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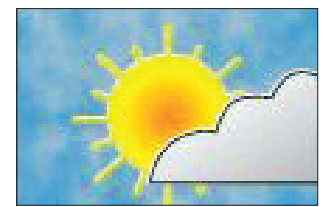
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Harris file suit against pipeline's owners

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man severely injured in October when the maintainer he was driving struck a gas line and caught afire has filed suit against the owners of the pipeline in 118th District Court.

Gary Harris, who was a maintainer

operator for the Howard County Road Department at the time of the accident, suffered third-degree burns over nearly 30 percent of his body when the road grader he was operating struck a gas line at a work site southwest of Vealmoor Oct. 20, 2009, according to county officials.

Harris was taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical

Center and later transported to the burn unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he spent several weeks recovering from his injuries.

"Plaintiff was operating a maintainer and was cleaning weeds and brush out of a ditch next to County Road 25," reads the lawsuit. "Suddenly and without warning to the plaintiff

(Harris), the plaintiff struck a pipeline owned by the defendants. The pipeline contained poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas. The pipeline, maintainer and plaintiff immediately caught fire. As a result of the fire, the plaintiff was severely and permanently injured."

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School's Out Safety message sent



Texting, driving don't mix

Special to the Herald

It looked like just another party on the patio at Sonic Saturday, but this one had a serious message for local youth about safer driving.

School's Out Safety brought together public safety and emergency responders, chaplains, elected officials, team mascots, educators and a couple from Wellman with first-hand experience in the tragic loss of a teenage daughter.

"This turned out great," said Jeanne Wilson, Big Spring municipal court clerk and an organizer of the event. "We couldn't have asked for a better group of people to come together in a positive way and spread the word about this serious topic."

Wilson said about 130 teenagers to adults from the area have now signed the pledge that they won't send text messages while driving. Many of them visited personally Saturday with Johnny Mack and

Rocky, the Midland Rockhounds mascot, visits with youngsters at the Sonic Drive-In on FM 700 Saturday during a School's Out Safety event encouraging young people to drive safely and not text while driving.

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Routine agenda awaits council Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is set to meet Tuesday evening to consider a number of routine items, including the election of the mayor pro tem.

Also on the Tuesday meeting agenda are:

- Final approval giving the go-ahead for the auction of Howard County Trustee properties to the highest bidder and providing an effective date.

- Final approval of board minutes from the Conventions and Visitors Bureau committee, Howard County Appraisal District board and approval of late home-stead exemption refunds for April 2010.
- Award bid for depository services.
- Election of the mayor pro tem.
- Consideration and approval of the 2011 budget for the Howard County Appraisal District.
- Emergency reading of a resolution approving an application for funding

through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Downtown Revitalization Program.

- First reading of a resolution allowing the mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Howard County for reallocation of funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program and for the county to use the funds for the combined Law Enforcement technology Fund.

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Letter Carriers food drive helps replenish pantry

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

A recent food drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers netted more than 2,800 cans of food, according to officials with the Big Spring Salvation Army, going a long way to replenishing supplies for the local charity.

Paul Lafler, a social worker for the

local Salvation Army, said the drive — which was held May 8 — will help the charity provide food for needy residents and families.

"The total can count was 2,853," Lafler said. "This will go a long way in stocking our pantry for the food that is distributed back into the community. The shelves had gotten pretty bare prior to the food drive, so this is a really big boost for the work we are trying to do in

the community."

Part of the NALC Stamp Out Hunger effort conducted all over the nation, the food drive annually collects non-perishable food items left near mailboxes by area residents. The food items are then picked up by letter carriers with the Big Spring Post Office while delivering mail on city and rural routes.

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Obituaries

John Erazim

John Erazim, 64, of Raleigh, N.C., a former resident of Big Spring, passed away May 15, 2010, at a friend's home in Horseshoe Bay after a valiant battle with cancer.

He was born in Kearney, Neb., on June 2, 1945.

His father, killed in action in World War II, never knew the son we all cherish. John was raised by his mother, Velma, and stepfather, Clyde Gidley, and grew up on a small farm near Ravenna, Neb., along with his younger brother, Steve Gidley.

On Aug. 24, 1968, he married the love of his life, Mary Lou Fread, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ravenna, Neb. They made their first home in Kearney, Neb., and began their too short a journey of a charmed and sophisticated life.

