve ba-

sis," Smith continued "For time limitation reasons I may not be able to fit everyone's message and/or photo into the show. That's especially true if they are late."

Organizers are also soliciting corporate sponsors for the 13th annual Pops in the Park show. Letters seeking sponsorships were mailed to sponsors last week.

Presenters of the event so far include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area

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Forsan starts playoffs with win



Dylan Lowery delivers a pitch to home plate for the Forsan Buffaloes during their Class 1A area playoff game vs. Borden County in Greenwood Wednesday evening.

Downs Borden County in first game of series

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — If the Forsan Buffaloes' first playoff game is any indication, their run through the postseason will be anything but dull.

The Buffaloes and Borden County Coyotes traded big plays all night until Zach Dykes came up with the biggest play of all — the go-ahead home run in the sixth inning — to lead Forsan to an 11-9 victory in the opener of the teams' Class 1A area playoff series Wednesday.

The game almost resembled a ping-pong match at times — Forsan would sprint out to a lead, only to watch Borden rally back to tie. This "push me, pull you" approach to baseball made for an entertaining game, but left both coaches less than thrilled with their team's performances.

"It was ugly but we'll take it," Forsan coach

Jason Phillips said. "It was definitely not our best game, but at this time of the year, you'll take a win anyway you can get it."

Borden County coach Trey Richey was upset over mistakes that led to five unearned runs for Forsan.

"We make an error here, have a wild pitch there and they turn it into (five) unearned runs," Richey said. "You can't give those kind of chances to a great team like Forsan."

In particular, Richey was referring to the fourth inning, when the Buffaloes scored four runs — all unearned — on two hits, two walks, two wild pitches and a throwing error on Borden second baseman Zach Telchik.

That gave the Buffs a 7-3 lead, but Borden again rallied, using a 9-hit attack to eventually tie the game at 9-all

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Making up for lost time

Coahoma duo gives school presence at UIL state track meet after 12-year absence

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — It's been years since the Coahoma Bulldogs sent a male athlete to the state track meet, so sending two is a cause for celebration.

When Lupe Abrego and Ray Gutierrez step onto the track at this weekend's University Interscholastic League State Track and Field Meet in Austin, it will mark the first time since 1998 that a CHS boy has competed in the event.

And the last time a Coahoma athlete actually won at the meet? Well, no one is actually sure.

"I was told that no track athlete from Coahoma has ever won at the state meet," Gutierrez said.

If that's so, then Gutierrez represents one of the finest chances the school's ever had to break that streak. His time of 14.84 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles is the best time of all Class 2A qualifiers.

"That puts a bull's eye on me,

doesn't it?" he said.

If a community's expectations represent a weight on Gutierrez's shoulders, he doesn't show it.

"I feel like my chances are pretty good," he said. "Knowing that the other guys' times aren't as good as mine give me hope for a better outcome."

"Ray's got a legitimate shot at a medal or to win," Coahoma Track Coach Stacy Martin said. "I'm betting he'll rise to the occasion. He's not going to be in awe of the spotlight."

Technique is much more important in the hurdles than in the sprints, and Gutierrez's technique makes his a medal contender, his coach said.

"His first four or five hurdles will be the most important," Martin said. "If he gets through them cleanly, he'll be in contention."

Gutierrez agrees with his coach's assessment.

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Lupe Abrego, left, and Ray Gutierrez will represent Coahoma High School at the University Interscholastic League State Track and Field Meet in Austin this weekend. Abrego will compete in the 200-meter run, while Gutierrez will compete in the 110-meter hurdles.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Sports in brief

Lady Steers boosters to elect new officers

The final Big Spring High School Lady Steer Booster Club meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. This will take place prior to the spring sports banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Officers for the upcoming year will be elected.

For more information, contact Booster Club President Dawn Holzzapfel at 517-4151.

Cowboys guard Davis rescues ducks on golf course

GRAPEVINE (AP) — An offseason assist by Dallas Cowboys offensive guard Leonard Davis came

on a golf course.

Davis on Wednesday helped some ducklings get out of a sand trap during a golf tournament.

Davis, in the videotaped rescue, is seen at Cowboys Golf Club helping several stranded baby ducks. The creatures were having trouble making it up the steep side of a bunker.

KXAS-TV reports Davis picked up the young ducks, one at a time, and gently put them on the fairway. The creatures then scurried back to their mother.

Cushing wins NFL rookie award — again

NEW YORK (AP) — A positive drug test notwithstanding, Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cush-

ing is still The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Five days after he was suspended without pay for four games, a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL voted again to give Cushing the award. He didn't receive anywhere near the 39 votes of his previous landslide victory, but the 18 he got in Wednesday's revote were enough to reclaim the honor.

Although Cushing said he took a non-steroid substance, the league still considers it a performance-enhancer.

In the revote, Cushing finished five votes ahead of Buffalo safety Jairus Byrd. Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews III got 12, Washington linebacker Brian Orakpo earned three votes.

Obituaries

Clara Ann Patton

Clara Ann (Patterson) Patton, 99, of Ballinger died Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in a Big Spring nursing home after a long life filled with friends and family.

Clara was born to John Alvin and Ada Patterson March 26, 1911, in Hatchel. For most of her life, she and her husband, Cecil Nelson Patton, lived in Norton, where they were active members of the community. They were long-standing members of Norton Baptist Church.

They moved to Ballinger in the 1990s and Mrs. Patton became a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Cecil, and her sons, Curtis Eugene Patton and Cecil Wayne Patton. Also preceding her in death were her five siblings, Marvin Patterson, Melvin Patterson, Allen Patterson, Thelma (Patterson) Russell and Edna Mae Patterson.

Clara is survived by her son, Ronnie Nelson Patton, of Abiquiu, N.M.; five grandchildren, Deborah (Patton) Foster and her husband, Ricky, of Big Spring; Kenneth Patton and his wife, MaryAnn, of Early; Donna Patton of Abilene; David Patton and his wife, Ceil, of Brownwood; and Darla (Patton) Swanner and her husband, Joe, of Abilene. Nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Additionally, she was preceded in death and is survived by many relatives and friends who felt close enough to her to call her "Mom."

Visitation for Clara's family and friends will be today from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Her funeral service will be Friday, May 14, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Foster officiating, assisted by the Rev. David Williams. Serving as pallbearers will be Kenneth Patton, David Patton, Michael Patton, Jonathan Foster, Joe Swanner and Adam Brackin. Burial will be in Ballinger Evergreen Cemetery. Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

Those who knew her well find it difficult to describe the blessing she was to them. Everyone has a story to tell. In the end, she is remembered as the truest of friends, the kindest of hearts and the strongest of souls.

Paid obituary

Michah Pearson

Micah Pearson, 24, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 13, 2010. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ethel Pringle

Ethel Ann La-Londe Pringle, 85, of Big Spring died Monday, May 10, 2010, at Marcy House in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, 2010, at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., with Pastor Mona Lue Tonn officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ethel was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Ignacio (Durango), Colo. She married Floyd (Cotton) Pringle Feb. 3, 1950, and settled in West Texas. Floyd preceded her in death Feb. 2, 2009. Their marriage spanned 59 years.

Ethel was a loyal member of Spring Tabernacle Ministries. She served on many Hi-Sky and Signal Mountain Emmaus teams and was on the prayer vigil until her death. She was a member of Retired Senior Volunteer Program and was a volunteer extraordinaire. She was a Girl Scout leader, childcare provider and an ironing lady during the years that her children needed her; she entered the work force later in life. She worked at Artifacts Interior Design, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, TG&Y, The Tom Boy Shop and Dunlaps.

