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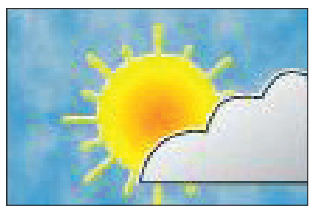
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**Friday's Relay For Life fundraiser gave in to the elements as organizers decided not to challenge the strong wind and rains, lightning and threat of funnel clouds. Committee members will meet to decide how to wrap up the event in the near future.**

Nancy Koger photo



## Convicted murderers receive life

Special to the Herald

Two men found guilty in the May 4, 2008, shooting deaths of Big Spring residents Michael Cardona and Valeria Carcia were sentenced to life in prison Thursday by a federal judge in Lubbock.

Jose Robledo Nava, aka "Chino," 31, of Lubbock — leader of the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation in Texas and James Johnathan Cole, aka "Blitz," 19, of Lamesa, had been found guilty of the murders on Feb. 24, 2010, by a federal jury. The pair had also been found guilty of using a firearm to commit murder during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime and conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and 100 kilograms or more of marijuana.

The jury had also found Nava guilty on one count of possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, one count of



Nava Cole

## Rain robs relay

*Safety first, organizers for annual event say*

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Nothing may be able to stop the spirit of the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life but Mother Nature definitely slowed this year's edition down.

Bracing against a torrential downpour and strong winds, organizers held out until 3:30 p.m. Friday before deciding to postpone the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser. The threat of lightning and tornado warnings finally became too much.

"We hoped it (the weather) would get better but it just got



Stewart

worse," said Co-Chair Vickie Stewart. "Ultimately you have to look at the safety factor. There are a lot of people involved in this."

More than 300 team members on 39 teams were planning an all-night event of games and friendly competition at Blankenship Field. Relay was to have started at 7:45 p.m. Friday, but the field had been flooded for hours by then.

Disappointed but undaunted, Stewart said the committee will

get together and plan a second Relay For Life, though perhaps one on a less grand scale.

"At the very least, we'll have a Survivors' Walk, whether it is at Blankenship Field, the park or wherever. We want to recognize our survivors, for sure," said Stewart.

Stewart said as soon as plans can be made, the public will be informed.

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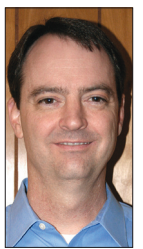
## Tompkins seeks recount

*Six votes is too close for comfort, incumbent feels*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The race for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council isn't quite over, as officials with the Howard County Elections Administration office will begin recounting ballots Tuesday, per incumbent councilman Troy Tompkins' request.

Officials with the city of Big Spring confirmed this week that Tompkins, who lost the election to challenger Craig Olson by six



Tompkins

ballots, has requested a recount. Tompkins said he decided to call for the recount because of the slim margin by which he lost the election, as well as to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

"Because the margin was so small, it really didn't leave room for any error," said Tompkins. "This recount is really the only way to make sure the results of the election are what they should have been."

Tompkins' call for the recount comes on the heels of a court-ordered update to election day totals following the discovery of 12 paper ballots had been misplaced

during tabulations. On the advice of the Texas Secretary of State's office, Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator, presented the matter to 118<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III, who ordered the ballots be counted and added to the election results.

Of the 12 ballots, only eight were found to be legal, according to Bloom. Councilman-elect Craig Olson received two additional ballots, while Tompkins received just one additional vote.

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## Evidence grows against Big Spring man

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Evidence against a 48-year-old Big Spring man arrested in Midland in late April with what is being described as a rape or kidnapping "kit" in his vehicle is piling up, according to law enforcement and court officials, and samples taken of the man's DNA could implicate the man in other criminal activity.

Juan Jose Guerra, 49, of 1 Courtney Place, was arrested April 28 in

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**A search of the suspect's home later turned up an M-1 rifle, rope, ski masks, a number of computers, hard drives and thumb drives, a digital camera and a map used to mark the location of a number of Midland churches.**

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## Reaching out to the mentally ill

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Crossroads area citizens who might have an interest in exploring ways in which the mentally ill can get help after hospitalization are invited

to an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Jean Franklin, a former local resident who has a mentally ill daughter in Big Spring, has set up the meeting.

"I have an interest in help-

ing mentally ill persons maintain their stability when they get out of the hospital," said Franklin, who now lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. "What I am thinking of is something

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# Menefield mines gold at state meet

## Forsan's Hill earns silver and bronze in girls' Class 1A hurdles competition

**Herald Staff Report**

AUSTIN — It was a double medal day for Mike Menefield and Ambra Hill Friday.

Menefield, a junior at Big Spring High School, and Hill, a sophomore at Forsan High School, each won a pair of medals at the University Interscholastic League State Track and Field Championships Friday.

Menefield brought home a gold medal in the Class 4A triple jump and won silver in the long jump.

His jump of 48 feet, 10 ¼ inches easily won the event. Derrick Randle of Abilene Cooper was more than a foot behind in second place with a jump of 47-4 ½, while Oshea Cofer of Waxahachie was third with a distance of 47-1 ¾.

In the long jump, Menefield narrowly missed another gold medal as his jump of 22 feet, 6 inches was a mere half-inch behind the winning leap from Devin Fields of Lancaster.

Friday's results marked the second and third state

track meet medals won by the BSHS jumper — he claimed a bronze medal by finishing third in the triple jump in 2009.

Hill finished third and second, respectively, in the Class 1A 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

Her time of 47.51 seconds in the 300 hurdles was good enough for second place behind winner Lexus Williams of Irving University Academy, who finished in a time of 46.6. Hill clocked a time of 15.73 seconds in the

100 hurdles.

"I was very pleased with her performance," Forsan girls' track coach Robert Hillger said. "Her goal was to bring home two medals and that's just what she did ... She did a very good job of staying composed after her first event and did very well in the 300 hurdles."

The Forsan boys' contingent had a tough day at the track meet. The boys' 400-meter relay squad dropped the baton and was disqualified, while Ty Johnson was

disqualified for a false start in the 200 meter dash and finished fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.42 seconds.

"I'm disappointed for the guys," Forsan boys' track coach Gary Huckabee said. "The sprint relay was in a good position ... but just couldn't get the baton all the way around. And Ty said he got tight late in the (100 dash). He knew he didn't run as well as he could have."

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# Mother Nature throws a curve

## Heavy rains leave coaches scrambling to find sites for softball, baseball playoff sites

**By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Friday's storm system that tore through West Texas did farmers a world of good, but gave area softball and high school coaches a world of headaches.

Coaches in Coahoma and Forsan were scrambling Saturday morning trying to find dry fields to play on after heavy rains Friday left many West Texas fields unplayable.

The Coahoma Bulldogs' softball team had a particularly tough go, having had two straight Class 2A area playoff games against Holliday postponed because of weather — the latest a Friday night contest scheduled at Hawley.

With the deadline to finish this round of the playoffs looming, Coahoma Coach Shane Fuller said school officials had no choice but to abandon the best-of-three format and go with a one-game playoff that's tentatively sched-

uled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Driggers Field on the McMurry University campus in Abilene.

While displeased with having to go with a one-game, winner-take-all format, Fuller said there was a bit of a silver lining — players Lupe Abrego and Ray Gutierrez, who would have missed the series because they were competing at the state track meet in Austin, should return in time to play for the Bulldogs Saturday.

"This gives them a chance to play, which is good for us," Fuller said.

If Mother Nature strikes again Saturday, however, the bulldogs' situation becomes trickier.

"If we can't play Saturday, we'll have to apply to the (University Interscholastic League) for waiver which would allow us to play Monday," Fuller said. "Either way, we'll have to go with a one-game format."

The Coahoma softball team also ran afoul of



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Kelsey Jones, right, scores on a wild pitch in the fourth inning of the Lady Buffs' 6-3 victory over Ralls in Game 1 of their Class 1A regional quarterfinal playoff series Thursday in Snyder. Looking on is teammate Miranda Park, left. Forsan and Ralls concluded their series Saturday in Tahoka.

the weather Friday — lightning and rain halted the second game of their Class 2A regional quarterfinal series with Coleman in San Angelo.

After consulting with umpires, coaches for both teams agreed to resume the game at the point it was suspended — with Coleman at bat in the top of the fifth in-

ning holding a 3-1 lead — at noon Saturday at the San Angelo Central softball field on Knickerbocker and Johnson.

With the Central field unplayable this morning, however, the teams will resume their series at noon Saturday at the Lake View High School field in San Angelo, Coahoma Coach Tracy Tad-

lock said.

Like Fuller, Tadlock found a bit of a silver lining in the situation.

"We made a lot of mistakes (in the suspended game) and (Coleman) capitalized on them," Tadlock said. "We made a lot of errors and you're not going to beat anyone doing that. The good thing is that (Saturday)

is a new day. The score is still 3-1 and we still have a chance to win."

The Bulldogettes currently lead the best-of-three series, having won Game 1 Thursday. If Coleman wins Game 2, a deciding third game will follow afterward.

The Forsan Lady

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HERALD file photo

Burch Smith delivers a pitch for the Howard College Hawks earlier this season. The Hawks take on Weatherford College at 8 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the Region V Baseball Tournament at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth.

# No. 4 Hawks open play at Region V baseball tournament

**By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks may not have an undefeated record and No. 1 national ranking heading into this year's Region V baseball tournament, but they'll still have a target on their backs when play begins Sunday.

The defending National Junior College Athletic Association champions will take the first of what they hopes are several steps leading back to the NJCAA World Series when they take on Weatherford College at 8 p.m. Sunday in a first-round regional game at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth.

The top four teams from the Western Junior College Athletic

Conference and North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference will face off during the double-elimination tournament, which concludes Wednesday.

Joining Howard from the WJCAC are Midland, New Mexico and Odessa colleges. Temple, McLennan, Grayson and Weatherford colleges will represent the NTJCAC.

The Hawks come into the tournament with a 40-8 record and No. 4 ranking in the national JUCO baseball poll and are fresh off a four-game sweep of Frank Phillips College to conclude the regular season.

Britt Smith, who skippered the Hawks to a national championship

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# Ice Cream INSPIRATION

FAMILY FEATURES

These recipes celebrate "Fifty Years of Flavor," taking their inspiration from an original Häagen-Dazs favorite, a popular ethnic flavor introduced in the '90s, and the latest addition to the trendy Häagen-Dazs Five™ line.

**Dulce de Leche with Hot Spiced Pecans:** It starts with a delicious combination of caramel ice cream swirled with ribbons of golden caramel and adds a dash of spicy heat.

**Honey Bee Cookies with Vanilla Honey Bee Ice Cream:** These cute cookies top vanilla ice cream blended with golden honey. This sweet ice cream has an even sweeter purpose: funding research to protect disappearing honey bee populations.

**Lemon Raspberry Clouds:** Light and delicate, these meringues are heavenly with raspberry sauce and Häagen-Dazs Five Lemon ice cream. This ice cream is the height of simplicity with only five ingredients and the taste of refreshing pure lemon and sweet cream.

Get more ice cream inspiration at haagen-dazs.com and helpthehoneybees.com.

### Dulce de Leche with Hot Spiced Pecans

Makes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 3 ounces (1/2 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips or chopped chocolate
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse Kosher salt or sea salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground chipotle or cayenne pepper (or to taste)
- 1/8 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 teaspoon butter

Häagen-Dazs Dulce de Leche All Natural Ice Cream

#### Chocolate Garnish

Heat cream to a low simmer in a small saucepan or bowl in microwave. Add 2 ounces of the chocolate and let stand 1 minute. Stir until smooth. Cool slightly. (Pour into a squeeze bottle if desired.)

Place remaining chocolate in small zip-top plastic bag. Microwave 45 to 60 seconds on high until chocolate is softened; knead with fingers until smooth. Snip 1/8 inch off one corner of bag. Spread a piece of wax paper on a baking sheet. Squeeze chocolate from bag into 2-inch decorative shapes. Let stand until firm or place in refrigerator for a few minutes. Gently lift from paper.

#### Hot Spiced Nuts

Combine salt, chipotle or cayenne and sugar in a small bowl. Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add pecans and spice mix, stir until nuts are evenly coated. Stir frequently over medium heat until lightly toasted and fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes.

To serve, drizzle four plates or bowls with about 1 tablespoon chocolate sauce. (Remaining sauce can be refrigerated up to 2 weeks.) Place a scoop of Dulce de Leche ice cream over chocolate. Top with spiced nuts and chocolate garnish.

### Häagen-Dazs Celebrates Fifty Years of Flavor

An iconic ice cream brand celebrates its 50th birthday this May. Häagen-Dazs®, the name synonymous with ice cream quality, was created by Reuben Mattus, after selling flavored ices and ice cream pops from a horse drawn cart on the bustling streets of New York City in the early 1900s. Reuben's dream was to craft an ice cream of superior quality and unequalled taste. He launched the all natural, super premium Häagen-Dazs ice cream line in 1960 with three classic flavors that are still favorites today — Vanilla, Chocolate and Coffee.

Over the past 50 years, each new Häagen-Dazs flavor has been crafted without compromise. It took Reuben six years to find the perfect strawberry — Hoods and Totems from the Northwest — for his Strawberry ice cream. California raisins are plumped in a rich rum blend for exactly 42 days before they're ready for Häagen-Dazs Rum Raisin ice cream. Berries are "hugged" to release their juices which are then blended into the ice cream, giving berry flavors their subtle all-natural color. These extra steps and others guarantee that each all-natural spoonful meets Reuben's strict standards.