After graduating from Ravenna High School, John started his college career as a Cornhusker at the University of Nebraska and later moved to Kearney State, earning a degree in business. He may have changed schools but never his love for the 'Huskers.

Upon graduating from KSC, John joined Rockwell International in Kearney, Neb., as a management trainee, launching his business career on manufacturing and production management. After he trained everyone in Kearney, his career took him and Mary to places all over the country and around the world. West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Utah, Canada, Ohio and, in 1982, Raleigh, N.C., which has been their anchor home ever since. John continued career moves to New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and in 1998,

John's position with Tyco International landed him a stint overseas in Dusseldorf, Germany. He spent the next couple of years acquiring competing valve manufacturers for Tyco and turned them into the leading valve manufacturer in Europe.

After moving back to Raleigh, John found his next adventure in West Texas. A lifelong lover of Louis L'Amour and other western novels, John found himself living in the kind of country he'd read about all his life.

As chief operating officer of Fiberod, he was instrumental in merging two small manufacturers of sucker rods, and along with his dear friend Russ Rutledge, built it into a \$100 million business in just more than five years. Equally important to John were the friends he made in Big Spring. John embraced Texas and Texas warmly embraced him back.

Besides his work, John loved life and lived it with

gusto. He was always the "scout" when traveling, finding the right street, the best cafe and especially the perfect pub for a respite from walking.

An avid golfer, John greatly enjoyed the game, not matter the course. Pitched battles with Ken in Houston, among the windmills of Big Spring's country club, Thanksgivings on the Oregon coast or Nebraska golf with Ella, Dustin and Kalan — John loved every minute. Great uncle that he was, John took so much pleasure in playing golf with his nephews and reveled in their quality play.

Catching bass in the stock tanks on the lease in Texas was second only to fishing with his nieces, Abigail and Julia, in the pond behind their home in Raleigh, N.C. He had some great fish stories, but better yet are the memories he left with them. John's other love was playing dominos at the Big Spring Country Club with his domino buddies.

Like everything else, he worked at building traditions and making memories. The best were his traditional trips to Build-A-Bear with Parker, Riley, Julia and Abigail. They built lots of bears and many moments to remember Uncle John.

Card games were a great recreation for John. The game of pitch has probably never seen someone with so little in their hand win so many big hands. Some claim that he was incredibly lucky (Mary), but that just can't explain the week-long trip on the California coast where he and his partner were undefeated. John always said, "it's not overbidding when you make the bid."

John is survived by his wife, Mary; his brother, Steve Gidley and wife, Trina, of Bolingbrook, Ill.; and his father- and mother-in-law, Russell and Ella Fread of Kearney, Neb. He is also survived by Ken and Laura Fread of Houston; Rex and Kathryn Lindaman of Portland, Ore.; Bobby and Cindy Collins of Raleigh, N.C.; Monty and Sue Fread of Kearney, Neb.; and Todd and Lori Gould of Raleigh, N.C.; 20 nieces and nephews; eight great nieces and nephews; plus a host of friends from near and far.

John was the center of our family universe. Not necessarily by choice, he was not elected, he just was. John served as de facto guidance counselor, psychologist, financial planner, keeper of the peace, minister of weddings and more — all while being the best husband, brother, uncle, and most importantly, friend, one could ask for.

There are no words to adequately convey the depth of our love, nor the pain of our loss.

John, please know that we will love and remember you forever, life the ember remembers the flame.

A celebration of life is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2010, in the Rivera Room of the Big Spring Country Club.

Paid obituary



Ismael Bihl

Rev. Ismael Bihl, 70, of Big Spring died Friday, May 21, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Templo Belen Assembly of God with the Rev. Maria Socorro Rios officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 19, 1940, in Marfa. He married Julia Perez on Feb. 14, 1959, in Odessa. He was an active member and former pastor of the Templo Belen Assembly of God Church in Big Spring. He had been in the ministries of the Assemblies of God since 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Bihl of Big Spring; three daughters, Virginia Hidalgo of Friona, Angel Sosa of Big Spring and Lupe Portillo of El Paso; one son, Ismael Bihl Jr. of Daly City, Calif.; one brother, Salvador Bihl of San Angelo; one sister, Alice Williams of Little Rock, Ark.; and seven grandchildren.

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

David Wittrein

David Wittrein, 30, of Sand Springs died Sunday, May 23, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Guadalupe Paredez

Guadalupe Paredez, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles W. Smith Jr.