Survivors include her three daughters, Wanda Shoemake and her husband, David of Bedford, Barbara Hall and her husband, Mike, and Catherine Wendland and her husband, Wendt, all of Big Spring; and one son, Chuck Pringle and his wife, Carmen, of Ennis. She had 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., Big Spring 79720; Signal Mountain Emmaus, P.O. Box 2997, Big Spring 79721; or R.S.V.P., P.O. Box 3463, Big Spring 79721.

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

Sunrise: Nov. 27, 1924

Sunset: May 10, 2010

Paid obituary

Samuel Reel

Samuel Lucas Reel, 8 days old, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born May 4, 2010, in Big Spring. Survivors include his mother, Jessica Ellison of Big Spring; his father, Dustin Reel of San Angelo; his grandparents, Brian and Jerri Ellison and Patty and Dusty Choate, all of Big Spring, and Tina Cooper of San Angelo; his great-grandparents, Lois Ellison and Gale Hale, both of Big Spring, and Lillie and William Reel of San Angelo; three aunts and two uncles.

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

Boe Payne

Boe Payne, 28, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 9, 2010. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bryon Payne

Bryon Payne, 24, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police

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

- CYNTHIA ANN MORELION, 46, of 609 N. Goliad St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 20, of 2516 Gunter, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – one gram or less and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than one gram, less than four grams.

- MELISSA SEGUNDO, 23, of 2516 Gunter, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

- DAVID REY GONZALES JR., 22, of 805 S. Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for disorderly conduct – language, consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to appear (four counts), public intoxication, reckless driving, bail jumping – failure to appear and prohibited weapons – switchblade or knuckles.

- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 27, of 610 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- ABEL YHARTE GOMEZ, 25, of 106 Third St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane. In the 1000 block of E. 21st Street. In the 1500 block of Stadium.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of Fourth Street. In the 500 block of E. 12th Street.

- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 2.

- In the 400 block of Fourth Street. In the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell.

- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Father Delaney.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of S. Douglas.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- LADARRIN JAWAAN MARTIN, 18, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and speeding – 96 MPH in a 70 MPH zone.

- SHERRY LYNN JOHNSON, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense (two counts, 7 years).

- CHRISTOPHER RYAN CASTANUELA, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, motion to adjudicate for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- JOE CORREA, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense (8 years).

- PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on warrants for bail jumping – failure to appear (two counts).

- JAMES ROBERT BECK, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – 2 ounces or less.

- ABEL YHARTE GOMEZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- BYRON BARNARD CAMPBELL, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

- TAVIAN ATKINS, 23, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

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Grilled Gulf Shrimp crispy grits, arugula, preserved lemon vinaigrette \$10	Handmade Fettuccini alaskan king crab, tomato, onion, basil, zucchini, summer squash & asiago \$21
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Area playoff schedule

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Coahoma baseball vs. Holliday, 7 p.m., McMurry University, Abilene.

Coahoma softball vs. Coleman, 5 p.m., San Angelo Central High School field (Knickerbocker and Johnson).

Forsan softball vs. Ralls, 5 p.m., Western Texas College, Snyder.

Friday

Coahoma softball vs. Coleman, 5 p.m., San Angelo Central High School field.

Saturday

Coahoma baseball vs. Holiday, McMurry University, Abilene (second game, if necessary, follows).

Coahoma softball vs. Coleman, (if necessary), noon, San Angelo Central High School field.

Forsan softball vs. Ralls, 11 a.m., Western Texas College, Snyder (second game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after first game concludes).

Forsan baseball vs. Borden County, 4 p.m., Colorado City (second game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after first game concludes).

Rangers blast Oakland

ARLINGTON (AP) — Derek Holland was sharp in his first major league start of the season, and he got plenty of support from his Texas Rangers teammates.

Holland struck out seven in six shutout innings, Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero hit consecutive homers, and the Rangers routed the Oakland Athletics 10-1 on Wednesday night.

Holland (1-0) allowed five hits and walked one while throwing 103 pitches. The left-hander was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City earlier Wednesday to take the rotation spot of Matt Harrison, who went on the 15-day disabled list with left biceps tendinitis.

Michael Young, Max Ramirez and Hamilton all homered and each had three hits to help the Rangers take over sole possession of first in the AL West after beginning the night tied with the A's.

Rookie Justin Smoak also connected as the Rangers had a season-high five homers and 17 hits.

"Derek Holland did what we needed him to do," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He was very aggressive out there. Then we put some runs on the

board. He was able to command (his fastball) on both sides of the plate. There was nothing down the middle. When you can command your fastball that creates confidence."

Holland, who went 8-13 for Texas as a rookie last season, was a strong candidate to secure a rotation spot out of spring training before he sustained a mild right knee sprain during an agility drill on Feb. 20.

The injury limited Holland to four outings in Arizona, and he opened the season in Oklahoma City where he was dominant, going 4-1 with a 0.93 in six starts.

Holland said his outing was simply a carryover from his performance at Triple-A.

"It's huge," Holland said. "It keeps my confidence going. It shows I can pitch as well here as I did there."

Texas has won five of six and nine of 12.

The Rangers went in front 2-0 in the fourth against Gio Gonzalez (3-3) with the help of the left-hander's balk.

Ian Kinsler's double drove in Guerrero from first, and Kinsler went to third on a flyout. Kinsler ran toward home before stop-

ping, and Gonzalez stepped off the rubber, then threw wildly to the plate with Kinsler scoring.

At first, home plate umpire Tim Tschida ruled a throwing error on Gonzalez, but after the game the umpires called the press box to announce that the call had been changed to a balk.

"I was going to try and steal home," Kinsler said. "He did something funky and threw it. From my angle, it looked like a balk."

Young singled leading off the fifth and Hamilton followed with his seventh homer of the season, a 427-foot shot to right-center for a 4-0 pad.

That ended Gonzalez's outing after allowing four runs and nine hits in four-plus innings.

"His overall stuff wasn't as crisp as he has been," A's manager Bob Geren said.

Guerrero greeted Chad Gaudin with his seventh homer to make it 5-0.

Ramirez and Young added solo shots in the sixth off Gaudin, giving the Rangers four homers in a span of nine batters, and Smoak's two-run blast in the seventh off Henry Rodriguez extended the lead to 9-0.

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"The thing about the hurdles is, one slip-up

and your whole race goes down the drain," he said. "But if I can keep it clean, then I feel the whole race can be mine."

While Gutierrez will

be concentrating on technique, Abrego's approach will be much simpler — just run as fast as he possibly can.

Abrego qualified for the state meet in the 200 meter run by finishing second at the regional level with a time 22.32 seconds.

That time is in the lower half of state qualifiers — not that that detail is too much of a concern to his coach.

"He's a strong runner and he's going to be in

the race," Martin said. "He probably won't be the fastest pure sprinter there, but he's a competitor."

Abrego thinks his biggest opponent might be nerves.

"I really don't know what to expect (at the state meet)," he said. "I do expect it to be the biggest meet I've ever been to. And I'm sure it will be exciting and that there'll be a bunch of adrenaline running through me."

His approach to the race is simple.

"I'm just going to go out there and give it my best," he said. "That's all I can do."

Abrego will have a bit of added motivation heading into the state meet — he'll be running in memory of his father, Chubby, who died of cancer in August 2009.

"It helps me get through all this, knowing that he's watching me," Abrego said.

And Gutierrez will be

happy to have a teammate with him when he steps on the track in Austin.

"I didn't want to go down there by myself, so when Lupe qualified, it was a relief knowing there will be somebody down there in Austin, going through that experience with me."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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heading into the bottom of the sixth.