Truly made like no other, today Häagen-Dazs ice cream offers more than 65 flavors of ice cream, sorbet, frozen yogurt and frozen snacks available around the globe for ice cream lovers seeking true taste. Reuben would most certainly be proud. For more information, please visit [www.haagen-dazs.com](http://www.haagen-dazs.com).



### Lemon Raspberry Clouds

Makes 6 servings

Egg white meringue shells take a few hours in the oven, so plan ahead. Make in advance and store airtight for up to a week.

#### Meringue Shells

- 3 large egg whites (scant 1/2 cup)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar

#### Raspberry Sauce

- 3 cups (about 12 ounces) fresh raspberries, divided use
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice or water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

Häagen-Dazs Five Lemon All Natural Ice Cream

Lemon zest and mint for garnish

Preheat oven to 250°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Combine egg whites, vanilla and salt in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until foamy. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until whites hold very firm glossy peaks, about 5 minutes.

With a spring-loaded ice cream scoop or large spoon, evenly space six mounds of meringue on prepared baking sheet. With the back of a spoon, form a depression in the center of each mound.

Bake 1 hour. Turn oven off and leave in oven with door closed for another hour. Remove from oven and cool completely. Use metal spatula to remove from parchment paper. Store in airtight container for up to 1 week.

Raspberry sauce: Place 1 1/2 cups berries, sugar, juice or water and cornstarch in a small (1-quart size) saucepan. Stir to combine. Bring to a simmer over medium heat stirring frequently. Simmer on low 2 minutes until liquid is translucent and berries are broken down. Cool.

Spoon 2 to 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce into depression of each meringue. Place a scoop of ice cream over sauce. Garnish with remaining raspberries, lemon zest and mint leaf.



### Honey Bee Cookies with Vanilla Honey Bee Ice Cream

Makes about 5 dozen small cookies

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks), softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus about 1/4 cup for rolling

Sugar sprinkles and icing tubes for decorating  
Häagen-Dazs All Natural Vanilla Honey Bee Ice Cream

In large mixing bowl, beat butter, sugar, egg, vanilla and spices until creamy. Gradually add flour, beating until well blended. Dough will be stiff. Divide dough in half; flatten to 1/2 inch and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or until firm. (Dough can be refrigerated up to 1 week, or frozen for longer storage.)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly flour a work surface. Place one piece of dough on surface, sprinkle with flour; roll to even 1/8-inch thickness. Cut in desired shapes and place 1/2 inch apart on ungreased or parchment lined baking sheet. Brush off any excess flour. Decorate with sugar.

Bake about 8 minutes until light golden brown on edges. Cool cookies on wire rack. Add icing outlines if desired. Store airtight. Serve with Vanilla Honey Bee Ice Cream.

Serving size is 1 scoop ice cream and 3 cookies.



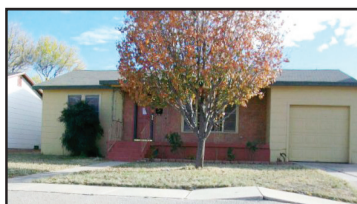
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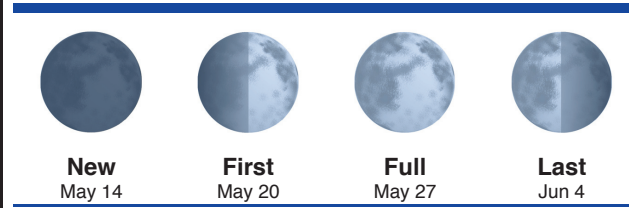
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Amarillo	74	51	pt sunny	Livingston	85	66	t-storm
Austin	84	68	t-storm	Longview	82	66	t-storm
Beaumont	86	69	t-storm	Lubbock	79	58	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	67	t-storm
Brownwood	84	65	t-storm	Midland	85	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	74	t-storm	Raymondville	93	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	88	70	t-storm
Dallas	84	68	t-storm	San Antonio	87	71	t-storm
Del Rio	90	70	t-storm	San Marcos	85	68	t-storm
El Paso	89	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	66	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	65	pt sunny	Sweetwater	81	62	t-storm
Gainesville	81	63	t-storm	Tyler	82	65	t-storm
Greenville	82	64	t-storm	Weatherford	81	63	t-storm
Houston	87	70	t-storm	Wichita Falls	82	61	t-storm

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	74	55	cloudy
Boston	73	48	sunny	New York	73	55	pt sunny
Chicago	64	50	cloudy	Phoenix	92	65	sunny
Dallas	84	68	t-storm	San Francisco	68	52	cloudy
Denver	66	43	pt sunny	Seattle	69	52	rain
Houston	87	70	t-storm	St. Louis	70	59	rain
Los Angeles	73	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	72	59	cloudy
Miami	85	77	t-storm				

#### Moon Phases



#### UV Index

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Lawrence Mohn, 56, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 13, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. No services are planned.

He was born Sept. 10, 1953, in Onawa, Iowa, to Joan Annette and Harold Raymond Mohn. He spent a number of years traveling all over the United States with the carnival. He had also been a cook. He had been a resident of Big Spring for two years, coming from Arkansas. He was a Christian.

He is survived by his mother: Joan Howard of Anchor Point, Alaska; three sisters: Barbara Lewis, Laura Hughes and her husband Mike, and Twila

## Obituaries

Mayes, all of Big Spring; two brothers: Charles Mohn and his wife Cathy of Adak, Alaska, and Dennis Mohn of Anchor Point, Alaska; one step-brother: Jim Howard Jr., and his wife Sandy of Glendale, Ariz.; two step-sisters: Diane Price and her husband Rob of Peoria, Ariz., Rhonda Corio and her husband Tony of Dewey, Ariz.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Mohn; step-father, James Howard Sr., and a step-sister, Darla Howard.

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

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

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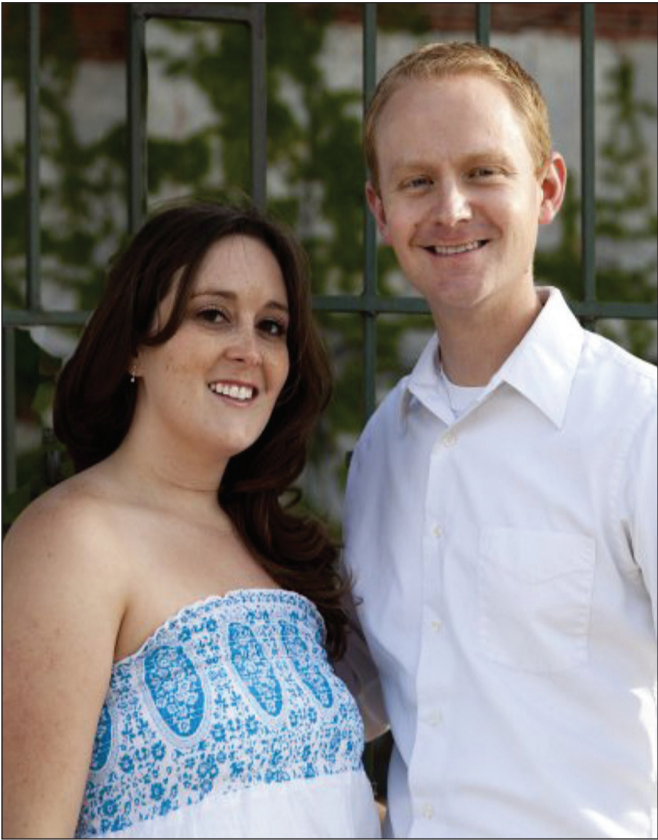
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# Engagements



Natalia Llanette Tucker and Benjamin Reed Lawson

## Tucker and Lawson

Danny and Elfi Tucker of Sand Springs announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Natalia Llanette Tucker of Lubbock, to Benjamin Reed Lawson of Lubbock, the son of Jill and Terry Lawson of Bement, Ill.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Felix and Rosaura Perez of Big Spring and Laneta and the late William "Bill" Tucker of Sand Springs. She is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in communications from Angelo State University in 2005. She is currently employed by KCBD, Channel 11, in Lubbock as a creative services producer.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Don and Audine Severns of Bement, Ill., and the late Barb Lawson and John Moery. He is a 2000 graduate of Bement High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in radio and television news in 2004 from Southern Illinois University. He is a reporter and anchor employed by KCBD, Channel 11, in Lubbock.

The couple will exchange vows at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 2010, at The Legacy in Lubbock.

Contact the Herald at [newsdesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@bigspringherald.com)



Melissa Kay Flenniken and Trevor Alan Moore

## Flenniken and Moore

Danny Flenniken of Big Spring and Mary Kay Jacobe of Norman, Okla., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Kay Flenniken of Denver, Colo., to Trevor Alan Moore of Denver, Colo., the son of Thom and Cozetta Moore of Portales N.M.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Vernon and Eleene Flenniken of Lamesa and Bill and Johnnie Hardage of Winnsboro. She has a master of science in nursing degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and she currently works at University of Colorado Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Leroy and Gaynelle Thomas of Portales, N.M., and the late Carlos and Pauline Moore of Clovis, N.M. He has a bachelor of science degree in business administration and he currently works as a bindery manager at Sprint Press Denver.

The wedding will take place at 7 p.m. July 23, 2010, in Portales, N.M.

# Menus

### Senior Center

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Tuesday: Vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, corn chips, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, peas and pearl onions, carrot cake, milk.

Thursday: Cabbage rolls, tossed green salad, garlic bread, pears with cottage cheese, sugar cookies, milk.

Friday: Chicken soup, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, peach cobbler, milk, V8 juice.

### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal, colby cheese, juice, milk. Lunch - Corn dog, border beans, Orange Smiles, broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage patty, biscuits, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken parmesan, peaches, brownies, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Pizza, fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mac/cheese, carrots, pears, milk, roll.

Thursday: Breakfast - PBJ uncrustable, juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti, garden salad, corn, strawberries, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Honey Bun, juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey/cheese sandwich, Baked Lays, baby carrots, orange-pineapple Jello, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburgers, chips, salad trays, apples, milk.

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**LIFE**

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conspiracy to engage in the business of dealing in firearms and one count of possession of stolen firearms.

Evidence presented at the trial indicated that Cardona and Garcia — who was 26 weeks pregnant — were shot with an AK-47 type rifle which Nava ordered destroyed following the murders. Parts of the gun were later found near Crosbyton in White River.

“The sentences imposed today — life in prison — send a powerful message that heinous acts of gang violence will not be tolerated,” said Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer. “No community should be forced to live in fear. In courtrooms across the United States, the Criminal Division’s Gang Unit and its partners at

the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices are working tirelessly to bring dangerous gang members to justice.”

“The verdict in this case and the sentences imposed against these gang members is a victory for all law abiding citizens, not only in Big Spring, but across the country. It also represents a warning to any other individuals who decide to follow the path of a member of a criminal gang,” said U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks. “Citizens of this country are tired of gangs, what they represent and the effect of their activities on their communities.”

According to evidence presented at trial, Nava was the Texas state enforcer and representative for the ALKQN. To date, 18 co-defendants have pleaded guilty and been sentenced for their roles in this conspiracy. The jury found that Nava and Cole were members of a

conspiracy that included Luis Nava, aka “Flaco;” Reynaldo Nava, aka “Rat;” Robert Allen Ramirez, aka “Nesyo;” Marie Chavez, aka “Shorty;” Carol Ann Rivas Nava; Cecily Dominique Juarez; Jesus Martinez, aka “Solid;” David Hellums, aka “Cutthroat;” Eduardo Daniel Mares, aka “Pitt;” Gabriel Lee Gonzales; Michael Conde, aka “Psycho;” John Guzman; Guerrero Olivas, aka “Screech;” Eliseo Perez, aka “Wicked;” Joe Canales, aka “Slick;” and others. The jury found that from 2001 until Dec. 13, 2008, Nava and Cole directly or indirectly agreed to distribute, and possessed with intent to distribute, cocaine and marijuana.

The case was investigated by the National Gang Targeting, Enforcement and Coordination Center (GangTECC); the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force;

the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the FBI; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the El Paso Intelligence Center; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; the U.S. Marshals Service; the Texas Department of Public Safety; the police departments of Lubbock, Midland, Houston, San Antonio and Big Spring; the Lubbock County Sheriff’s Office; and the Howard County District Attorney’s Office.

The case was prosecuted by Trial Attorneys Cody L. Skipper and Joseph A. Cooley of the Criminal Division’s Gang Unit and Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise Williams of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Texas.

*SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice*

**Episcopal church in LA to ordain second gay bishop**

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Seven years after the Episcopal Church caused an uproar by consecrating its first openly gay bishop, it’s set to do the same thing again — only this time with a woman.

The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool, of Baltimore, will be ordained and consecrated on Saturday, making her the second openly gay bishop in church history and one of the first two female bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles’ 114-year history.

The Rev. Canon Diane M. Jardine Bruce, of San Clemente, Calif., will also be ordained Saturday.