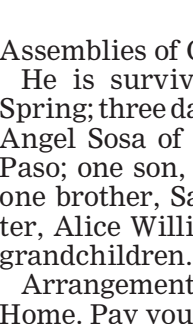
Charles W. "Chuck" Smith Jr., 61, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Mike Smith officiating.

He was born Oct. 16, 1948, in Big Spring to Juanita and Charles Smith Sr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a medic. He worked a number of years at Casey's Body Shop, and then worked for the City of Big Spring for 30 years. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

He is survived by one son, Robert Charles "R.C." Smith of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherida Feeley and husband Shawn of Vancouver, Wash.; mother, Juanita Smith of Big Spring; two sisters, Susie Combs of Big Spring and Charlene Green of Comanche; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials in the form of contributions for medical expenses in care of Susie Combs, 1504 Vines, Big Spring 79720.

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



Police blotter

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

- TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 46, of 1601 Avion, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury — family violence.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHAD EVERETTE WARREN, 30, of 1005 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JACOB EDMOND RODRIGUEZ, 30, of Carrolton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid — DWI related.
- PATRICKL RIOS JR., 17, of 411 S. Adams in Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- LOLITA ALVAREZ SALAZAR, 40, of 703 W. 18th St., was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license invalid — DWI related, fictitious/counterfeit inspection certificate or insurance document and altered/obscured/wrong license plate.
- PAUL MORENO, 47, of 1309 Elm, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAWN ROSE BECK, 31, of 633 Manor Lane, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YBARRA, 22, of 1104 Pickens, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with no insurance and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DOMESTIAC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Avion.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. In the 800 block of E. 14th Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- MONICA NICOLE RIVERA, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct — language.
- KENNETH RAWLS, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft of service.
- GINA RENE NORRED, 52, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNATHON BLAKE WILLIAMS, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.
- RICKY LEE TATE, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and evading arrest or detention.
- SAUL LOPEZ JR., was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a revocation of probation.
- ROSHANDA EVETTE BETHANY, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CHAD WARREN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TONY CASTELLANO, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury — family violence.
- JOHN WAYNE MAYTT, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- RICKY MIER, 23, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone — more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams (three counts), evading arrest or detention, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice — giving false information and driving while license invalid.
- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PAUL MENDEZ MORENO, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LOLITA ALVAREZ SALAZAR, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display and wrong/altered/obscured license plate.
- JACOB EDMOND RODRIGUEZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- PATRICK MATTHEW RIOS JR., 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- DAWN ROSE BURNS, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- FRANKIE DEAN NORVELL, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YBARRA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD

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on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, possession of a dangerous drug and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- MALORY MARIE LUNA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOHNNY DELACRUZ JR., 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERTO VASQUEZ II, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JONATHAN ARRENDONDO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FELICIA MILLER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BROOKELYNN PAIGE COKER, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRITTANY MARTINA MOLINA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.
- BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, open alcohol container, violation of a promise to appear, abandoning/jeopardizing a child in imminent danger of bodily injury and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ADRIAN LUIS NUNEZ, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license

invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• AARON ANDRUS, 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• DEVYN ELYSE JACKMAN, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.

Fire/EMS

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

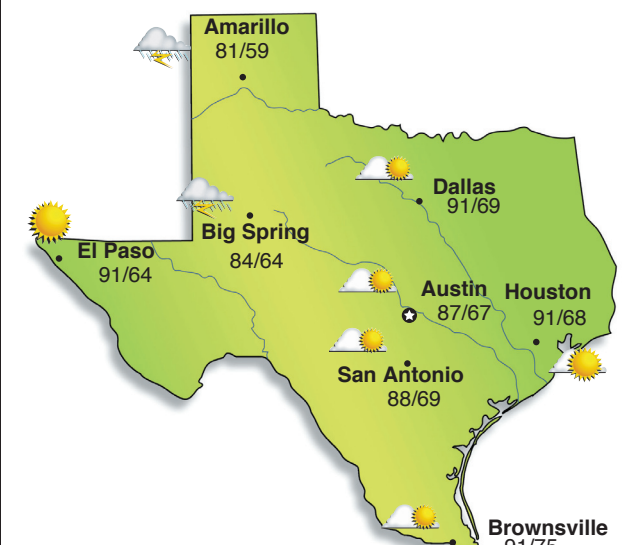
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Avion. One person was transported to SMMC.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported near the intersection of Ave. E and Simler.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of 21st Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Tue 5/25 | Wed 5/26 | Thu 5/27 | Fri 5/28 | Sat 5/29 |
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| 84/64 | 84/61 | 84/61 | 89/63 | 90/66 |
| Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM | Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM | Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM | Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM | Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM |

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene | 85 | 66 | t-storm | Kingsville | 91 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo | 81 | 59 | t-storm | Livingston | 93 | 65 | mst sunny |
| Austin | 87 | 67 | pt sunny | Longview | 93 | 68 | mst sunny |
| Beaumont | 92 | 69 | mst sunny | Lubbock | 85 | 63 | t-storm |
| Brownsville | 91 | 75 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 94 | 67 | mst sunny |
| Brownwood | 89 | 66 | t-storm | Midland | 86 | 68 | t-storm |

PANTRY

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“It’s sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and a drive we do every year across the nation to help replenish food banks and pantries and help out the needy,”

said Steve Machacek, Big Spring Post Office officer in charge.

And while the charity receiving the food items has changed over the years, the letter carrier’s hard work to collect the items is something the postal workers look forward to each year, according to Candace Williams, the letter

carrier who coordinated the local effort.

“All of the food goes to our Salvation Army. Sometimes in the past, it went to the Permian Basin Food Bank, but now it stays here. We really encourage everyone to help us with this. It’s a very worthwhile cause,” Williams said.

Lafler said the effort put forth by the NALC members and the residents of Big Spring and the surrounding areas says a lot about the West Texas community.

“We have been blessed by a great, caring and loving town, and a great community,” said Lafler. “We at the Salvation Army would like to offer

a special thanks to the letter carriers for their willingness to pick up the donations. We would also like to thank all of the people in Big Spring and the surrounding area for contributing to the food drive. God bless each and every one of you for caring for the less fortunate.”

For more information

on the national effort, visit www.usps.com/stampouthunger

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MESSAGE

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Jeanne Brown from Wellman, who told of their daughter Alex’s fatal accident that occurred last November as she drove to school.

The Browns have joined the efforts of a group named BUST — Buckle Up and Stop Texting — and their daughter’s wrecked pickup was parked along FM 700 as a visual reminder of the dangers young drivers can encounter. More than 125 people

also registered to win more than two dozen prizes at the event, including iPod Shuffles, food and music gift cards, miniature golf passes and tickets to sporting events in the area. Alongside local firefighters and police officers, mascots from the Midland Rockhounds, Odessa Jackalopes and Coahoma Bulldogs visited with Sonic customers. Howard College hosted visitors in its air-conditioned Mobile GO Center, and students from the Big Spring High School student council made posters and gath-

ered signatures.

There was something for everyone, preschoolers to adults — including backpacks, armbands, bumper stickers, buttons, keychains, badges and literature about safe driving. Elected officials, including Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, gathered signatures and handed out armbands. Verizon Wireless, which had donated use of two large banners advertising safe cell phone use, took registrations for a free cell phone to be given

away later this month.

“We organized this event to raise awareness about dangers our teenagers face in the summer, such as distracted driving and underage drinking,” explained Debbie Jensen, juvenile field rep for the Office of Dispute Resolution, a co-sponsor. The group offers mediation as an alternative to punishment for local teenagers involved in some civil offenses. “I think everyone that came through here today heard the message that being safe is our responsibility. The safety of our young

people is in the choices they make every day, and that is something we all need to be concerned about.”

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SUIT

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According to the lawsuit, which was filed in 118th District Court last week, the owners of the pipeline — WTG Gas Processing LP and Vealmoor GP Inc., both with offices located in

Midland — contributed to the accident through negligence.

“(The defendants) failed to maintain proper signage and markings for the pipeline; failed to make sure the pipeline was properly buried; failed to maintain the proper depth of the pipeline; failed to inspect the line; and negligently transported

natural gas and poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas,” reads the lawsuit. “Such negligence was a proximate cause of plaintiff’s injuries and damages.

“As a result of the serious, permanent and disabling injuries proximately caused by the negligence of WTG Gas Processing LP, plaintiff has suffered lost earn-

ings, severe emotional distress (both past and future), mental anguish (both past and future) and disfigurement.”

Harris is being represented by Lubbock attorney Ray Fargason.

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• First reading of a change in zoning from single family-2 to multiple family for property located at 4000 Bilger.

• Approval of a contract for destricting ser-

vices with Allison, Bass & Associates LLP.