But that was when

Dykes supplied his heroics and relief pitcher Evan Burton made the lead stand up with a three-up, three-down seventh to seal the victory. Burton picked up the win for Forsan, while

R.T. Shafer was tagged for the loss.

"(Burton's) not really a reliever; we've used him more as a starter, but this year, we've had him come in three or four times in clutch

situations and he's done a great job for us," Phillips said.

Offensively, the Buffaloes were led by Burton (two doubles and three RBI), Dylan Lowery (2-for-2 with two singles and a sacrifice fly) and Patrick Robles (2-for-4).

After the game, both coaches took turns complimenting their opponents.

"I was proud of my guys — they definitely competed," Richey said. "But (Forsan) had players step up when they were needed and their pitcher shut us down at the end."

Phillips said rust — the Buffs had played nothing but practice games the past three weeks — played a role in how his team played.

"We hadn't played a game that meant anything in weeks and I think it showed," Phillips said. "But Borden County is loaded with athletes and they can all hit and they can all run."

The teams' playoff series continues at 4 p.m. Saturday in Colorado City. A third game, if necessary, will follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 2.

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Chapman, Shafer (5), Fields (6) and Valentine; Lowery, Burton (6) and Herrin; W — Burton; L — Shafer; LOB — Borden 5, Forsan 8; 2B — Borden (Chapman, Shafer), Forsan (Burton 2); HR — Borden (Valentine), Forsan (Lyles); SB — Borden (Fields, Damking), Z. Telchik, Howard, Shafer); Forsan (Burchett 2) WP — Chapman, Shafer, Lowery; HBP — by Shafer (Flores).

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It Works Like a Charm

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 7 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A Q

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ A 3
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ 10 8 7 5 2

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 10 9 4 2
♦ K 6
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K J 6

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
Pass 2♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

Among the first things one learns in bridge is how to finesse. But after you've played the game awhile, you start looking for ways to avoid finessses, because experience has taught you there are often other methods of play that will give you better than the 50-50 chance normally offered by a finesse.

Assume you reach four spades as shown and West leads the A-3 of hearts. East wins and plays a third heart, which you ruff high. You cash two trumps and three clubs, discard-

ing a diamond from dummy, and East follows suit throughout. This brings you to what you have been worrying about from the outset — that you might lose two diamond tricks.

However, a quick review of what has transpired thus far would seem to indicate that West is more likely to have the king of diamonds. This is because East has turned up with six hearts, two spades and three clubs, leaving him with at most two diamonds, and West with at least four.

It might therefore seem that you should next lead a diamond to the queen, because if West has the king, you'd immediately make the contract. But the possibility that East, who overcalled, may have the king keeps nagging at you.

So you start thinking of how to avoid the finesse, and pretty soon you realize that even if East has the king of diamonds, you are certain to make the contract anyway. Accordingly, you cash the ace of diamonds, return to your hand with a trump and play a diamond toward the queen, hoping to find West with the king.

In the actual case, the queen loses to East's king, but, since he has no more diamonds, he is forced to return a heart. This allows you to discard your remaining diamond as you ruff in dummy, and the contract is safely home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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The Forgotten Refugees

Why does nobody care about the Jewish refugees from Arab lands?

The world is greatly concerned about the Arabs who fled the nascent state of Israel in 1948. But no mention is ever made of the Jewish refugees from Arab lands. Their history is as compelling and arguably more so than that of the Arab refugees from Israel.

What are the facts?

Jews in Arab countries. Jews have lived since Biblical times in what are now Arab countries. After the Roman conquest, Jews were dispersed, mostly to what are now the Arab countries of North Africa and the Middle East. Many Jews migrated to the Iberian peninsula — Spain and Portugal. They were expelled from those countries at the end of the 15th century. They mostly migrated to the Arab countries, where, by now, they have been living for almost 500 years, many Jews for over 2,000 years.

There is a myth that Jews had an easy life in Muslim/Arab countries. The opposite is the case. Jews under Islam were treated as second-class citizens and worse. The relationship was governed by a system of discrimination, intended to reduce the Jews in those Arab countries to conditions of humiliation, segregation and violence. They were excluded from society, from government, and from most professions. They were barely tolerated and often, under the slightest pretext or no pretext at all, were victimized by vicious violence.

When Israel declared its statehood in 1948, pogroms broke out across the entire Arab/Muslim world. Thousands died in this violence. Their homes and businesses were destroyed, their women violated. The vast majority of those Jews fled from where they had lived for centuries. They had to leave everything behind. Most of those who were able to escape found their way to the just-created state of Israel.

Over 850,000 Jews were driven from Arab countries, most of them in 1948, at the birth of Israel. Most of the remainder were chased out during or immediately following the Six-Day War in 1967, when, in fury about the disastrous defeat, the "Arab street" erupted and subjected its Jewish population to bloody pogroms. Israel received every one of those Jewish refugees from Arab countries with brotherly open arms; it housed, fed, and quickly integrated them into Israeli society. They and their descendants now make up more than one-half of the country's population.

Jewish refugees from the Arab countries are the forgotten refugees. The world, and especially of course the Arabs, claim compensation from Israel for the Arab refugees and insist on their return to what has been Israel for over 60 years. The Jewish refugees from Arab countries, all Israelis now, have no desire to return to their ancient homelands, where they had been treated so shabbily and so brutally. But if there is to be any compensation, those forgotten Jewish refugees are certainly entitled to such compensation as much as the Arab refugees. Anything else would be an outrage and a great injustice.

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SHOOTING

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been shot in the left side of the chest area," Everett said. "He was then transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he's listed in critical condition."

Everett said investigators are interviewing witnesses to the crime, but no arrests have been made. No other injuries were reported as a result of the shooting.

"No motive has been determined at this time," Everett said. "As of this morning, the victim is still being treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His condition is unknown at this time."

Slightly less than one year ago, a shooting in the same block of Cardinal ended the life of an 16-year-old Big Spring High School student. Justin Hernandez was pronounced dead shortly after 10 a.m. May 30 at a Lubbock area hospital, according to police records. The shooting happened in the 1600 block of Cardinal, but is in no way related to the Wednesday shooting, according to police officials.

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Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish from from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Carry out is available. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

- Big Spring High School Student Art Show reception will be held from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum. Art work will be on display through May 22.

- The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall to elected officers for next year. All parents who have children in the band program are encouraged to attend.

- On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club (HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk in Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at the Alice Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play area. All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family to help pay for medical expenses. Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through third place female and male participants. You can either pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Registration will open at 6:30 a.m. You can download the flyer at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20Bob%20Fishback.pdf>

- If you were laid off between De-

ember 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

- The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.

- 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.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Ramsey in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-13-26-27-36-37.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-17-24-34.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,612.
Winning ticket purchased in: San Benito.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-4-5-2. Sum It Up: 12

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-4-4. Sum It Up: 8

VOTES

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the provisional ballots that had been cast," Bloomsaid. "Provisional ballots can't be counted until they have been reviewed by the election board and determined whether or not they are valid.

"However, the 12 ballots weren't provisional ballots, they were simply paper ballots that had been cast at the polls. When we discovered this Saturday night, pretty much everyone had already cleared out, including representatives from the city and the candidates. The election judge is the only person

who has the authorization to open the ballot box, so she did and we quickly determined the ballots could not possibly change the outcome of the election."

Bloom said it was at that point her office sought legal advice from the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which instructed her the votes could only be counted by order of 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III, who gave the go-ahead Tuesday.