The two women were elected last December to serve as assistant bishops in the diocese’s six-county territory but conservative Episcopalians had urged the church not to ordain Glasspool. The decision to do so highlights a continued Episcopal commitment to accepting same-sex relationships despite enormous pressure from other Anglicans.

The Episcopal Church, which is the Anglican body in the United States, caused turmoil in the church in 2003 by consecrating the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

Breakaway Episcopal conservatives have formed a rival church, the Anglican Church in North America.

**GUERRA**

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Midland after law enforcement officials were notified the suspect was acting suspicious. According to officials, the area in which Guerra was arrested — the 1500 block of Idlewild — is frequented by children, with several dance and gymnastics academies nearby.

According to police officials, Guerra was taken into custody by off-duty U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement Senior Special Agent Tim Stone, who was aided by Midland Police Department officers.

Guerra is currently being held in the Midland County Central Detention Center, where his bond was set at approximately \$626,000 soon after his arrest.

Upon his arrest, Guerra was found to be in possession of a number of disturbing items, including a handgun, stun gun, a weighted metal pipe, plastic hand ties similar to the ones used by some police departments in the place of handcuffs, gloves and a condom, according to police records.

Guerra was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, unlawful use of criminal instruments, posses-

sion and promotion of child pornography and possession of a dangerous drug.

A search of the suspect’s home later turned up an M-1 rifle, rope, ski masks, a number of computers, hard drives and thumb drives, a digital camera and a map used to mark the location of a number of Midland churches. Child pornography was also found at the home, according to police reports.

Guerra — who is being represented by Midland attorney Wayne Frost — maintains the items were used for shooting, according to police records.

According to law en-

forcement officials, samples of Guerra’s DNA was taken following his arrest and entered into a national database with hopes the information might connect the Big Spring man with any unsolved rapes or kidnappings.

Midland Police officials say nothing has been discovered in Guerra’s criminal history to indicate the man has any prior offenses. Similar digging into the man’s history in Colombia has also not shown indication Guerra has a history of similar crimes.

Guerra, originally from Colombia, South America, and a natural-

ized American citizen, is a petroleum engineer, according to police reports, and had lived in California and Kansas prior to moving to Big Spring.

According to an arrest affidavit on file with the Midland Police Department, Det. Bill Anderson said he believes the tools found in Guerra’s vehicle were intended to be used to kidnap and rape someone.

Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman has said she plans to personally prosecute Guerra, with indictments on second-degree felony possession of a criminal instrument expected in

the coming months. If convicted, Guerra could face two to 20 years on each count, along with a fine not to exceed \$10,000, also for each count.

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

**RECOUNT**

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Tompkins lost the election to Olson by just six ballots.

Tompkins said the discovery of the 12 ballots also played a role in his decision to call for the recount.

“My understanding is there were seven undervotes in the election, 12 misplaced ballots and 11

discrepancies, three of which were part of the 12 misplaced ballots,” said Tompkins. “Give or take, that’s 25 votes, which really wouldn’t be much if the margin of victory weren’t so small. I think this recount is needed to safeguard the integrity of the election process in the City of Big Spring.”

According to Bloom, Tompkins will be responsible for paying

for the recount, but she declined to estimate the cost.

Olson said he planned to remain silent on the issue and not interfere with the process.

“Troy is exercising his right to look for a remedy in this situation,” said Olson. “I think it’s best that I stay out of it until this recount is completed.”

According to city officials, if the recount is

completed in time for the 5:30 p.m. city council meeting Tuesday, the council will canvass the results and swear in the winning politicians.

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**MEETING**

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like a non-profit group home. That’s what I’d like to see. There are grants available. What I want to do is see what the interest in doing something like this might be.”

Franklin said her daughter has been hospitalized 22 times in a 23-year period.

“Understand, I am not criticizing anyone. Big Spring State Hospital does a very good job. There’s just basically

no place for these people to go once they are out of the hospital. And invariably they’ll end up right back there again,” said Franklin. “It’s not a Big Spring problem. It’s a nationwide problem.”

Anyone who would like to offer expertise, ideas or information, or would be interested in volunteering their time to help the mentally ill, is encouraged to attend Tuesday’s meeting.

For more information, contact Franklin on her cell phone at (480) 606-8757, in Arizona at (480) 264-2984, or at the home

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# Aussie teen finishes around-the-world sail

SYDNEY (AP) — A 16-year-old Australian who braved boat knockdowns and seven months of solitude on a sail around the world set foot on dry land outside the Sydney Opera House on Saturday and quickly set an earthier goal: getting her driver's license.

Jessica Watson became the youngest person to sail around the globe solo, non-stop and unassisted when she cruised into Sydney Harbour in her pink, 34-foot (10-meter) yacht to a rock star welcome of thousands. She successfully maneuvered her boat through raging storms, 40-foot (12-meter) waves and seven knockdowns during the 23,000 nautical mile journey.

After standing on land for the first time in 210 days, the teen said she's eager to

learn how to drive a car, to eat fresh fruit and salad after months of packaged meals, get a full night's sleep instead of catnaps and shake off her sea legs with a long walk on the beach.

"You will pass your driving test with flying colors," Prime Minister Kevin Rudd assured Watson, who giggled along with a crowd of thousands of her fans, many wearing pink or waving pink flags in honor of her yacht, Ella's Pink Lady.

It was a lighthearted moment in an emotional day for the teen, who admitted she was overwhelmed by the attention after so much solitude. Minutes earlier, she had wept with relief after stepping off the yacht and into the arms of her tearful parents, whose

decision to let their daughter attempt the feat was dubbed an act of insanity by some.

"People don't think you're capable of these things — they don't realize what young people, what 16-year-olds and girls are capable of," Watson told the crowd. "It's amazing when you take away those expectations what you can do."

Watson, from Buderim, north of Brisbane in Queensland state, sailed out of Sydney on Oct. 18 despite protests by critics that she was too immature and inexperienced for the treacherous journey. Her parents maintained that she was well-prepared and noted she has been sailing since age 8.

"She said she'd sail around the world, and she has," a tearful Julie Watson said from a

nearby boat as she watched her grinning daughter cruise past the finish line

Watson sailed northeast through the South Pacific and across the equator, south to Cape Horn at the tip of South America, across the Atlantic Ocean to South Africa, through the Indian Ocean and around southern Australia.

Her feat will not be considered an official world record, because the World Speed Sailing Record Council discontinued its "youngest" category.

Australian Jesse Martin holds the record for the youngest person to sail around the world solo, nonstop and unassisted, after he completed the journey in 1999 at the age of 18.

Martin boarded Watson's boat to take over during her

cruise toward the Opera House, so she could relax and wave to fans. Watson was given a goodie bag that included Tim Tams — chocolate cookies popular in Australia — and a can of whipped cream, which she partially injected into her mouth before laughing and turning away from the cameras.

She was also joined on board by Britain's Mike Perham, who completed a solo circumnavigation at the age of 17 in 2009, though technical problems forced him to stop for assistance.

Some sailing enthusiasts also argue Watson didn't travel far enough north of the equator for her journey to count as a true round-the-world sail as defined by the record council's rules.

# Nadal, Venus Williams reach Madrid finals

MADRID (AP) — Rafael Nadal rallied past Nicolas Almagro of Spain 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 Saturday to reach the Madrid Masters final.

Venus Williams reached her first Madrid Masters final by defeating Shahar Peer of Israel 6-3, 6-0.

Nadal is 14-0 on clay this season, winning titles in Monte Carlo and Rome. He has lost only two sets during that run, and is looking for a record 18th Masters title. Nadal and Andre Agassi

have won 17 each, with Roger Federer at 16.

The win will return Nadal to the No. 2 spot in the rankings. He will play either David Ferrer or top-ranked Roger Federer in the final.

Nadal made a string of early unforced errors, dropping serve three times in the opening set. The 24-year-old Almagro had never beaten Nadal in five previous attempts, but he kept firing forehand winners past the Spaniard.

"I've played at a really

high level all week," Almagro said. "And I had the best clay-court player in the world against the ropes."

Nadal, a four-time French Open champion, broke back in the second game. Almagro won the next game at love when his opponent hit a backhand into the net, before serving to go 4-1 up.

Nadal gave a trademark shout and pump of the fist as he broke back again, although the unseeded Almagro coolly saved two break

points at 5-4 to close out the set.

In the second set, Nadal's groundstrokes started finding their target and he broke twice and Almagro made 15 unforced errors.

Almagro sent a forehand wide in the second game of the third to hand Nadal the key break before the 2005 champion served out the victory.

Williams improved to 12-1 on clay this year after defeating Samantha Stosur and Vera Zvonareva this week.

"I've played so many different players with so many different styles — some play more clay-court tennis, others just hit the ball really hard," Williams said. "So just to come out on top so far is good, and I'm happy with my form and I'm going to try to keep that form tomorrow."

The fourth-seeded American will play Aravane Rezaï of France. She advanced after Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic retired because of a thigh leg in-

jury while trailing 6-1.

Williams looked in control as she secured an early break to go up 3-1.

The unseeded Peer responded immediately, earning three break points after firing a forehand pass down the line.

Williams eventually found rhythm on her serve, and closed out the first set after a break.

Williams showed her shot range with a deft drop-volley to take a 3-0 lead in the second set.

# State meet notebook: Brannon completes career gold medal haul

AUSTIN (AP) — By leaps and bounds, Beaumont Ozen's A'Lexus Brannon capped an outstanding high school career Friday night with two more gold medals.

First, she won her fourth consecutive Class 4A championship in the long jump. A few hours later, she won her third consecutive title in the triple jump.

Brannon's haul of seven gold medals in jump events put her in exclusive company. Luling's Ychlidria Spears, arguably the greatest girls' high school track athlete in Texas history, won eight in the long and triple jumps from 1999-2002 among her 14 gold medals overall.

Spears still owns the state and national record in the triple jump with a leap of 44 feet, 2 1/4 inches.

"She was an outstanding jumper," Brannon said while holding her gold medals around her neck. "I set some goals of catching her marks, but I guess it was impossible. But I think I'm an elite jumper for my years."

No one was even close to Brannon on Friday.

Brannon's winning mark of 20 feet, 3 inches in the long jump came on her first attempt and dominated the field. Winifred Ileso of Mansfield Legacy was second at 17-10 3/4.

The triple jump wasn't so easy.

Jumping into a 3 mph headwind, Brannon

fouled on her first two attempts. Her fourth, 40-8, was good enough to win, but she didn't feel comfortable until her last jump when she cleared 42-0 3/4, a personal best.

"That was a great feeling. It shows I'm a powerful jumper, especially going into the wind," she said. "The wind messed up my mark completely. I was playing the guessing game ... On my last jump, it kind of died down, I picked up some speed and went for it."

Like Spears, Brannon has signed with the University of Texas.

"A'Lexus is an amazing addition simply because of her true athleticism," Longhorns track coach Bev Kearney said when Brannon signed with the Longhorns in February.

"She is the epitome of what a true athlete is — her versatility, her competitiveness, her multi-sport capabilities — all of these things make her a great athlete for track and field," the coach added.

## RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

Heavy rain and lightning turned much of the day's schedule upside down.

The bad weather forced a 5 1/2-hour delay, the first in recent memory for a meet usually run under sunny skies and temperatures that reach into the 90s.

Only the 3,200 meters and handful of field events were completed before rain and light-

ning swept over the Mike A. Myers track complex at the University of Texas, forcing it to be evacuated. By evening mid-afternoon, the rain had stopped but cloudy skies and cool temperatures chilled by a steady breeze stayed in the area.

The only event that had started and was interrupted was the Class 1A boys' high jump. Lindsay's Ross Jones cleared 6 feet, 7 inches, shortly after 10 a.m. to effectively win the championship, then came back at 3:45 p.m. to set a personal best at 6-8.

During the break, he went with his coach to grab some lunch, then went back to his hotel to "wait for a phone call," said the senior, who finished second as a junior in 2009.

The bad weather disrupted the field events, but most running events weren't scheduled until Friday night when skies had cleared. Despite the delay, meet officials were able to get most of the day's scheduled events completed, with only the Class 3A girls' and boys' triple jump rescheduled for Saturday.

The toughest part for multiple-event athletes is the rest time lost before races and jumps. By forcing some of the field events alongside some of the running events, it left little rest time for some.

## FIRST RECORD TO FALL

It didn't take long for

the first record-breaking performance.

Running early in the morning and just before the long weather delay, Will Antkowiak of Brenham broke a 6-year-old record in the Class 4A boys' 3,200 meters, dominating the race in a time of 9 minutes, 7.60 seconds.

Antkowiak was nearly 10 seconds faster than Angel Banda of La Joya Juarez-Lincoln, who finished second.

Antkowiak broke the 4A record of 9:08.14 set by Logan Sherman of Richardson Pearce in 2004.

## STILL WAITING

Some records just seem like they will never be broken.

The UIL record book still has a couple of marks from the 1960s that have yet to be threatened.

The oldest Texas state record is in the boys' 1A long jump mark of 24 feet, 6 1/2 inches Charles Clifton of Rio Vista in 1964.

The oldest running record is Robert Gonzalez' 4 minute, 16.14-second 1,600 meters set in 1967 in Class 4A.

"All records will fall eventually," Breithaupt said. "It's just a matter of time. More time for some."