Of the 12 ballots, only eight were found to be legal, according to Bloom. In the race for the mayor's seat on the Big Spring City Council, winner and mayor-elect Tommy Duncan received five more ballots, while incumbent

Russ McEwen received one additional ballot. Challenger Shannon Thomason also received one additional ballot.

In the race for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council, councilman-elect Craig Olson received two additional ballots, while incumbent Troy Tompkins received just one additional vote. Tompkins lost the election to Olson by just six ballots.

Speculation as to whether or not Tompkins will call for a recount in the contest has yet to be confirmed, and according to city officials, the first-term councilman had not yet filed the request for a recount as of this morning.

Only one additional ballot was counted in the race for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees, as election winner Chad Wash, who took 57.55 percent of the vote Saturday, bumped his vote total from 464 to 465.

The \$60 million bond election offered by BSISD saw a split in the additional ballots, as four additional ballots in favor and four additional ballots against the measure were added into the vote totals.

According to Bloom, rumors the 12 ballots were ever "lost" are untrue.

"I've heard several of the different media outlets refer to the ballots

as being lost, and that's simply not the fact," she said. "The ballots were always in our possession and under lock and key.

"One of the reasons we decided to have these ballots added to the total is to maintain to the public just how seriously we take every single vote in an election. And although these additional ballots did not change the outcome of any of the contests, we wanted to make sure every vote cast was counted so those citizens' voices could be heard."

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POPS

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Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services.

According to Committee Chairman Jan Hansen, the committee is also seeking support at a number of different levels — "Stars and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more, "Texas Star" sponsors that donate \$2,000

or more and "Rocket" sponsors that donate \$1,000 or more.

Each year hundreds of donations in smaller amounts are received by the committee, Hansen said, "and we want to make sure that everyone knows we appreciate their support, no matter what amount they're able to contribute."

At the same time, committee member Becky Crane is again coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendor's booths during the event. She can be

contacted at 267-5449 or 432-517-0373. Vendor packets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye

ValVerde, executive director of the chamber, at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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Boe Payne, 28, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Where did the month of April go? Where has the first third of this year gone? It seems that days, weeks, months and years zip past like jets passing turtles! In view of such, it is imperative that we make the most of each day and wisely use our time.

"For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4).

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12).

"But encourage one another daily, as along as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Hebrews 3:13).

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OUR VIEW

Today we honor law enforcement sacrifices for us

Today, during National Police Week, the names of more than 300 fallen law enforcement officers will be dedicated on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The monument, formally dedicated in 1981, pays tribute to federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Different from other national memorials, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial changes every spring, when new names are added to honor those killed in the previous year, as well as officers killed in years past whose information was only recently made available.

Of this year's 324 names, more than 50 are from Texas, including 10 officers killed in the line of duty in 2009. Luckily, none of our local officers were among those killed in action last year, but we've had our share.

So today, it is a fitting time for us to consider the many contributions and sacrifices our law enforcement officers have made to keep us and our families safe and secure.

From policemen and women to sheriffs, constables, detention officers and game wardens — peace officers are widely respected for their skill and professionalism. They work tirelessly to pursue criminals and protect us. They secure our schools, airports, highways and parks and they are often the first to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies.

Sadly, peace officers face daily dangers in their line of work, which sometimes lead to tragic consequences. While we can never express enough gratitude for their heroism and sacrifice, each of us can do our part to show Texas law enforcement and their families our support and respect.

During this year's National Police Week we offer a Texas-sized "thank you" to our law enforcement community and take the time to remember the heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we slow down, Lord, and appreciate all that You have given us.

Amen

What's good for U.S. Latinos may not be best for Puerto Ricans

For U.S. Latinos, it would be the biggest political boost in history. Imagine suddenly gaining two Hispanic U.S. senators and six additional Latino members of the House of Representatives. Imagine 4 million additional Latinos suddenly eligible to vote for president. The gains would be much bigger than those that Latinos are likely to receive from the new census tabulations or from any gigantic voter registration campaign, even bigger than the certain Latino voter backlash that has been provoked by lawmakers in Arizona.

For U.S. Latino empowerment, nothing could match the entry of Puerto Rico as the 51st state of the union.

Yet if and when that happens, it should be because we the American people, especially our Congress, respected the will of the Puerto Rican people. It should be because they were able to choose statehood over independence and their current commonwealth status in a free and truly democratic process.

When they vote in a new plebiscite to determine the political future of their precious island, Puerto Ricans should know that our Congress is bound to respect their decision and committed to act upon it.

Anything else would be a farce, another nonbinding beauty contest, a repeat of the plebiscites of 1967, 1993 and 1998 and another huge waste of time, money and emotions. That's what has happened in the past and what likely would happen again under the latest proposed plebiscite, which is already approved by the House and bound for Senate hearings.

Those who support this plebiscite, starting with pro-statehood Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Fortuno, argue that unlike the others, which were conducted by the government of Puerto Rico, at least this one would be "authorized" by Congress. Of course, that means absolutely nada. It still would be nonbinding. Once the Puerto Rican people made their choice, Congress still could ignore them — just as it ignores most controversial matters.

If Puerto Ricans were to choose statehood, for example, many linguistically impaired, ethnically challenged and xenophobically affected Republicans would have serious reservations. They would raise all kinds of racist

objections to try to prevent the island from becoming the 51st state. They would insist, as they have in the past, that Puerto Ricans should speak only English and renounce the Spanish language and culture.

And before Puerto Ricans venture into statehood, many would like some guarantees that such racist restrictions would not be imposed on them.

Unfortunately, the bill passed by the House April 29 — by a bipartisan vote of 223-169 — is so flawed that even the three Puerto Rican-Americans in Congress couldn't agree on it. Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., voted for it. But Reps. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., and Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., voted against it.

Gutierrez argued that the legislation had been rushed through the House without clearly defining the options that would be offered to Puerto Rican voters, and Velazquez argued that it was skewed to favor the statehood option. Serrano, while recognizing some flaws, supported it because, he said, at least it began a process that could lead to the decolonization of the island.

Some background: Under the commonwealth status, approved by Congress in 1952 as a transitional arrangement, Puerto Ricans on the island are American citizens who are subject to federal law but don't enjoy all the rights of citizenship.

They serve in the U.S. military, often with remarkable courage, but cannot vote in presidential elections. They pay no federal income taxes, but their voice in Congress is limited to a single nonvoting delegate to the House.

A task force established by President Bill Clinton and revived by President George W. Bush five years ago recommended that unlike previous plebiscites, a new one should be conducted in two parts. First, Puerto Ricans would have to decide on whether they want to remain under the commonwealth relationship with the United States. If they voted for change, a second plebiscite would give them only two options, statehood or independence.

It seemed like a sound idea, especially because it nudged the Puerto Rican people to make a tough decision they have been avoiding, a decision with only two choices instead of three. Puerto Rico's commonwealth status, now 58 years old, never was meant to be permanent. Most Puerto Ricans acknowledge that sooner or later, they will have to move on to another arrangement. Yet when they had a choice of being a common-

wealth, a state or independent in the three previous plebiscites, they clung to the commonwealth they claim they must let go.

The deadlock could be broken, some thought, with the two-plebiscite process suggested by the Bush panel. Yet others argued that because independence always ranks a low third among the three options, the two-plebiscite process would favor statehood. And their argument was so strong that the idea was stalled during the Bush years. When it was resuscitated again this year, as the Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2010, it still called for two rounds of voting, but it had three options in the second round — statehood, independence or free association, a poorly defined third option that involved sovereignty while maintaining some sort of association with the United States. In other words, they had managed to preserve the commonwealth option without calling it commonwealth.