## NOTEABLE:

—Sarah Vann of Evans set a Class 1A girls' pole vault record with a height of 12-3, breaking the previous mark of 12-0 set by Amanda Alley of Crosbyton in 2004. Vann cleared just 10-0 in 2009 when she finished third.

—Christy Udoh of Houston Westbury won the 4A girls' 200 with a time of 23.70 seconds after finishing second in 2009.

—Ashley Collier of Fort Worth Dunbar, who has signed with college powerhouse Texas A&M, won the 4A girls' 100 in 12.02.



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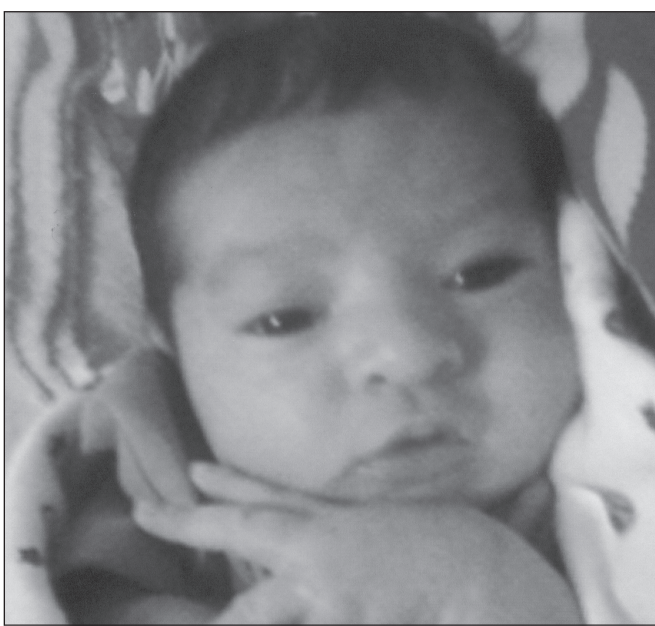
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**► Births**



**Anthony Tony Arredondo**

Anthony Tony Arredondo, a boy, was born at 3:04 p.m. May 6, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. He is the son of Briana Delgado and Anthony Arredondo.

Grandparents are Gracie Aguilar, Robert Delgado, Connie Arredondo and Tony Arredondo.

**MENUS**

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on a bun, baked beans, pineapples, pickle spears, milk; Corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Donuts, ham, applesauce, milk. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, peas, pears, bread, milk; Ham/cheese sandwiches, baby carrots.

Thursday: Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch - Baked ham, mac/cheese, corn, oranges; Burritos.

Friday: Breakfast - Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger pockets, chips, pickle spears, fruit, milk; Corn dogs.

milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fruit choice, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, ranch style beans, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch - Taco salad, refried beans, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch - Sloppy Joe, funyuns, corn or the cob, pickle spears, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage, juice,

**► Club News**

**Keep Big Spring Beautiful**

Members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful met May 3 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Jo Ann Staulcup presided and called on Bobby McDonald for the invocation. After minutes and financials were approved, the group heard about the availability of local recycling. Verde Recycling will be doing curbside collections of plastic, paper and aluminum cans.

Janell Davis reported that negotiations are continuing on the Jim Conley Student Grant.

Todd Darden reported that Courtney Long's cleaning project will continue at the Big Spring.

Walter Ward told members of the purchase and planting of a youpon tree in the pocket park across Main Street from the Howard County Courthouse for Arbor Day. Johansen Nursey provided half the money needed to purchase the tree.

In new business, the group voted to finance paint for the trash can painting project. An amendment to the by-laws concerning yearly dues was approved.

Chad Averette told of efforts to initiate a chapter of KBSB at the high school.

It was decided to partner with Master Gardners in use and storage of our recently acquired leaf blower and weed eater. Those tools were donated by the Great American Cleanup.

Debbie Wegman advised the group of work being done to enter Brady Weber's Eagle Scout project of rejuvenating the Coy McCann mural on the west side of the Chamber of Commerce building in the Keep Texas Beautiful youth contest.

Upcoming events include the Love Our Lake event in the fall.

Newest members are Londa Henry, Pat Vines, Ann Fraley, Ken McIntosh, Juan Salazar, Jamie Trevino and Dominique Marquez.

The next KBSB meeting will be Monday, June 7, in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

**Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association**

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in Howard College's Cactus Room. After a Dutch treat lunch, there will be installation of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

Maridel Fryar, first vice president-elect of the Texas Retired

Teachers Association, will install Bettie Cox, president; Bonnie Wheat, first vice president; Loma Jean Wynn, second vice president; Lora Warren, recording secretary; and Roe and Nancy Fulgham, co-treasurers.

This will be the last opportunity to contribute to the Book Fund, which gives a book to every first grader in Howard County and Garden City.

All interested persons are welcome and invited to attend our meeting. Anyone eligible for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas is also eligible to join the local Retired Teachers Association. Dues are \$37, of which \$32 goes to the Texas RTA, and \$5 to the local RTA. The only organization in Texas that can lobby the legislature about matters of importance to retired school personnel is the Texas Retired Teachers Association. This includes salary increases and health benefits. It is very important for all eligible retirees to join the organization, because greater numbers will result in greater influence of the TRTA. Presently we have 73,000 members. One in every 20 Texans is associated with the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

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**► Who's Who**

**Will Shipman**

Walter and Namiqa Shipman of Big Spring are proud to announce that their son, William "Will" Staton Shipman is a candidate for graduation from the University of Texas at Austin.



Shipman will be graduating May 22 with a bachelor of arts degree in government and philosophy, with a concentration in Chinese. He

was recently recognized by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts for his outstanding academic achievement.

A founding member and officer of the UT undergraduate Moot Court Team, he plans to attend the University of Texas School of Law following graduation.

He is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School.

**Erin Posey**

Erin Posey, the daughter of Walter and Diane Dickerson and

Tom Posey, all of Big Spring, and the daughter of Nile and Barbara Cole, graduated from Texas Tech



University on Dec. 19, 2009. She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology with a minor in addiction and recovery studies.

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Thank you to SWCID students (pictured from left to right) Steven Davis, Jason Smith, Jared Hoel, Shawn O'Neil, Kelvin Crable, and Lakrisha Nilo. These students worked for three months to create these metal sculptures that weigh in at 300 and 500 pounds.

**BUFFALO AT THE SPRING**

At the request of the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, the SWCID welding class made two metal sculptures of life-sized buffalo that will be placed near the "big spring" at Comanche Trail Park. These buffalo were unveiled and displayed for public viewing last Wednesday. They will receive a final seal coat then be placed on permanent display at the spring in approximately three weeks. Please stop by the spring to see the great work that these students have done and see how this addition enhances the "big spring" area.

**Large Item Pickup**

May is Large Item Pickup for District 3. Just as in the past, the City of Big Spring will be picking up items placed at the curb on May 28, 2010. If a citizen needs items picked up, they must call the Code/Permit Office by May 27, 2010. We anticipate a large amount of items this year, so to ensure that each district gets the attention it deserves, we will not be going out of district this year. The success of this program depends on our citizens. We need our citizens to get the information out. If you know of someone that would benefit from this program, please make certain they are made aware of it. If there is someone that does not have the ability to move items to the curb please take the opportunity to help them. With cleanup being done, this is also a good time to begin preparing flower gardens and other areas for spring. Our compost facility is offering free wood chips to those in need.

In conjunction with Large Item Pickup, Code Enforcement will be concentrating our efforts in District 3. During this month we are extending our due dates for new complaints. A seven to ten day grace period has been given in the past to anyone out of compliance with City Code. During the month of May, all new cases will be given until the last day of the month to comply. Citations will be issued to all non compliant cases on June 1st.

Our hope is that with the extra time given to comply, in conjunction with Large Item Pickup, we can begin to see a noticeable difference in our community. Please contact our office with any questions and we will be glad to assist in any way we can.

If we come together as a community, we can truly make Big Spring a clean, beautiful and safe place to live, work and play. Let's take pride in our community and show that we are a community and not individuals living in the same area.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

# Make plans now to have an entry in rodeo parade

We've said it before and we'll say it again, there's no better term one can apply to the sport of rodeo than tradition. and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 77th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday through Saturday June 17-19, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

That's still more than a month away, though.

So why start thinking about that now?

Well, we can think of a few reasons.

First, it's time to be making plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. on June 17.

Participants in the parade will again snake their way through downtown Big Spring, using the same route as last year when street construction was taking place on Main and Scurry streets.

The rodeo will begin at the intersection of Third and Owens Streets, move west on Third until turning south one block on Scurry and then heading east on Fourth Street, ending at Owens.

Again, the pot's been sweetened with prize money for the best parade entries.

The five divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles and tractors.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receive \$75. A \$50 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the five entry categories will receive plaques.

So, start making plans now. Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter; all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form, which will be included in numerous editions of the *Herald* between now and the deadline for entries, which is Monday, June 13.

Just fill them out and return them to our office.

So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Participation is the key when rodeo time rolls around, the the parade offers virtually all of us an opportunity to get in on the fun.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can reach unreachable goals.  
Amen

# The state of motherhood

The one day a year when we honor our mothers has come and gone again.

If you're a mom, you probably got some burnt toast and better-than-usual attention from your family. Kudos.

But after the flowers fade and land in the garbage, and the dishes are re-washed (by guess who?), what happens next?

When it comes to national policy, not much.

As individuals, we're pretty fond of our mothers.

But as a nation we don't value motherhood enough.

We lag far behind Europe in granting leave for the birth or adoption of a child. Our system of unpaid leave applies only to those who work for the largest corporations, and most new mothers (or fathers) can't afford to take it anyway.

The United States clocks in at No. 28, one notch below Croatia, on Save the Children's annual ranking of how mothers are treated.

CEOs and their lap-dog lawmakers say paid leave, the norm in most of the rest of the developed world, would cost too much.

After all, we have to save money — for wars, corporate bailouts and tax breaks benefit-

ting the same employers that scrimp on family benefits.

President Barack Obama (who doesn't have to worry about such things personally) included \$50 million in his budget for grants to states to help with start up costs for paid family leave programs. Who is he kidding? That's \$1 million per state, which is just about enough to commission one study, not fund a real program. And even if it were \$50 billion, why should paid leave depend on the state where you live? We need a federal program, period.

Our child care policies are Neanderthal, too.

No president has had the guts to propose a comprehensive, federally subsidized child care program since Richard Nixon vetoed such a plan, calling it the "Sovietization of American children."

Most moms are now in the paid workforce out of economic necessity — but still make only 79 cents to a man's dollar — so they can't afford private child care that can run from \$7,000 to \$17,000 per year per child.

In terms of national policy, the U.S. government and families alike tend to view child care as a family problem, not a public responsibility. This is the opposite view from countries in other parts of the world that provide public child care.

Public responsibility for kids too young for school is still controversial in the United States.

Many conservatives appar-

ently believe women should be forced to bear children, regardless of the circumstances of conception, and stay home to take care of them.

Unless, of course, they are poor single mothers. Then they should definitely go to work, preferably at low wages with no benefits, leaving kids to fend for themselves with no oversight.

And liberals? They give lip service to child care as being in the public interest, but do little to make it a reality.

In this election year, we should all be thinking about fixing a system that doesn't work for moms and holding politicians accountable for what is not happening.

According to The New York Times, which used 2007 figures, our nation could have a year's worth of universal preschool (half-day for all 3-year-olds, full-day for all 4-year-olds) for the cost of two months of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The majority of mothers, like fathers, now work outside the home — they need the money to support their families.

We need national policies and workplace practices that reflect that reality.

June Cleaver doesn't live here anymore.

*Martha Burk is a political psychologist, women's issues expert and director of the Corporate Accountability Project for the National Council of Women's Organizations.*



MARTHA BURK



## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that the mayor's race is over, let us get behind our new mayor and hope for another term of progress.

We did have progress during the term of Russ McEwen. Thank you, Russ, for the many wonderful things you did for us, including spearheading the effort to keep VA Hospital here.

I, personally, am sorry you had to go through so much grief and criticism, but I am for progress and, yes, even change. I will enjoy the street lights and the water park and the spirit of improving our city that we love.

So, again I say thank you, Russ, and good luck to the new mayor.

I am for Big Spring — a city that I happen to love.

MARJ CARPENTER  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent trip to Big Spring, the medians and lights downtown were being installed and I heard nothing but complaints about the mess and many townspeople felt they were unnecessary. One month later, I returned, they are finished and look so nice. It gives Big Spring an updated, classy look that is hard to believe.

This letter is to commend Mayor Russ McEwen for the 10 years

of hard work and dedication to our city, and for the improvements that he has been able to accomplish, in many cases, having to fight disagreement to get these things done. I am a lifetime resident of Big Spring, own property and pay taxes. Therefore, I know where we've been and how many good things have come to our town. Many, because of Russ.

I do not need to list his civic accomplishments, because with the recent election, I would hope the public has educated themselves as to what has been done in the last 10 years.

What I would just like to mention is the fact that his entire life he has devoted himself, tirelessly and with integrity to the betterment of Big Spring — for the most part, with very little monetary support.

My son, as were hundreds of children in town, was coached by Russ at the YMCA. He single handedly began, coached and sustained a gymnastics program for 20 years. Every single day, he was at the Y, coaching and encouraging our children until late in the evening. He coached, even when his own children were not involved — all for not one penny.