But that wasn't enough. Because this new third option was clearly a farce and no one could explain what it would entail, amazingly, commonwealth was reintroduced as a fourth option! It was an amendment introduced by Republicans in a clear attempt to derail any movement toward statehood in Puerto Rico, and now we have a bill that is full of contradictions.

The amendment completely nullifies the intent of the two-round voting process. Now Puerto Ricans can reject commonwealth in the first round and still end up supporting it in the second. If commonwealth is still an option in the second round, why bother having a first round?

Every few years, the Puerto Rican people are taken on this emotional roller-coaster ride created by nonbinding plebiscites with more than two options. And like all riders of roller coasters, they always end up exactly where they started, clinging to commonwealth.

Unless the Senate corrects the many flaws in the House bill, Puerto Ricans are already in line for another emotional ride to define who they are as a people. And the rest of us U.S. Latinos are going to have to wait until they are given a fair chance to define their destiny.

Puerto Rican statehood could be great for U.S. Latinos, but only if Puerto Ricans really want it, Congress learns to respect their right to self-determination and they all agree to demolish the multiple-choice plebiscite roller coaster.

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Foreign corporations are citizens too?

Having decreed that corporations have a free speech "right" to spend unlimited sums from their massive corporate treasuries to elect or defeat candidates in our elections, the Supreme Court's five-man corporate-majority has opened a colossal can of worms.

One of those worrisome squiggles is this question: Does the Court's newly fabricated political right extend to foreign corporations?

In their ruling, the answer from the five judicial monkeywrenchers was... silence.

How sly.

With no explicit ban to rule out foreign corporate money, the justices have implicitly ruled it in. After all, argue apologists for this constitutional perversion, a corporation is a corporation, and its official domicile is irrelevant in determining its political rights.

So, not only have the Supremes magically endowed all inanimate corporate things with the human ability to speak in their Citizens United ruling, but they've also granted corporate "persons" more speech than actual people-people have.

Start with the fact that the Court's ruling equates our freedom of speech with the freedom to spend money — a plutocratic contortion of democracy that gives the most speech to those with the most money.

American corporations alone have trillions of dollars they can

draw from to shout down the voices of us mere humans.

But it appears that Toyota, Unilever, Deutsche Bank, Bin Laden Construction group and thousands of other foreign entities can also add their trillions of dollars to drown out the democratic voices of real Americans.

Interestingly, foreign humans are banned from spending money to influence our elections — so the Court has decreed that corporate foreigners have superior rights to human foreigners.

To help reverse this Supreme insanity, link up with the grassroots coalition called Move To Amend at www.movetoamend.org.

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Dear Annie: My brother has been a drug addict for the better part of 30 years. When he comes off a binge, he usually loses a job, a car and sometimes his living arrangements.

My mom always cleans up his messes. She lets him move in for several days so he can eat nonstop and sleep all day. She pays his traffic tickets and gets his car out of the impound lot. She has stood in line to get his food stamps and has taken him to buy food and clothing.

When drugs caused my brother to lose most of his teeth in his late 40s, Mom spent several thousand dollars to have partials made to fit his mouth. Both my sister and I suffer because Mom spends so much time trying to make him "better."

Our dad died a few years ago, and Mom was lonely. Since I am single, without children, I moved in with her. The arrangement works well for both of us.

However, the last time my brother came to the house, I made a casual remark that he was undoubtedly eating so much because he was coming down from a drug high. My mother looked at me with pure hatred and told me that I am "ugly, horrible and rotten."

I said it isn't fair that both my sister and I are not allowed to express our feelings about our brother's drug use. Mom went on for another 15 minutes repeating how awful I am, and that I am so much worse than my brother.

She treats my sister the exact same way. How can I get Mom to see that by enabling one child, she is deeply hurting the other two?
 — At a Loss

Dear At a Loss: Your mother is not ready to accept that her son is a drug addict and she is an enabler. Until she is, any negative comment you make about your brother will provoke her to defend him.

Don't criticize him. Instead, try to open Mom's eyes to the harm she is doing not only to you, but to her son. Please contact Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org) for families and friends of drug addicts at 1-800-477-6291, or Families Anonymous (familie-sanonymous.org) at 1-800-736-9805.

Dear Annie: I am

a single, childless 50-year-old woman. I'm in a dead-end job and looking to make changes in my life.

I want to go back to school, but do not have the time due to my work schedule. I would like to foster wild baby animals that are parentless and care for them until they are old enough to be set free. How can I find out about this line of work? I do not own a home, so I am able to move out of state. — Florida

Dear Florida: Fostering wild animals requires training and can be expensive to do on your own. You might have better luck working with a wildlife organization or animal sanctuary. Check online or in your phone book. You also can foster less exotic animals that need good, loving homes. Contact the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (aspca.org), 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Wanda and Worried," the 75-year-old widow who was dumped by her 78-year-old boyfriend. She worries that she "is too old to start up with someone new."

My mother died two years ago after 60 years of marriage. My father, now 89, has developed a wonderful relationship with a special lady friend who is 80 and lives in the same retirement community. It has given my father a new lease on life. And what a joy for us to see him find a new companion after watching him lovingly care for our mother during the difficult last years of her life. He is a wonderful role model for my five brothers.

Please tell Wanda to stop worrying and discover what new friendships may be waiting for her. — Janet

Dear Annie: My wife's daughter, "Susan," recently took her two young children and moved out of the home she shared with our wonderful son-in-law. She has been having an affair with a charming friend of theirs.

Susan now claims she has been unhappy in her marriage for four years and downplays the significance of the affair. Meanwhile, the charming friend left his wife the same day

Susan moved out.

Everyone in the family is shocked, but Susan has a network of girlfriends who encourage her on her "path of self-discovery." The kids have been told that Mommy and Daddy are fighting and taking a break from each other. Susan has been

advised by a counselor not to introduce Mr. Charm to the kids for at least a year.

Do you agree with the advice they are getting to keep the truth from the kids? We have been told that they are too young to process the intricacies of adult relationships, and that knowing the truth will cause them to take sides. On the other hand, not telling them makes the rest of us

conspirators in maintaining a deception that will one day come to light.

How should we respond to Susan's desire that we eventually integrate Mr. Charm into the family? In my heart, I'd like to strangle him, and my wife would prefer to never see

him again. But of course, that would estrange us from Susan, which we do not want. Furthermore, Susan insists her counselor says we should distance ourselves from our son-in-law, which, frankly, we have no intention of doing.

Since any family member who reads this will know exactly who is writing, I'll sign it — Transparent in Portsmouth



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Transparent: As much as you would like to punish Susan for her affair, please don't do it by telling the children Mommy has been cheating. It is not a lie to say their parents are fighting and taking a break. If she stays with Mr. Charm, you will have to allow him into the family if you wish to see Susan and the grandchildren. You do not have to alienate your son-in-law entirely, but for the near future, you should not invite him to family functions where Susan will be present. She may be behaving terribly, but she is still your wife's daughter.

Dear Annie: My husband has the bad habit of not closing doors — kitchen cabinets, file drawers, closets, etc. Do other women experience this? I try to ignore it, but I worry someone will get hurt.
 — Help

Dear Help: If you're lucky, your husband

will smack his head on one of those doors and remember to close it next time. Every person has at least one bad habit. Your husband can be "trained," but it will take effort. You'll have to sweetly call him every single time you see an open door and ask him to close it. Repetition and consistency are the keys, and progress won't happen overnight. While you will be counting on him to shape up, he'll be counting on you to give up.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Yes, there are some niggling issues on your mind, and not all of them can be solved in a day — or a year. But when you take stock of the good in your life, you'll find it far out-

weighs these problems. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you encounter less than optimal behavior, the answer is to be stricter with yourself and more tolerant of others. That may seem counterintuitive, but it will work. Truly, the only thing you can control is yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anything can be accomplished with the right attitude. Worry isn't it. This habit is hurting you more than any other. Realize what your triggers are, and avoid setting them off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You often wish you had someone completely on your side — a hero to save the day, or at least one who would listen, understand and advise you. Do everything you can think of to be this person. Hold your own hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Teach the worthy and the unworthy alike. Accept what others shun. Make friends with the way things are. If this is your policy, you will be enriched by your own generosity of spirit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you weren't

given the right training or resources. Maybe you weren't parented properly. Whatever the elemental lack may be, it's time to put all of that behind you and focus on making the best of what you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've accomplished a lot more than you're giving yourself credit for. Think about it, and the anxiousness you feel will be replaced with a sense of confidence. Relax and enjoy this life you've built for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one who answers the most questions is likely to make the most errors. Think about that when someone close to you makes a mistake. Is it also true that this person is putting out the bulk of the energy and effort?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Practice economy in your personal interactions. If someone won't listen to you, your words go to waste. And if someone needs your advice and you don't give it, the opportunity for growth is wasted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The one who looks uptight is think-

ing too hard and is unsure whether his or her words make everyone nervous. However honest this person may be, suspicions will be raised. That's why it's important to make others feel welcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll realize that the instruction you are given is less than comprehensive. As Shakespeare's Hamlet said to his adviser, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13). You can trust yourself to deliver the goods when it counts. You are attractive to strong people because of your self-sufficiency. You establish a strong groove with an important partner over the next seven weeks. A political agenda will be carried out in June. July brings financial luck when a deal goes through. Aquarius and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 10, 30 and 52.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHT: Hunky Taurus Heartthrobs: There is definitely

something special and alluring about men born under the Taurus sun. With Venus as their guiding planet, some Taurus men have an unfair amount of magnetism. Just ask the mall security guards at a Robert Pattinson autograph signing. This "Twilight" star born under the sign of the bull has caused more than his fair share of stampedes. David Beckham has great looks and great wealth — two things Taurus men handle well. But Beckham doesn't spend all his dough on fancy haircuts and fine automobiles. He and his Aries queen Victoria have donated millions to various charities, especially ones that help children. Country superstar Tim McGraw was one of the first of many boys and men mentioned by name in a Taylor Swift song, and now this rootsy cowboy is finding his stride as an actor. And while rising stars like "Glee's" Cory Monteith and Drew Roy of "Hannah Montana" are making sure that Taurus is well represented in the teen magazines, the more mature George Clooney

may very well be the quintessential image of Taurean appeal. The very mention of his name makes women everywhere swoon — STAT!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Robert Pattinson has risen to international fame on a pair of fangs, though he's also working hard to prove he's more than just a super-hot vampire. This Venus-ruled Taurus has taken on challenging roles such as the young surrealist artist Salvador Dali and the scheming Georges Duroy in the upcoming film "Bel Ami." Pattinson has Mars in ambitious Capricorn.

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News in brief

Emerging details of oil rig equipment failures reveal troubling lack of regulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first firm evidence of what likely caused the disastrous Gulf of Mexico oil blowout — a devastating sequence of equipment failures — drives home a central unsettling point about America's oil industry: key safety features at tens of thousands of U.S. offshore rigs are barely regulated.

Wednesday's hearings by congressional and administration panels — in Washington and in Louisiana — laid out a checklist of unseen breakdowns on largely unregulated aspects of well safety that appear to have contributed to the April 20 blowout: a leaky cement job, a loose hydraulic fitting, a dead battery.

The trail of problems highlights the reality that, even as the U.S. does more deepwater offshore drilling in a quest for domestic oil, some key safety components are left almost entirely to the discretion of the companies doing the work.

It remains unclear what, if anything, Congress or the Obama administration may do to address these regulatory deficiencies.

So far, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has proposed splitting his department's Minerals Management Service in two to make safety enforcement independent of the agency's other main function — collecting billions in royalties from the drilling industry.

AP Exclusive: Al-Qaida moving in and out of Iran, stoking U.S. suspicions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida operatives who have been detained for years in Iran have been making their way quietly in and out of the country, raising the prospect that Iran is loosening its grip on the terror group so it can replenish its ranks, former and current U.S. intelligence officials say.

This movement could indicate that Iran is re-examining its murky relationship with al-Qaida at a time when the U.S. is stepping up drone attacks in Pakistan and weakening the group's leadership. Any influx of manpower could hand al-Qaida a boost in morale and expertise and threaten to disrupt stability in the region.

U.S. officials say intelligence points to a worrisome increase in movement lately.

Details about al-Qaida's movements and U.S. efforts to monitor them were outlined to The Associated Press in more than a dozen interviews with current and former intelligence and counterterrorism officials, most of whom spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter.

The relationship between Iran and al-Qaida has been shrouded in mystery since the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, when many al-Qaida leaders fled into Iran and were arrested. The Shiite regime there is generally hostile to the Sunni ter-

rorist group, but they have an occasional relationship of convenience based on their shared enemy, the U.S.

Foreclosure filings sink 2 percent from April 2009, first yearly decline in 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans are still likely to lose their homes in the coming years, but the foreclosure crisis is finally showing signs of subsiding.

The number of households facing foreclosure in April fell 2 percent from a year ago, the first annual decline in five years, RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

But the data aren't all sunny. While the number of new delinquencies is dropping, the number of borrowers losing their homes is still rising. Banks seized a record 92,000 homes last month.

And there are millions more potential foreclosures ahead. Nearly 7.4 million borrowers, or 12 percent of all households with a mortgage, had missed at least one month of payments or were in foreclosure as of March, according to Lender Processing Services Inc., a mortgage data research firm.

Thailand readies lockdown over Red Shirts, says will shoot 'terrorists' who defy

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's government planned a massive lockdown Thursday on a posh Bangkok neighborhood occupied by thousands of protesters and warned that troops will not hesitate to shoot armed "terrorists" who resist.

Armored personnel carriers and snipers will surround the protesters who have barricaded themselves behind piles of tires and bamboo spears in the 1-square-mile (3-square-kilometer) area, said Col. Sansern Kaewkamnerd, the spokesman of the agency charged with ending the protest.

The agency "has shifted its strategy toward complete blockade and interception," he said.

Separately, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajvia said he has rescinded his offer to hold elections on Nov. 14 because the protesters have refused to end their sit-in.

The Red Shirt protesters believe Abhisit's coalition government came to power illegitimately through manipulation of the courts and the backing of the powerful military, and they have occupied parts of the capital since March 12 to demand new elections.

Dutch boy who miraculously survived plane crash is doing well in hospital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The Dutch boy who survived a plane crash that killed 103 people in the Libyan capital is doing well after surgery on his shattered legs, doctors said Thursday as details of the child's identity emerged.

A local newspaper in the southern Netherlands

said the lone survivor of the crash appeared to be 9-year-old Ruben van Assouw from the city of Tilburg.

His grandmother, An van de Sande, told the paper Ruben was in South Africa on safari with his brother and parents, who were celebrating their wedding anniversary, according to the Brabants Dagblad daily. She told the paper that she had not personally seen the television footage of the survivor, but other family members who had were not certain that the boy was their relative.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry confirmed the boy had told an embassy official who spoke to him Thursday morning that his name is Reuben, he is 9 years old and he comes from Tilburg. The ministry did not publish a last name but said the boy's uncle and aunt had arrived in Tripoli.