He has devoted himself to the position of mayor for 10 years, for a salary that could not possibly cover even expenses.

Why would anyone be so giving of themselves, we should ask? The answer is very simple. Russ loves our town, more than anyone I've ever known.

We all say, "We love Big Spring." But do any one of us give of ourselves for our entire life to make it a better place?

Maybe we all need to look at what each one of us might contribute to make it better. Russ sees the need and gets it done.

Thanks for the ride, friend. You are a real home town hero.

KATHY JOHNSON  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We want to thank all the postal patrons in Big Spring for your help with our food drive held Saturday, May 8.

We came up a little short of our goal, but we collected a large amount of food.

Once again, thank you all.

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TO THE EDITOR:

On the occasion of School Nurses Day, May 12, as proclaimed by Gov. Rick Perry, the Texas

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# Jays down Texas in slugfest, 16-10

TORONTO (AP) — The hard-hitting Toronto Blue Jays bashed five more home runs to rally for a wild win over the Texas Rangers.

Aaron Hill, Travis Snider and Vernon Wells all hit three-run shots and the Blue Jays outslugged the Texas Rangers for a 16-10 win Friday night.

Adam Lind and Lyle Overbay added solo shots for Toronto.

Despite the power display, it was reliever Casey Janssen's three innings of scoreless relief that made the biggest difference in shutting the door on the Rangers.

"Those innings they got out of Janssen was the turning point," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

It was the longest relief appearance of Janssen's career.

"We didn't know what it was going to take to win the game but it started with a

zero," Janssen said. "It was one of those things where a team could get momentum on the defensive side first and we were able to do that."

Strong, gusting winds made life miserable for pitchers on both sides, affecting balls to the plate and drives to the outfield.

"When you're throwing into that kind of wind, the seams start to take a little bit more effect," Janssen said. "You sinker sinks a little bit more, your curveball and changeup, they hit the wind and they either get knocked down or sometimes they flutter. One time you might throw a really good one and the next time it might be more of a cement mixer."

The Blue Jays pounded out 15 total hits and boosted their major league lead in home runs (57) and extra-base hits (162).

"They can swing it up and

down the lineup," Washington said. "They showed that tonight."

Toronto reliever Josh Roenicke (1-0) worked 1 1-3 innings for his first major league win while Rangers right-hander Doug Mathis (1-1) took the loss, allowing eight runs in 1 1-3 innings.

Overbay went 3 for 3 with two walks and three RBIs for the Blue Jays, who rallied from an early 9-3 deficit.

Staked to a 3-0 lead before he even took the mound, Texas starter Rich Harden helped Toronto get back in it by walking the bases loaded on 14 pitches, then giving up an RBI grounder to Wells and a two-run double to Overbay.

Harden allowed seven runs and four hits in 2 2-3 innings and walked six, one shy of his career high. The right-hander described his performance as "embarrassing" and "frustrating."

"It was ugly," Harden said. "I just couldn't make my pitches. I was missing up and missing a lot. It's not good."

Texas chased Blue Jays starter Brett Cecil with a five-run second.

Max Ramirez led off with a homer, his second, Vladimir Guerrero hit an RBI single and Nelson Cruz added a three-run double.

Michael Young's infield single in the third gave Texas a 9-3 lead, but Toronto took the lead by sending 11 men to the plate and scoring eight runs in the bottom half, for their biggest inning of the season. Seven of the eight runs came with two outs.

Overbay hit a one-out solo homer, his third, and Snider sent Harden to the showers with a three-run blast to right. Fred Lewis singled off Mathis, went to second when Hill walked and scored when Adam Lind beat out a slow

roller to first. Wells followed with a three-run homer to left, his 10th.

Ramirez pulled Texas to within a run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth, but Toronto padded its lead with four runs in the bottom half. Hill hit a three-run homer to left, his third, and Lind followed with a drive to center, his sixth.

It's the fourth time this season the Blue Jays have hit back-to-back home runs.

The Rangers, who used five relievers in Thursday's 12-inning win, needed 5 1-3 innings from the bullpen in this one and may require reinforcements.

"We haven't decided yet but we definitely have to talk about some options," Washington said.

Cruz came off the 15-day disabled list to drive in four runs for the Rangers and Vladimir Guerrero went 3 for 4 with three RBIs.

# Giants bounce back to beat Houston, 8-2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Andres Torres and the Giants were told by their hitting coach to stay out of the batting cage for a change — yes, skip all those extra early swings.

That bit of rest seemed to do some good for San Francisco's struggling offense. The high-energy Torres had even more in his tank than usual with arms pumping as he sprinted around the bases and chased down balls in left field. He was a spark in the No. 2

hole.

Torres had an RBI triple, doubled in a run and scored twice as the Giants produced the timely hits they lacked in recent days, beating the Astros 8-2 on Friday night to snap Houston's four-game winning streak.

"I was rested," Torres said. "Bam Bam (hitting coach Hensley Meulens) said, 'When we played we would just go out and hit and didn't take all the extra swings.' I told him, 'If you see me

again taking early BP, fine me.'"

Todd Wellemeyer (2-3) pitched into the eighth inning to help the Giants bounce back from a three-game sweep by San Diego, giving up Hunter Pence's solo homer in the fourth for one of his two runs. San Francisco improved to 4-0 against the Astros after sweeping a three-game series at Houston to start the season.

Matt Downs had an RBI double, Aubrey Huff and Nate Schier-

holtz singled in runs and Pablo Sandoval had an RBI groundout for the Giants, who hadn't produced more than two hits with runners in scoring position in any of their previous six games.

San Francisco also scored two runs on a pair of wild pitches by Felipe Paulino (0-6) in a three-run fifth.

Sandoval left the game after getting hit on the left foot by Jeff Fulchino's pitch in the eighth. He had a bruise but

X-rays were negative, though Sandoval wasn't sure he would play Saturday.

The Giants finally got going on offense a day after they were one-hit by San Diego's Mat Latos in a 1-0 loss that gave the Padres their second sweep this season in the division rivalry.

"(Andres) swung the bat well tonight, and he's fun to watch out there," Schierholtz said. "He's always hustling and taking the extra base."

Runs could be tough to come by again Saturday in a pitching matchup featuring two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum vs. Astros ace Roy Oswalt.

Houston missed a chance for its first five-game winning streak since winning six in a row from Sept. 6-11, 2008, despite having some momentum following a three-game sweep of the Cardinals in St. Louis for the first time since April 12-14, 2004.



## CORNELL

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 a prison presents specific dangers and hurdles that all team members must overcome on a daily basis in meeting the goals of our missions. Our staff accomplishes these tasks each day in order to guard the safety of our community. Thanks to each and every one of you for your diligence, dedication, and commitment to excellence!

David Justice, Senior Warden

Jackie Gregg, Deputy Warden, Cedar Hill

Steve McDaniel, Deputy Warden, I-20 & Airpark

Silas Irvin, Deputy Warden, Flight Line

Paul Haberling, Administrative Deputy Warden

*Thank  
You!!*



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Chief Nurse Executive Stormy Ward (right) presents Roxy Grissom with the RN of the Year Wednesday during ceremonies Wednesday at Big Spring State Hospital.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Chief Nurse Executive Stormy Ward (right) presents Kimberly Daughtery with the LVN of the Year Award during ceremonies Wednesday at Big Spring State Hospital.

## Grissom, Daughtery named RN, LVN of Year at BSSH

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital Wednesday named Roxy Grissom RN of the Year and Kimberly Daughtery LVN of the Year during the hospital's annual luncheon and awards ceremony celebrating the hospital's nurses.

Big Spring State Hospital Nursing Services hosts the luncheon and awards ceremony each year during National Nurses Week.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

The hospital employs about 112 nurses who provide around-the-clock care for patients in the 200-bed hospital.

"This hospital appreciates the incredible dedication that you give to our patients," Superintendent Ed Moughon said. "We are responsible for some of the most disabled folks in West Texas, and

I know many of you are pulling double shifts and are coming in on your days off to cover shifts, and I want you to know how much I appreciate it."

Moughon said the hospital will add a crop of newly graduated nurses to give the current staff some relief. "We plan on using them," he said laughingly to many smiles in the room.

Grissom was noted in her nomination as a nurse who often came in early and stayed late, especially when her co-worker's husband became extremely ill.

"Roxy often would come in to cover the unit," Nurse Manager Laura Wilson wrote in her nomination form. "She steps in and takes over the LVN or STL (Shift Team Leader) duties if needed and does an excellent job."

"She is reliable, hardworking and a strong patient advocate. She is a loud and persistent advocate for our clients. I don't know how we would do it without her."

Daughtery, who works on the hospital's Medical Unit, was hon-

ored for being respectful of the patients and being a team player.

"She engages the patients in activities and also will participate in activities with them," said Joelda Garza, the rehabilitation therapist technician that nominated Daughtery.

"She is dedicated to the patients by demonstrating outstanding skills," Garza wrote. "She is caring, compassionate, respectful, and is always going above and beyond helping all staff from the Big Spring State Hospital campus."

The nurses were treated to a luncheon of chef's salad, bread sticks and dessert among a background of soft white lights with the theme of an Enchanted Evening. They were presented with a soft-pack cooler and given a chance to receive door prizes contributed by the nurse managers and hospital administrators.

The theme of National Nurses Week 2010 was "Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow."

## Energy Watch



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

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



Alfred E. Neuman, that character from Mad magazine, made the expression, "What, me worry?" famous, and it seems to describe the current stock market environment very well. For the past 13 months, the stock market has chosen not to worry about problems and uncertainties both here and abroad.

Of course, that is what a bull market does and we have made that observation many times.

However, recently we stated "the market had probably started a moderate correction." Since then, the market has churned around but was also hit hard in several sessions.

The main thing we were worried about was the fact that the market had risen 16 percent in only 10 weeks without a correction. It is tough for a bull to flash an amber light, but we believed the risk/reward ratio for new purchases of stock was not positive.

Adding to our worries now are the low level of cash held by mutual funds, the economic impact and very disruptive nature of the terrible oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Goldman Sachs and now the Times Square incident.

Also, the European Union has a big mess on its hands with Greece's and Portugal's financial problems. Yes, these are small economies, but if the problems linger long enough, it could affect all the EU nations and thus our exports. On the positive side, their problems could bring money back into the United States.

Our biggest short-term worry is that the market itself has been acting tired to down for two weeks. Corrections are normal and always bring an increase in worry. The fact that most institutional investors have had a "What, me worry?" attitude is one of the reasons we still have short-term worries.

Those folks who are not at all worried have some good fundamental reasons to be complacent.

First-quarter inflation-adjusted gross domestic product increased at a 3.2 percent annual rate. This was the third consecutive quarter of growth since the recession ended (we believe) last summer.

Unfortunately, much of the increase has been from inventory adjustment as final sales are still weak. Some time ago, we predicted that the labor market would start to improve this spring, and it appears to be happening as April nonfarm payrolls grew at the fastest pace in four years.

These are solid fundamental reasons not to worry.

However, we remain short-term cautious. Despite the good GDP report last week and the report that personal consumption rose 3.6 percent in the first quarter, the market came under a great deal of profit-taking pressure.

Although sitting on our hands is not comfortable for us bulls, it remains our advice. We will happily get back on the buy side as soon as the stock market action says we should.

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## Wheaton named program director for KBST cluster of radio stations

Special to the Herald

Dave Wheaton has been named program director for the radio group KBST FM 95.7, KBST AM 1490 and KBTS FM 94.3.

Wheaton brings nearly 20 years of radio broadcasting experience, the past four of which were spent in East Texas at KBHT-FM as program and music director. His first day was May 3.



Wheaton

"It is a great opportunity to come in and work on helping a station that already has so much going for it," said Wheaton. "I'm grateful to Malinda Flenniken for giving me a

chance to join her team.

"The staff I will be working with is solid, and I feel like I will fit very well here. I am very excited about the challenge and the opportunity to bring my family to Big Spring and become involved in the community."

Wheaton, a graduate of Kellogg College in Battle Creek, Mich., started his broadcasting career at several stations in Michigan and Indiana. He moved to Crockett in 2006 to become program director of KBHT FM.

In 2008, he created a weekly syndicated program, "Coming Home with Dave Wheaton," which features interviews and music of independent Texas musicians.

In 2009, the Academy of Texas

Music awarded him the prestigious Palmwood Award for his dedication to the advancement of independent Texas music.

He has also been nominated Disc Jockey of the Year in the Texas Music Awards in 2009 and again this year.

"Radio and music have been a part of my life as long as I can remember," Wheaton said, "and I truly love the music that is made here in Texas. I am very fortunate to be involved in this scene."

In addition to serving as program director, Wheaton will be performing other duties for the Big Spring radio group.

You can expect to hear him on the air during Texas Country Afternoons on 95.7 KBST FM.

## REAP workshop set May 25 in Stanton

Special to the Herald

FORT STOCKTON — USDA Rural Development representatives will host a Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) workshop at 6 p.m. May 25 at the Martin County Library in Stanton.

Representatives will be on hand to assist applicants in completing applications for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency 9007 Program loans and to answer any questions. Applicants interested in increasing the production and use of renewable energy sources should attend. Funding is available through USDA Rural Development REAP loans authorized by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

Eligible projects include installing renewable energy systems

such as wind turbines, solar, geothermal, biomass, anaerobic digesters, hydroelectric and ocean or hydrogen systems. Funding may also be used to purchase energy-efficient equipment, add insulation and improve heating and cooling systems.