AP poll: Public more or less approves Obama oil spill response

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Gulf of Mexico oil spill hasn't stained President Barack Obama nor dimmed the public's desire for offshore energy drilling, according to a new Associated Press-GfK Poll.

While some conservative pundits, such as Rush Limbaugh, have called this "Obama's Katrina," that's not how the public feels, the poll found. BP PLC, which owned the well that has gushed more than 4 million gallons since an Apr. 20 oil rig explosion, is getting more of the public's ire.

More people surveyed said they approved of Obama's handling of the ongoing oil spill than disapproved, but not by large margins or with unusually strong feelings. It contrasts with the public's reaction to President George W. Bush's response to another Gulf disaster, 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

The poll found that 42 percent approve of Obama's actions, while 33 percent disapprove.

Police documents show pattern of abuse by man held in 4-year-old stepson's death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Newly released police records show a Utah man held in the slaying of his 4-year-old stepson became increasingly violent toward the boy in the days leading up to the child's death, then disfigured the boy's face before burying his body in a canyon.

Police unearthed Ethan Stacy's body Tuesday, just 10 days after investigators say a Virginia judge sent the boy to spend the summer with his mother in Layton, about 25 miles north of Salt Lake City.

Investigators said they obtained photographs and video images of the boy's worsening condition from his mother's cell phone, starting shortly after the boy arrived.

The injuries resulted from the stepfather, Nathanael Sloop, "engaging in a systematic and progressively more violent pattern of abuse toward Ethan," Layton police detectives wrote.

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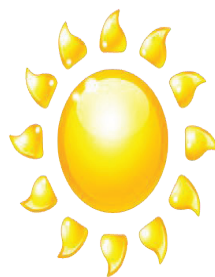
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"I don't know if I'm rarin' to go, 'cause I don't know what rarin' means."

HAGAR

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"I'M HOME, HELGA!"

"GOOD! FRESHEN UP A LITTLE..."

"WE'RE GOING TO THE SIMONSENS FOR DINNER TONIGHT!"

"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FRESHEN UP A LOT!"

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CAN I BUY YOU A DRINK?

I'M SORRY, I'M MARRIED.

I'M SORRY I'M MARRIED, TOO!

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AGNES

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AGNES, PLEASE COME TO THE BOARD AND DIAGRAM THE SENTENCE.

NO... I AM GOING TO BE A JET PILOT.

SOMEDAY, WHEN I'M RACKING MY BRAIN FOR A WAY TO PULL A PLANE FULL OF SCREAMING PEOPLE OUT OF A HEADLONG DIVE TO DEATH, I DON'T WANT SENTENCE STRUCTURE POPPING UP TO CLOUD THE ISSUE.

FINE... BUT IF YOU EVER FLY WITH ME, BETTER PACK A CHUTE.

HI AND LOIS

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HOW DID BASEBALL PRACTICE GO?

THE COACH SAYS I'M A "NATURAL"

IN HITTING? PITCHING? FIELDING?

HANDING OUT SNACKS.

THE OTHER COAST

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SNUFFY SMITH

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I GOT ME A NEW BOYFRIEND, AUNT ELVINEY !!

DOES HE HAVE AN OCCUPATION, SUSIE?

GOLLY, I DUNNO, BUT I RECKON HE DON'T !!

HE'S A REG'LAR KIND OF GUY !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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GREAT MORN' WALKER

POOF!

THAT'S NOT FAIR TO WAKE UP BEFORE DESSERT!

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2010. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I would say to the House, as I said to those who have joined this government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

In 1917, three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 72. Actor Harvey Keitel is 71. Author Charles Baxter is 63. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 61. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 61. Singer Stevie Wonder is 60. Basketball player Dennis Rodman is 49. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert (kohl-BEHR) is 46. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 46. Actor Tom Verica is 46. Country singer Lari White is 45. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 44. Actress Susan Floyd is 42. Contemporary

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Answer to previous puzzle

PANDA	SOME	MESA
ADIOS	TREX	IPOD
WANES	OGLE	NIPS
MARIAN	TRENCH	
	GLEN	TRI
ASSENTS	FIREANT	
POOL	SLOE	LIE
IRRIGATION	DITCH	
NET	RUED	RAKE
GRANITE	DIVERSE	
	ASH	BETA
BOTTOMLESS	PIT	
FIAT	ROOM	TORAH
LORE	ELSE	ELOPE
USSR	DEED	RENEW

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Film megastar of the 1910s
- 5 One not to be trusted
- 9 Sir's counterpart
- 14 High-security airline
- 15 Light brown
- 16 Wedding-dress style
- 17 March-November period
- 20 Poker declaration
- 21 Bit of resistance
- 22 Day-__ paint
- 23 When NPR airs the week's first Fresh Air
- 28 K-6
- 29 Ice-cream extra, at times
- 30 Fairway position
- 33 Quipster's asset
- 35 Made angry
- 39 Currently
- 44 Walking speeds
- 45 Likewise not
- 46 Currently
- 47 Some Harvard grads
- 50 Depend (on)
- 53 Handling personal business, perhaps
- 60 Ecology-minded agcy.
- 61 Retiree income source: Abbr.
- 62 Conversation starter
- 63 July 4th, e.g.
- 68 Artifice
- 69 Minister to
- 70 Victory goddess
- 71 Martial mount

DOWN

- 1 Opposite of "brighten"
- 2 Battleground of 1836
- 3 Silk substitute
- 4 Refer (to)
- 5 Journey segment
- 6 I, in Innsbruck
- 7 The __ the Deal (Trump book)
- 8 Hurtle in the direction of
- 9 Texas NBAer
- 10 Three-time heavyweight champ
- 11 Australian canine
- 12 __-Saxon
- 13 Subatomic particle
- 18 Emphatic type: Abbr.
- 19 Part of AAA
- 24 Some evergreens
- 25 Throughout the course of
- 26 Cayuse controller
- 27 L'Étoile du __ (Minnesota motto)
- 30 Backtalk
- 31 Once-while link
- 32 Ink saver of a sort
- 34 Light brown
- 36 Colo. neighbor
- 37 Whence pride comes
- 38 Frost kin
- 40 Sphere starter
- 41 Volume's ID
- 42 Olden days
- 43 Extremely dry
- 48 Not "fer"
- 49 Bombard with criticism
- 51 Wonka creator
- 52 Looking over
- 53 Camporee setups
- 54 Separately
- 55 Mrs. Tom Cruise
- 56 Roots author
- 57 Any Buddy Holly tune
- 58 Minimal snow
- 59 Entry hall
- 64 Cool cubes
- 65 Approved
- 66 Possessive pronoun
- 67 "To a Mouse," for one

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

8 a.m. Field Set-Up Begins
4-7 p.m. Team Registration
5 p.m.-5 a.m. Silent Auction (Hospitality Tent)
6-7:45 p.m. Birthday Bounce House Open
6-8 p.m. Survivor Registration
* \$5 On-site meal ticket provided to all Survivors
7-7:45 p.m. Line the Track with Quarters
7:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony
8 p.m. Survivors' and Caregivers' lap, followed by Teams' Noisy Lap. Survivor Birthday Party following Survivor Lap (Main Tent)
8:30 p.m. Lap Counting Begins, Rockin' Rockers Begin, Children's Fun Zone in Full Swing, Birthday Bounce House re-opens, Volleyball and Washer Toss Available, Basket Auction (Main Tent)
9 p.m. Grow a Beard in no Time Contest (Main Tent), Potato Golf (Gaming Area)
9:30 p.m. Chubby Bunny Marshmallow Contest (Main Tent)
9:45 p.m. Birthday Bounce House Closes
10 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony
11 p.m. Musical Chair Scavenger Hunt (Beside Track)
11:30 p.m. Paper Towel Clothing Contest (Main Tent area)