In fiscal year 2009, this program helped fund 1,485 REAP projects in 50 states, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Western Pacific Islands.

The program is designed to assist farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses that are able to demonstrate financial need.

All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50 percent or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible.

Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply.

Typically, eligible businesses have less than 500 employees and revenue of less than \$6.5 million.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and can be up to 25 percent of total eligible project costs. Grants are limited to \$500,000 for renewable energy systems and \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Requests for as little as \$2,500 for renewable energy systems and \$1,500 for energy efficiency improvements will be considered.

USDA Rural Development will accept applications for REAP

# Some West Texans receive care by remote control

JUSTIN ZAMUDIO

San Angelo Standard-Times  
SAN ANGELO (AP) — The last doctor packed up and left Bronte more than 10 years ago.

The community's 1,000 or so residents for the past decade — and everyone else in Coke County — have had to commute 30 or more miles to San Angelo or Abilene to get medical attention.

Telemedicine is bringing health care back to Bronte, and the same system has connected San Angelo to urban center specialists whom patients would otherwise have to travel hours or even days to see.

The Bronte Independent School District is the host for the community telemedicine program, which is provided through Project CHART — Children's Healthcare Access for Rural Texas), a Texas Tech University program. School nurse Tammy Royall and science teacher/physician assistant Lisa Miller helped organize the program.

"We can't find any kind of health care because we are in an underserved area," Royall said. "We're hoping that this opportunity through telemedicine will open up a new door for others to want to come in and help out, even if it's part-time. If it's one or two days a week, having a PA (physician's assistant), physician, pediatrician or anybody would help."

She hopes the system is the start of better medical care for the community.

"Getting the equipment is kind of the beginning of a long road we hope that will continue serving our rural area," she said. "We feel pretty fortunate to actually be able to get this."

Bronte ISD acquired the equipment in Feb-

ruary and came to an agreement in March with Shannon Medical Center, which acts as the medical provider. Michael Wagnon, pediatrician at Shannon, will be the medical director for the Bronte telemedicine program.

Funding for the equipment and two years of maintenance for it comes from a grant from the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health through project CHART, which is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Alan Richey, Bronte ISD superintendent, said several community leaders have been pursuing health care for Bronte for some time. Shannon Medical Center administrators decided to pull the Shamrock Clinic about a decade ago from Coke County because the need wasn't large enough to justify the costs of maintaining the facility.

Children from infant to 18 years old are eligible to get appointments through the telemedicine program, Richey said. The equipment will be set up in the corner of the Bronte High School nurse's office.

"One of the things the telemedicine thing would do for the community is bring a big relief for health care and acute problems for parents who cannot just take off to take their child into San Angelo or Abilene," Royall said. "The convenience and relief to the community will be a great asset."

Lifelong Bronte resident Mica Carper attested to the difficulty of having to drive at least 70 miles in a round trip to take her two children for doctor appointments in San Angelo. As manager of Super Save Foods Market in Bronte, the mother of two — a 12-year-old and a 2-year-

old — has to take a day off work traveling for appointments or clinic visits.

A local telemedicine program "would be wonderful. It would help a lot," Carper said. "I plan on looking into

the county." The use of the equipment will be by appointment only. The Shannon pediatrics staff would see the Bronte patients just as if they were in person at the hospital. Emergencies

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—School nurse Tammy Royall

it. My daughter doesn't like to miss school, and that's what we have to do any time she needs to go to an appointment."

About two years ago Texas Tech started the Advancing Telemedicine project in West Texas, said Debbie Voyles, director of the telemedicine program at Texas Tech. She said the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has a territory of 108 counties, of which 22 have no physician and 12 have no physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

The goal for the program is to bring telemedicine to 30 communities through a 26-month period running through August 2011.

"Coke County is one of the 22 counties without a physician practicing in the entire county. Therefore, residents were having to travel just for primary coverage," Voyles said. "It was quite apparent that the leadership in Coke County, from the county judge to the mayors of Bronte and Robert Lee to the school board leadership, were all looking for ways to bring health care services back in

will be treated the same way they are now — patients go to San Angelo or Abilene for urgent care.

The equipment, valued at a little more than \$60,000, rolls around on a mobile cart with a large LCD screen, remote-controlled camera and the ordinary equipment such as a stethoscope a doctor would use for a regular checkup.

Royall and Miller were trained how to operate it, and they plan on being on a rotation to accommodate any appointments.

"Through Project CHART, we will be providing health care services to Medicaid-enrolled children living in rural and underserved communities through the use of telemedicine technology, thus limiting the number of trips families need to make to receive those services," Voyles said. "We hope that Project CHART is just a building block for expanding health care services to communities in need of better access to care."

Telemedicine is not only for medically deprived areas. In the same vein as Shannon's

assistance to Bronte, Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth offers specialty expertise to San Angelo through a telemedicine system. On a typical weekday morning through the long, decorated and vibrantly colored hallways of the pediatrics wing at the Women & Children's portion of Shannon Medical Center, a waiting room full of parents and children await specialized advice from 250 miles away.

Holly White, a long-time nurse at Shannon Medical Center and specialty clinic nurse for Cook Children's Hospital, makes sure the connections were solidified with Cook as patients waited their turn for appointments with various specialists.

The rooms adjacent to the waiting area all contain telemedicine equipment.

"We have been doing telemedicine for about a year here in the pediatrics area," White said. "We've gotten more capability, and more specialties are using it. Right now we use it for endocrinology, nephrology, genetic disorders, infectious disease, and there are also dietitians and diabetic educators."

Among the faces in the waiting room were a teenage girl and her mother.

The 14-year-old Lee Middle School eighth-grader had been diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes in August and was about to undergo an intense appointment with Paula Thieme, a registered nurse and certified diabetic educator at Cook Children's Hospital.

Thieme is one of the many specialists at Cook who visit with patients and hold conferences with doctors through telemedicine at a number of hospitals and clinics throughout Texas. Before the mother and daughter entered the appointment room, Thieme noticed the girl's readings were higher than expected for the short time she had been diagnosed with the disease.

After asking about the medications, dosages and carbohydrate counting for her diet, Thieme determined the girl was not keeping up with the procedures needed to control her diabetes.

During the series of questions geared toward the daughter, Thieme noticed the mother cringe at her daughter's uncertainty in answering how often she checked her ketones.

"OK, Mom's making a face like she doesn't quite believe you," Thieme said.

"She still needs a little bit of work on it," the mother said.

"So do you help her?" Thieme asked.

"I try to do as much as I can, but she'll tell me she doesn't need my help, and then I find out she didn't do it later on," she said.

After lecturing the girl on the importance of following the regimen, the specialist and the teenager agreed the mother needed to intervene in her daughter's daily routine to ensure diagnosis and tests are done properly.

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## LETTERS

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School Nurses Organization wishes to congratulate the professional registered nurses providing nursing care to the school children of the Howard, Martin, Glasscock and Borden counties.

These dedicated nurses provide comprehensive nursing care for ill, injured and medically fragile children in public and private schools statewide, thereby assisting children to fully access their educational

program. With the increased presence of chronically ill students in the school setting requiring nursing care, it is ever more important to have professional nurses serving area students. Professional registered nurses provide a vital link between schools and family health concerns.

We congratulate those schools who support professional registered nursing services for their students and ask the Howard, Martin, Glasscock and Borden County communities to join us in recognizing the professional nurse's contribution to the education of their children.

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Annie's Mailbox<sup>®</sup>KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** A year ago, my brother left his wife of 34 years when he became emotionally attached to a woman he met through his weekend activities. His wife actually transported the two of them to their kayaking adventures. She warned him that the friendship was not healthy for their marriage, but he didn't listen. The divorce was devastating to the entire family. Even my brother admits he screwed up and it was entirely his fault.

My ex-sister-in-law is still a member of our family. We celebrate all the holidays together. My brother is now with Miss Kayak, and we have limited contact because she refuses to attend any family function without his new partner. I have told him that I doubt I could ever accept her because I can't respect someone who knowingly and actively pursued a married man. The funny thing is, I'm sure she and my brother are more compatible than he and his ex-wife. If he had divorced and later found this woman,

it would not be an issue.

I have forgiven him because he is my brother and he is remorseful. He is planning to marry Miss Kayak soon, and we won't be invited to the wedding because he knows how we feel about her. Annie, I don't want to spend the rest of my life without my brother. How do I get past this? I feel it would be a betrayal of my sister-in-law and my niece to accept his new wife. I know they would never come to a family function if she were there. Please help. — His Sister

**Dear Sister:** We commend you for showing loyalty to your ex-sister-in-law, but at this point, it will only estrange your brother. You cannot turn back the clock and make the divorce disappear, and you admit that your brother's current relationship is more compatible than his marriage. And while he may not have behaved in an honorable way, he has expressed genuine regret and taken responsibility.

If you can stop blaming the other woman, there is a chance you could forgive her, as well. Please try. You can see your ex-sister-in-law at other times, but we hope you will continue to have your niece at all family functions. She, too, needs to adjust to the new situation, and it will help to have your support and assistance while she finds her way.

**Dear Annie:** My in-laws will be visiting us soon (at our expense), and we are quite ex-

cited since we only see them once a year. However, my stepmother-in-law invited her son, daughter-in-law and three grandkids to stay with us, too.

Even though our home is not quite big enough for nine people, we will make it work. But I don't think we can afford to feed all of them for a week. My husband doesn't understand why I am upset and says I should be more understanding. Am I out of line? — Annoyed

**Dear Annoyed:** Hardly. Your in-laws should not have invited anyone else to join them, especially on your nickel. Put your husband in charge of feeding this crowd so he gets the point and, if necessary, can inform his parents that they will be responsible for feeding the grandchildren. At the very least, we hope they will treat you at least once while they are there.

**Dear Annie:** There is support out there for "Married to a Woman," the wife of a cross-dresser. I belong to the non-profit Straight Spouse Network (straightspouse.org), and we provide confidential, non-judgmental peer support in every state.

My husband came out as gay after 21 years and three children. We were able to evolve into an open marriage, but many couples need to separate. I have been part of the network for 18 years, and it's been enormously helpful. — Jane

**Dear Jane:** We have recommended the Straight Spouse Network in the past and are happy to do so again. The address is P.O. Box 507, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

**Dear Annie:** I have a 49-year-old stepdaughter, "Tina," who was married for 20 years and has two children and four grandchildren. Tina has been divorced for five years and has dated regularly. Three months ago, she began an intimate lesbian relationship. She says this is normal for divorced women because men are no good.

I think this is a copout and she doesn't want to deal with the reality that she cannot find a husband. Her kids think she is nuts and want nothing to do with her. They also don't know how to explain this to their children.

I was divorced for four years and eventually found a wonderful man. We have been married for 25 years. I never once thought of another woman. Just thinking about it turns my stomach. Is this something new? Is it normal? — Confused in Minnesota

**Dear Confused:** Most heterosexual divorced women do not turn to women because "men are no good." It's possible Tina is simply experimenting. But it is equally possible that she has always been attracted to women but never had the nerve to follow through until now. Either way, please try to let her sort it out on her own.

**Dear Annie:** I read the let-

ter from "Grieving in Kentucky," who could not understand why her late husband's brother has vanished from their lives.

My husband's best friend passed away in his early 50s. We wanted to help his wife with the adjustment, but unfortunately, she began to use us as handymen. After several weekends spent at her house doing "chores" disguised as invitations to visit, we cut ties when she asked my husband over to change a light bulb that could be reached by a child.

At first we thought she was lonesome, but once the jobs were done, she would make it clear that she had other things to do. Many of her previous friends have also discontinued contact. -- Sure Miss Him, But Not Her

**Dear Sure:** We don't believe most widows (or widowers) are like that. It's a shame this woman didn't value the friendships for what they could offer emotionally.

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# Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

**Dear Margo:** I've been married to a great man for five years. He has three kids. Two of them, the oldest (19) and the youngest (14), I love and get along with well. His middle son, "Robert," is 17 and still wets the bed. He can stop, as he has shown us he's capable of doing, but chooses not to. I think he's just too lazy to get up and go to the bathroom.

When I'm told he's coming over, I cringe and am full of dread. Half the time he leaves this bedding for us to take care of, so we then have to make him come

back and do what he should have done in the first place. I'm left with a smelly house (it's small) or a smelly garage (where the washer is). He's quite hard to love. The oldest son says, on a regular basis, "Robert brings out the worst in people." He is lazy, disrespectful, hyper and self-centered. The bed-wetting is just one issue we have with him.

My husband is very supportive of me and sides with me at every turn, so I don't have that battle. I feel awful that I care for and love the other two while this

one makes me crazy. Any words of wisdom on what I can do to not feel this way? -- Wicked Stepmother?

**Dear Wick:** A 17-year-old who wets the bed is many years beyond the "normal" cut-off date for that kind of thing. The problem could be emotional and psychological, but more likely it's a physiological abnormality that should be dealt with by a specialist, starting with a urologist. My instinct is that a 17-year-old with personality problems would not act out by wetting the bed, because

it has to be humiliating. And don't beat yourself up that you find yourself annoyed by this kid.

He doesn't sound very winning. -- Margo, usually

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## HEALTH

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After analyzing more data from the girl's tests taken at the hospital, Thieme found her blood sugars testing at 414 milligrams per deciliter, when it should be around the average of 80 to 150. A few questions later, the girl revealed she had run out of insulin a number of times and would have gaps between dosages.

"This is very serious, because what that means is your blood sugar is totally out of control. That puts you at great risk for a lot of problems. You might not notice it today or next week, but as early as your 20s you might be blind, you could lose your kidneys," Thieme said. "I know it's hard to think about now, but this is deadly serious. You cannot run out of insulin again — you are playing with fire. ...

"If we don't get her in better control, she's going to potentially have a much shorter life, and

the life she has will be plagued with problems from diabetes. This is the most important thing she has to do in her life — take care of her diabetes. Because if she doesn't take care of this, she won't be able to do the other things she wants to do."

Following the appointment and getting educated on what to do in certain situations and what numbers should warrant warnings, the

mother and daughter said they more clearly realized the dangers of diabetes.

The mother said she thinks her daughter might be battling slight depression, making her careless about the severity of the disease.

The appointment served as a wake-up call for the mother and daughter. They said the No. 1 priority in their lives is to get her diabetes under control.



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# AP Impact report on failed drug war ignites debate

**CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN**

Associated Press Writer  
McALLEN — A Texas city councilman waging a lonely fight against U.S. drug policy sent an excited e-mail to his constituents Friday: "We're on the brink of significant change."

Across the nation, people who long ago declared the war on drugs a failure were encouraged by an Associated Press review that shows \$1 trillion spent over 40 years has done little to stop the flow of illegal drugs or related violence, and by the U.S. drug czar's admission to the AP that the war has not been successful.

"One of the most damning and comprehensive articles on the failure of the drug war was published throughout the world yesterday," said El Paso City Councilman Beto O'Rourke, who has had a front-row seat to the failure across the Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's most violent, drug-plagued city.

"The AP article ... uses clear metrics (expressed in dollars spent, lives lost, availability and use of drugs, etc.) to describe what a catastrophe our War on Drugs

## Former Customs official pleads guilty to smuggling charges

EL PASO (AP) — A 43-year-old U.S. Customs and Border Protection technician says she's guilty of conspiring to smuggle marijuana and illegal immigrants into the country.

Martha Alicia Garnica pleaded guilty Friday in federal court to charges of conspiracy to import more than 100 kilos of marijuana into the United States, conspiracy to smuggle undocumented immigrants, three counts of bribery of a public official and one count of importation of a controlled substance.

Prosecutors said Garnica, who faces up to five years in prison when sentenced later this year, admitted helping smuggle marijuana and illegal immigrants into the U.S. starting in April 2009. Three other defendants have also pleaded guilty and are scheduled to be sentenced later this year. Prosecutors say a fourth defendant was killed in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, in February.

has been so far."

The AP report played across Texas newspaper pages Friday, ran high on Internet news sites and ignited the blogosphere, where the left-leaning, independent news service AlterNet declared: "The Associated Press takes the entire U.S. drug war strategy and rakes it over the coals. It's about @#&\* time!"

The article drew more than 3,000 comments on Yahoo News, many from people saying legalizing drugs is the best way to

solve the problem.

Some officials took issue with that idea, and said the drug war must continue.

"I don't dispute the numbers. I think that the drug war is a bigger challenge than anyone thought when they initially started it," said El Paso District Attorney Jaime Esparza. But he added: "We should continue to stop the flow of drugs into our country, stop the use of drugs in our country through law enforcement and through treatment."

# Drone plane to fly over border

EL PASO (AP) — An unarmed, unmanned surveillance drone may be flying over the border in West Texas and New Mexico as soon as June, authorities have said.

The Federal Aviation Administration has given

en permission for the drone to patrol the border, beaming real-time surveillance video of the border to operators and federal authorities, starting June 1.

Vincent Perez, a spokesman for U.S. Rep.

Silvestre Reyes, said the El Paso Democrat was told of the decision Friday.

Perez said a request to launch drones along the rest of the Texas border is pending with the FAA.

Using Freedom of Information Act requests, archival records, federal budgets and dozens of interviews with leaders and analysts, the AP tracked where federal drug money went, and found that the United States repeatedly increased budgets for programs that did little to stop the flow of drugs.

"In the grand scheme, it has not been successful," U.S. drug czar Gil Kerlikowske told the AP, admitting that the Obama administration's proposed 2011 budget did not match its new strategy announced Tuesday to treat drug addiction as a public health rather than a law enforcement issue.

The proposed \$15.1 billion budget mirrors that of past administrations, with two-thirds devoted to interdiction and law enforcement.

"Nothing happens overnight," Kerlikowske said.

His comments played widely in cyberspace, where the blog Gawker, citing the AP story, declared: "War on Drugs Is a Failure, Says Guy in Charge of It."

"The AP's investigation detailed some of the immense costs of this war on drugs and

showed that it isn't having any effect on the real drug abuse problem," said Norm Stamper, a retired Seattle police chief who now serves as a spokesman for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. "Imagine the impact we could have if we actually invested all this wasted money into effective treatment and prevention programs, instead of just talking about it like these Obama officials are."

O'Rourke has repeatedly called for the legalization of marijuana as part of an overall effort

to help stem the drug cartel violence in Mexico.

He sent an e-mail blast to constituents Friday saying that the combination of growing local outrage at the drug-fueled brutality in Juarez, small alterations in the Obama administration's new drug strategy and the AP story give him hope.

"Drug demand and drug prohibition in the U.S. are a big part of why Juarez is the deadliest city in the world," he said. "We need to own up to that and help fix it."

## sudoku

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# Woman faces charges in Texas polygamist deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — FBI agents in Honduras arrested the fugitive daughter of a polygamist sect leader wanted in a 1988 quadruple slaying and extradited her to Houston to face murder and conspiracy charges, the agency said Friday.

FBI Special Agent Shauna Dunlap said a tip led to the capture of Jacqueline Tarsa LeBaron on Thursday. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Interpol and the U.S. consulate in Honduras helped to track LeBaron down in the city of Moroceli, the FBI said in a statement.

LeBaron, wanted since 1992, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Malloy Friday. The judge ruled that LeBaron would remain in federal custody and ordered a hearing for next Wednesday to determine whether her detention will continue pending trial, said Angela Dodge, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Houston.

LeBaron told the court she is a Mexican citizen and complained that she was denied due process when she was removed from Honduras, Dodge said.

Dodge said LeBaron did not have an attorney and that she would receive one through a court appointment.

LeBaron has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder; murder; conspiracy to tamper with a witness; tampering with a witness; use of a firearm

during a crime of violence; conspiracy to obstruct religious beliefs; obstruction of religious beliefs; and racketeering conspiracy, according to the FBI website.

LeBaron, 44, is accused in the shooting deaths of three former sect members and the 8-year-old daughter of one of the adults in Houston and Irving in 1988.

LeBaron's father, Ervil LeBaron, was the leader of the Church of the Lamb of God. Investigators say the elder LeBaron ordered the executions of rival polygamists in the 1970s. In 1972 he was convicted in Utah of ordering family members to kill his brother, who was said to have disobeyed church laws.



By Steve Becker

## Inferential Reasoning

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠K 10 5  
 ♥K Q  
 ♦K Q 10 3  
 ♣10 8 6 4

**WEST**  
 ♠A 7  
 ♥10 9 8 5  
 ♦8 6 4 2  
 ♣Q 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠Q 4 3  
 ♥7 6 3 2  
 ♦A 7  
 ♣J 9 7 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠J 9 8 6 2  
 ♥A J 4  
 ♦J 9 5  
 ♣A K

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
 2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
 4 ♣

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

It is easy to make mistakes during the play if one does not bother to think things out as each new deal comes along. For example, take this case where it would be very easy for East to miss his chance to set the contract.

South reaches four spades on the

bidding shown, and West leads the ten of hearts. Declarer overtakes dummy's queen with the ace and leads the nine of spades, West and dummy following low. East wins the spade with the queen, and — whether or not he is aware of it — he is at the critical point of the play.

It might seem normal for East to return a low club at this stage, leading up to dummy's weakness. But if he does, declarer makes the contract. South wins the club, leads another trump and later concedes a diamond to the ace. His only losers are two trumps and a diamond.

But if East is on his toes after he wins the queen of spades at trick two, he realizes that his partner almost surely has the ace of spades. It would not make much sense for declarer to take a first-round finesse against the queen if he held the A-J-9-x-x.

Accordingly, East should play the ace and another diamond at tricks three and four. This should leave West with no doubt that East started with a doubleton diamond, so that when West takes the next trump lead with the ace, he returns a diamond for East to ruff, and the contract goes down one.

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# Illegal immigrant student hopes case helps reform

**KATE BRUMBACK**

Associated Press Writer  
ATLANTA) — When Jessica Colotl, an illegal immigrant college student, got arrested for a minor traffic violation at her suburban Atlanta campus, she became an accidental poster child for immigration reform.

On Friday, after getting arrested and released from detention for the second time in just over a month, she told reporters at a news conference she hopes her ordeal can help persuade leaders to work for an overhaul of the country's immigration laws.

"I just hope for the best and I hope that something positive comes out of this because we really need a reform to fix this messed up system," the 21-year-old told reporters inside a shopping center that caters to metro Atlanta's growing community of Hispanic immigrants. Colotl, who came close to deportation after the traffic arrest, looked overwhelmed by the crush of reporters shouting questions at her.

Colotl is among hundreds of thousands of young people who have been brought into the U.S. illegally by their parents. She was 11 when her parents crossed the border with her from Mexico. Eventually, she graduated from high school in Georgia and entered Kennesaw State University in the fall of 2006. A sorority member who dreams of becoming lawyer, she was set to graduate with a degree in political science this fall.

Her first arrest came on March 30, the day after getting pulled over by university police for a minor traffic violation. She was charged with driving without a license and impeding the flow of traffic.

Then, the Cobb County Sheriff's Office turned her over to officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who sent her to a detention center in Alabama. After lobbying by Kennesaw State officials and her sorority sisters, ICE released Colotl last week. Federal officials deferred action on her case for a year, allowing her to complete her classes.

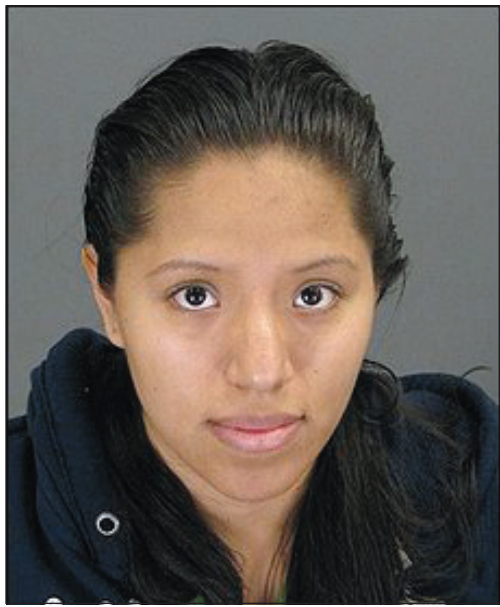
But Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren obtained a new warrant for her arrest on Wednesday, saying she lied about her address when she was booked into jail following her initial arrest. Making a false statement to law enforcement is a felony under Georgia law.

Colotl turned herself in Friday morning and was released on \$2,500 bond, according to sheriff's office records.

Her criminal defense lawyer, Chris Taylor, said Friday that his client's case is a perfect example of why U.S. immigration law needs reform.

"Jessica may not have the documents that show that she's an American citizen, but she's an American," Taylor said. "She's an American in her heart because she believes in the values of this country."

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which granted the de-



Cobb County Sheriff's Office photo

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ferred on her case last week, decided not to detain her again following Friday's arrest, the agency said in a statement.

Taylor said he believes there is no merit to the sheriff's charge that Colotl gave an incorrect address. The address she gave is a former address and her auto insurance and car registration still list it, he said. She also gave her current address to immigration officials and the sheriff's office had access to that information, he said.

Warren did not return calls Friday seeking comment and a spokeswoman for his office referred questions to a statement released Thursday. In it, the sheriff said Colotl knew she was in the country illegally and "further complicated her situation with her blatant disregard for Georgia Law by giving false information."

The deferred action on Colotl's case does not imply legal status but does authorize her to seek a work permit, ICE

said.

Colotl's immigration lawyer, Charles Kuck, said he intends to seek an extension of that deferred status.

If Colotl is convicted on the felony charge of making a false statement, it will be virtually impossible to get a judge to agree to extend the deferral,

Kuck said. But he said he is almost positive that the district attorney will dismiss those charges.

Cobb County District Attorney Pat Head did not immediately return a call Friday seeking comment.

Colotl is evaluating whether to return to Kennesaw State, but said she is certain she will graduate from college.

"I really believe that something positive should come out of this, probably an immigration reform or at least the DREAM Act," she said.

The DREAM Act, or Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors, would apply to illegal immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before the age of 16, have a high school diploma and have shown high moral character, among other requirements. The bill has been introduced many times in Congress but has yet to make it through.

It's unclear how many people would qualify under the most recent version of the act, which could be folded into a larger immigration reform bill or pushed on its own.