SATURDAY

12 a.m. Fight Back Ceremony (Main Tent)
12:30 a.m. Sumo Wrestler Ring (Gaming Area)
1 a.m. Horse Race Lap
1:30 a.m. "A Whale of a Lap"(Track Area), Frozen T-shirt Race (Gaming Area)
2 a.m. Limbo Lap (Track)
2:30 a.m. Digging For Life Savers, Big Mouth Contest (Main Tent)
3 a.m. Bunny Hop Lap
3:30 a.m. Chocolate & Caffeine Buffet, Devil's Chocolate Eating Contest (Main Tent)
4 a.m. Poker Lap
4:30 a.m. Slip and Slide Tug of War, Boxer Relay (Gaming Area)
5 a.m. Musical Chair Lap
5:30 a.m. Name That Tune Contest (Main Tent), Coconut Bowling Contest (Gaming Area)
6 a.m. Shoe Lace Lap
6:30 a.m. Greased Watermelon Toss, Ice Melt Contest (Gaming Area)
7:45 a.m. Last Lap and Birthday Banner Signing
8 a.m. Closing Ceremony / Awards (Main Tent)

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.

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystro-

phy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

June enforcement of updated Texas booster seat law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Department of Public Safety says updated enforcement of a new Texas booster seat law, including fines, begins June 1.

A DPS statement released Thursday says law officers next month can start issuing citations for violations, instead of only offering verbal or written warnings on the law that took effect Sept. 1, 2009.

The law requires all children younger than age 8, or unless already taller than 4 feet, 9 inches, to be in the appropriate child safety seat system when riding in a passenger vehicle.

DPS says safety or booster seats and safety vests must be installed according to instructions of manufacturers, including age, height, weight require-

ments and proper placement in the vehicle.

Remains ID'd

LUBBOCK (AP) — Remains found near Lubbock over the weekend have been identified as those of a woman missing since 2006.

Lubbock County Medical Examiner Sridhar Natarajan announced Wednesday that dental records has identified the remains as those of 61-year-old Peggy Merimon.

He says the cause of her death hasn't been determined.

The mother of seven was last seen alive leaving Lubbock State School, where she worked, with a co-worker and a man for lunch on Aug. 9, 2006.

The remains of 51-year-old Kay Harrelson was found more than a week later. A suspect, 59-year-old Mickey Weldon Patterson, remains in Lubbock County Jail.

RELAY

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keeping with the motto of remembering those lost before a cure has been found.

Bonnie Miller, the 2010 Regional Hero of Hope, will present the Fight Back ceremony, which includes a comic rendition of "The Twelve Months of Relay" at midnight. Miller promises, "This musical action number will be worth staying up late to see."

Between the opening laps and 10 p.m. — and then for the duration of the event — all sorts of food offerings, contests, games, a silent auction, a basket auction and children's fun zone will be available for those in attendance. For those who don't wish to walk, jog, or run the track, the Rockin' Rockers will count for laps.

Devan Bowerman, entertainment co-chair, said, "Our Goof Troup has something for everyone, from a Grow a Beard in No Time Contest, to a Musical Chair Scavenger Hunt, to a Bunny Hop Lap."

The later in the event, the more active the games become. The Frozen T-Shirt Race will help energize participants at 1:30 a.m.; and the Chocolate and Caffeine Buffet, going simultaneously with the Devil's Food Eating Contest, should open eyes at 3:30. Those still awake at 6:30 a.m. may opt for the Greased Watermelon Toss or the Ice Melt.

The final team totals and evaluations are due at 7 Saturday morning. At 7:45 participants will make the last lap of the track and sign the birthday banner. The closing ceremony in the main tent takes place at 8 a.m. with the presentation of team awards.

For the 16th year, Howard and Glasscock counties will have worked and played around the track and around the clock to Remember, Fight Back and Celebrate the goal that is to have more birthdays.



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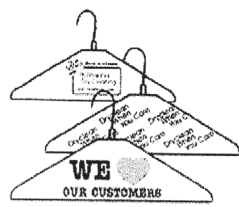


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As summer nears, expect gas prices to go ... down?

MARK WILLIAMS

AP Energy Writer

Gas prices are poised to fall as Memorial Day approaches, a welcome change for motorists who have gotten used to seeing increases cut into their summer vacation money.

Experts who had been predicting a national average of more than \$3 per gallon by Memorial Day now say prices have likely peaked just beneath that threshold. Rising supplies and concerns about the global economy have helped send wholesale gasoline prices plummeting by 25 cents a gallon since last week.

"Gasoline supplies are about as good as they've ever been going into the summer driving season," says oil analyst Phil Flynn of PFGBest in Chicago.

The decline in prices is starting to filter down to motorists, but it will take several weeks for the full effects to be reflected in pump prices, which average \$2.91 nationwide.

By summer, the nationwide average could be below last summer's peak of around \$2.70 a gallon, says Tom Kloza of Oil Price Information Service. In July 2008, the retail price of regular gasoline peaked at

\$4.11.

Economists say the coming drop in energy costs will not have a significant impact on overall consumer spending or economic growth. But motorists will feel better having a little more money to save or spend on clothes, dinner or a summer vacation.

Chrystal Harned, who paid \$3.01 a gallon the other day, says she will be more likely to take a road trip this summer if prices fall.

"It's good to go see people and get out of the town and spread your wings a little bit," says the 36-year-old waitress and bartender, who

lives just outside Rochester, N.Y. She says business is picking up these days, but "you don't want to put it all in the gas tank."

Since May 3, oil prices have declined by 12 percent to \$76.20 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline prices have declined by 10 percent to \$2.19 a gallon.

Analysts were forecasting a nationwide retail average well above \$3 a gallon just a few months ago. So what changed?

— The European debt crisis escalated. This undermined confidence in the strength of the global economic recov-

ery and prompted analysts to lower their energy demand forecasts. The crisis also sent institutional investors flocking to the dollar, a relative safe haven. And, these days, when the dollar goes up, the price of oil goes down.

— Supplies of gasoline have risen steadily. As of April 30, the U.S. had 225 million barrels of gasoline in storage — about 5 percent more than a year ago. Output from refineries has been growing at a faster pace than demand.

— Political unrest in oil-producing nations has been muted. This is a wild card that could

change quickly. But lately, violence in Nigeria and tensions in the Middle East have been relatively minor, traders say.

The massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has had no impact on fuel prices because it's had only minimal impact on petroleum production, analysts say.

Predictions of \$3-a-gallon gas have come true in 10 states, including California, Hawaii, Illinois, New York and Nevada. Distance from the nation's refining hub along the Gulf Coast or high taxes are contributing factors.

If pump prices fall by 25 cents per gallon — in line with the decline at the wholesale level — that will knock about \$12.50 off the fuel bill of a typical motorist burning 50 gallons a month.

Economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics suspects most drivers will view the lower prices as temporary and that they'll pocket the savings.

The federal government's Energy Information Administration has been forecasting a nationwide average of \$3 a gallon for at least a part of the driving season. It's not ready to concede that gasoline prices have reached their high point.

EIA's Tancred Lidderdale said a resolution to the debt crisis in Europe, a decline in the dollar and fresh signs of global economic growth

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The executive staff at Cornell Companies - Big Spring Correctional Center would like to take this opportunity to salute all of the correctional workers in this community and those across the nation as we celebrate Correctional Workers Week. The environment inside

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