Both Taylor and Kuck are representing Colotl without charge.

Colotl and her lawyers were flanked by about a dozen representatives from civil liberties and immigrant rights groups at Friday's news conference. They called for ICE to revoke the Cobb County Sheriff's Office's participation in a program known as 287(g), which allows local law enforcement agents to help enforce federal immigration laws.

"We are calling for an immediate termination of the 287(g) agreement in Cobb County," said Azadeh Shahshahani of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, adding that her office has contacted the Department of Homeland

Security, which oversees ICE, and the U.S. Department of Justice, asking them to look into Cobb County's use of the program.

DHS spokesman Matt Chandler declined to comment and U.S. DOJ did not immediately return a call seeking comment late Friday.

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# BP tries new way to plug oil leak using tube

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Associated Press Writer  
HAMMOND, Louisiana — In its latest experiment to stop the oil rushing into the Gulf of Mexico, BP is trying to guide a skinny, mile-long (1.6 kilometer-long) tube into the gusher. BP PLC technicians were gingerly moving joysticks to guide deep-sea robots and thread the 6-inch (15-centimeter) tube with a rubber stopper into the 21-inch (53-centimeter) pipe spewing oil from the ocean floor. That work continued Saturday morning for a second day, BP said.

A week ago, BP attempted to capture the leak with a 100-ton containment box, but that effort was abandoned when ice crystals encrusted the box.

The company also received word that federal regulators had approved spraying chemical dispersants beneath the sea, a contentious development because it has never been done underwater.

Traditionally used on the ocean surface, chemical dispersants act like a detergent to break the oil into small globules, which allows it to disperse more quickly into the water or air before currents can wash it ashore. Louisiana officials claim BP and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ignored their concerns about how the chemicals may harm the sea floor.

Meanwhile, more than three weeks since the oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the disastrous spill, President Barack Obama assailed oil drillers and his own administration as he ordered extra scrutiny of drilling permits. He condemned a "ridiculous spectacle" of oil executives shifting blame in congressional hearings and denounced a "cozy relationship" between the companies and the federal government.

"I will not tolerate more finger-pointing or irresponsibility," Obama said Friday in the White House Rose Garden, flanked by members of his Cabinet.

"The system failed, and it failed badly. And for that, there is enough responsibility to go around. And all parties should be willing to accept it," the president said.

BP's Chief Executive Tony Hayward said in a BBC Radio interview Saturday that he hopes the oil leak can be stopped in a week to 10 days but the worst case scenario is "more than that, and it's impossible to say how much more."

Hayward defended the U.S. regulatory process for oil rigs, calling it "very rigorous." But he

acknowledged the disaster will change the rules for deepwater drilling in U.S. waters.

"You can't have an incident of this seriousness and not expect significant changes as a consequence," Hayward said in a BBC Radio interview broadcast Saturday.

But Hayward said the leak won't stop deep water oil exploration "in the same way as Apollo 13 did not stop the space program, nor have serious airline accidents from time to time stopped people flying."

He said it was important to learn lessons from the oil rig accident to prevent a recurrence.

Obama's tone was a marked departure from the deliberate approach and mild chiding that had characterized his response since the rig went up in flames April 20 and sank two days later. At least 210,000 gallons (795,000 liters) of oil has been leaking into the Gulf each day, and BP has sought to burn the crude off the surface of the water, as well as use the chemical dispersants.

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said Friday that three underwater tests conducted at the leak site proved helpful at keeping oil from reaching the surface. So far more than 517,000 gallons (1.96 million liters) of dispersants, most of which is a product called Corexit 9500 previously approved by EPA for use on the sea surface only, have been dropped over the spill or shot undersea.

Corexit 9500 is identified as a "moderate" human health hazard that can cause eye, skin or respiratory irritation with prolonged exposure, according to safety data documents. Louisiana Health and Hospitals Secretary Alan Levine said federal regulators dismissed state worries about the chemicals.

"Our concerns about the use of these dispersants underwater is based on the fact that there is virtually no science that supports the use of those chemicals," Levine said. "We're trading off what we know is going to be environmental damage on the surface for environmental damage of a level we don't know that is going to be under the surface."

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has said she reserves the right to halt the use of chemical dispersants at any time if new data show more serious environmental harm is occurring.

The Obama administration insists its response has been aggressive ever since the spill started, and the president said he shared the anger and frustration of those affected. He announced that the Interior Department would

review whether the Minerals Management Service is following all environmental laws before issuing permits for offshore oil and gas development.

BP's drilling operation at Deepwater Horizon received a "categorical exclusion," which allows for expedited oil and gas drilling without the detailed environmental review that normally is required.

"It seems as if permits were too often issued based on little more than assurances of safety from the oil companies," Obama said.

Echoing President Ronald Reagan's comment on nuclear arms agreements with Moscow, he said, "To borrow an old phrase, we will trust but we will verify."

Obama already had announced a 30-day review of safety procedures on oil rigs and at wells before any additional oil leases could be granted. And earlier in the week Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced plans to split the much-criticized Minerals Management Service into two agencies, one that would be charged with inspecting oil rigs, investigating oil companies and enforcing safety regulations, while the other would oversee leases for drilling and collection of billions of dollars in royalties. Salazar has said the plan will ensure there is no conflict, "real or perceived," regarding the agency's functions.

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Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton delivers to the plate during the Bulldogettes Class 2A regional quarterfinal playoff game vs. Coleman Friday in San Angelo. Lightning halted the game in the top of the fifth with Coahoma trailing, 3-1. Area playoff teams were scrambling to find playing fields after Friday's severe weather. See related story and photo, Page 1B.

## Take Note

• Big Spring High School Journalism Department will hold a fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday at Pizza Inn. Everyone is invited. Portion of the proceeds as well as donations by patrons will go to the journalism department.

• 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 December 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](mailto:roxieblair@matthewblair.com) for more details.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• 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.

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## Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were:  
20-21-40-47-56, Mega Ball: 12

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:  
3-17-22-26-31

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lot-

tery, in order:  
4-7-2-2. Sum It Up: 15

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
3-7-9. Sum It Up: 19

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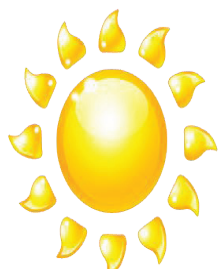
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TO: JIM TRAVIS COKER AND ANNETTE COKER  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A Tract of land out of Sc. 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,082.90, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

lowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Intervenor, against JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER and others, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5519 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Intervenor and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day

of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of

forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6532 May 9 & 16, 2010

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Eleanor Saunders Garrett, Deceased were issued on May 4, 2010, in Cause No. P-13851, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Bob Garrett.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Robert D. Miller  
Attorney at Law  
608 Scurry  
Big Spring, TX 79720

DATED the 4th day of May, 2010.

Robert D. Miller  
Attorney for Bob Garrett  
State Bar No.: 14108500  
608 Scurry  
Big Spring, Tx 79720  
Telephone: (432)267-7449  
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#6546 May 16, 2010

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6128-52-001 for PICNIC AREA AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on June 08, 2010 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$16,044.20.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 32754

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
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Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
#6524 May 9 & 16, 2010

Answer to previous puzzle

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Ed Myers  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of the NE/4 of Sc 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$845.68, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ED MYERS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 24, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET

AL VS. ED MYERS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5749 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those

taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6535 May 9 & 16, 2010

Legals

No. P-13,850  
ESTATE OF GENE MORGAN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gene Morgan, Deceased were issued on the 7th day of May, 2010, under Docket No. P-13,850, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Joan Munroe.

Claims may be presented in care of Joan Munroe to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Gene Morgan  
c/o Joan Munroe  
404 S. Lakeview Ave.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2010.

JOAN MUNROE, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Gene Morgan, Deceased  
#6542 May 16, 2010

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ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

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Age: 9

Size 11 Hands  
And on the 6th day of May, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 26th day of May, 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell Lane at 10:00 am. Witness my hand this 6th day of May 2010.

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#6537 May 9 & 16, 2010

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Taurus sun is a constant reminder of our most basic needs and cravings. The moment we become aware of what would comfort and feed us, something inside screams for it with an infantile urgency. The moon shifts to Cancer, intensifying the dynamic. So why resist? As Oscar Wilde said, "The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Throw out the list of things you are supposed to do today. Dare to wing it. You'll probably accomplish everything that was on the list and more -- and yet your approach will be more free and fun loving.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You will likely go deeper into the state of mind you are already in. So if it's not a positive one, you will need to take drastic measures to pull yourself in a new and improved direction.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The way you see yourself is not the way you are. It is this way with everyone. Use this to your advantage now by thinking only the best about yourself. You will rise up to meet the image of yourself in your mind's eye.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The different characters in your world will mix and mingle in interesting

combinations. The fun happens when someone you know well meets someone you don't know at all.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The contemporary spiritual teacher Eckhart Tolle wrote, "I have lived with many Zen masters, all of them cats." Follow your feline instincts. They will align you with the great forces of the universe.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In your spectacular fantasy world, celebrities blend with normal people, piles of money are given to you for no reason, and it's always your favorite kind of weather outside. Your real life will match up in some small way today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you see something that is clearly wrong, you speak up. But most of today's errors fall into a nebulous gray area. It's better to hold your tongue until you learn more.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What can you accomplish alone? Quite a lot more than you thought you would have to. This hard work may be unavoidable, but at least it is gaining you the respect and admiration of your peers.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a cheerful view of the very things that other people are fretting and moaning about. If you try to pull them too abruptly into your optimism, you'll lose them or, worse, make an enemy. Ease them into the light.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Positive changes at home are the theme, from rearranged

furniture to new agreements between family members. Improved listening makes this possible. Everyone will be more attentive to your needs.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Doing your own thing was always more important than following the herd, but lately you've grown a little weary of the maverick lifestyle. A trip home might do you good.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Be bold. Find satisfaction in your world, even when it seems to elude those around you. You are a lucky and successful person who makes life the way you want it to be.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 16). Keep an open mind about what it will take

to make this the best year of your life. Past ideas about success will morph into something more significant. You'll be inspired to love in a way that you couldn't before. Your past generosity will be returned in June. Career goals shift, and there may be a move in July. Pisces and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 20, 24 and 18.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Geologists want to learn about Venus, the love goddess of the zodiac and our solar-system sister. But as it is with a skilled seductress, Venus likes to stay enticingly private. She surrounds herself with a kind of planetary veil made of sulfuric acid clouds that trap the heat and light and give her the smoldering presence of a Golden Hollywood-era starlet,

all pent-up emotion and intensity. This week Venus stays true to her mysterious nature, shimmering with affectionate promises and then ensnaring us in her volatile moods. First she forms a tense angle to Jupiter, the planet of abundance. Romantic vows will be made that sound too good to be true. Maybe they are true, but it's too much of a good thing. If love is a buffet, it's too easy to pile on the delicious prime rib and eat yourself sick over it. Venus forms a square to Saturn, and it's all about dealing with the consequences of our passionate actions. In the same time frame, Venus auspiciously angles with Neptune, the emperor of fantasy, and stokes the fires of hope and desire.

**CELEBRITY**

**PROFILES:** "Transformers" star Megan Fox is a sensual Taurus with Mercury, the communication planet, in Taurus, as well. Taurus people are deliberate and confident, qualities Fox displays whether she's saving the world from mechanical monsters or modeling for one of the many "hot" lists she's topped in recent years. A Leo moon spices up her natal chart with special charisma.

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• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

**CLUB NEWS**

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For information or to join, contact Bonnie Wheat at 432-270-4934 or Roe Fulgham at 432-213-3384.

Monday's meeting will be our final meeting until Aug. 16.

**TOPS Tx 0021**

The TOPS Club met Monday night in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church, located at 10th and Goliad streets. Leader Frank Sickles called the meeting to order by calling for the TOPS cheer. The TOPS pledge was led by Amy Johnson, followed by the KOPS ledge led by Ethel Cassady.

The roll call was led by Leola Newton, assistant weight recorder. A total of seven TOPS and two KOPS responded, showing a total club loss of four pounds. The best loser of the week was Linda Stapel with a loss of 1.25 pounds.

The business portion of the meeting began with a reminder of the upcoming KOPS Honor Society meeting set for Saturday. Members who volunteered to help with this event need to be on hand at 9:30 a.m. to help set up. The discussion then covered food assignments, table decorations, etc. Food items need to be delivered no later than 10:30 a.m. Approximately 40 people are expected to be in attendance.

Due to the lengthy discussion, no program was presented and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

For more information about TOPS and weight loss help, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome.



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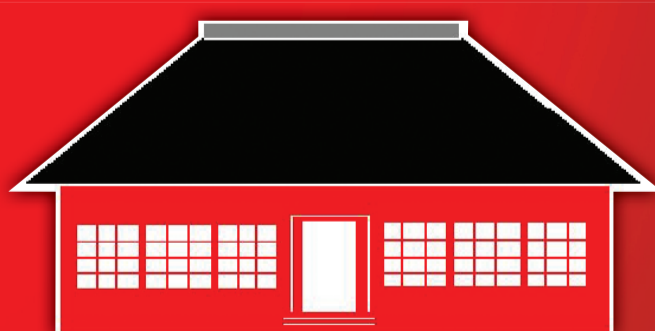


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