• Acceptance of meeting minutes from the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors.

City officials are also expected to review the calendar of upcoming budget workshop dates.

The meeting will get

under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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OTHER VIEWS

Home-schooling hiding dropout districts' rates?

Is home-schooling among Texas high school kids growing by leaps and bounds? The numbers look fishy, and we're suspicious that really, something ugly is happening.

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 22,620 high school students stopped showing up for class in 2008 but weren't listed as dropouts. Instead, their schools filed paperwork declaring that those students had left to be home-schooled.

If those kids really are being home-schooled — if their parents are actively guiding their studies — then we have no complaints. Home schooling can be a great way to get an education.

But is that what's really going on? Based on anecdotal evidence and other fishy numbers, child advocates suspect that some school administrators are using home-schooling to hide their high dropout rates. School officials could do it subtly by encouraging parents to "home-school" troublesome students — those with learning disabilities, those not fluent in English, those with discipline problems — even though in many cases, the parent isn't willing or able to see that their child continues getting an education.

"We call it dumping," Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition, recently told Chronicle reporter Jennifer Radcliffe.

But if you're a school administrator, you don't even have to be that subtle. To disguise your dropouts as home-schoolers, all you have to do is fill out the state's paperwork by indicating that you heard the kid or his parent say that he'll be home-schooled. And poof! No dropout!

Alarming, some school districts don't even live up to that lame requirement.

In 2008, Clear Creek ISD claimed 276 home-schooled high schoolers. But an audit found sufficient paperwork for only 167.

"This isn't really about home schooling," says Robert Sanborn, president and CEO of Children at Risk. "It's about school administrators' abuse of home schooling. The state needs to make sure that shenanigans aren't happening."

We agree, and we second Sanborn's suggestion that the state should require would-be home-schooling parents to sign a form stating that they intend to provide their child an actual education.

That wouldn't cut out the subtler forms of abuse, but it would at least remove some temptation for school administrators to cheat — and it would do it without placing a horrible burden on home-schooling parents.

Sending your kid on a class field trip requires a signature. If you're really going to home-school, you'll be putting in a lot more effort than that every day.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be true to Your word, Lord.

Amen

Populism's easy; ideas are hard

At every turn Sarah Palin moves farther away from being an actual politician and more towards being a Rush Limbaugh/Bill O'Reilly-style populist ideologue. Whether she's appearing at a Tea Party rally or speaking out in favor of Arizona's "show me your papers" immigration law, she has become a master of preaching to the converted.

Becoming popular by vehemently agreeing with one group while portraying another group as out to get them — or better yet out to end their way of life — has worked as a political tactic since politics evolved beyond "my sword is bigger than yours." It's not a uniquely Republican problem as both Al Gore and Ralph Nader have built fans bases amongst the Democrats by telling people what they want to hear and demonizing the "bad guys" who disagree.

It is, however, a problem as all thinking people should rally against politicians who seek to attain office solely by the strength of their personalities — and their willingness to cast anyone who disagrees with them as a villain — instead of

the strength of their ideas. In the world of a politician like Palin who seeks to motivate voters by emotion rather than reason, there's no room for thought, gray area or compromise.

For Palin, there's no abortion debate, she's right because she had god on her side. In her world all illegal immigrants are bad — no matter why they came here or what they contribute to our society and guns are always good — no matter what purpose they might ultimately be used for.

In a Palin government, like in the failed George W. Bush administration, there would be no room for coalitions or bipartisanship because Palin's power comes from her unflinching devotion to her beliefs. Even when reality impinges upon those beliefs (like, say your teen daughter gets pregnant despite your anti-sex ed in schools stance) Palin simply plugs ahead as if nothing has changed.

Building a coalition of the weak-minded and telling them what they want to hear does not take anywhere near the talent it takes to unite people who actually disagree. I don't agree fully on politics with my wife, my best friends or anyone else. As an individual you should distrust anyone who you agree with completely and at least consider that they might be manipulating you.

Populist politicians manipu-

late the public in exactly the same professional wrestlers do. With wrestlers though, they only want you to boo the bad guy and pay money to see him get his comeuppance on pay-per-view.

The populist politician, though, can't stop at a pay day. Instead, when we elect one of these dangerous demagogues, they must actually try to implement their extremist, crackpot policies.

Even an opinionated blowhard like me sees the danger in government without compromise and of living in a world of absolutes.

The real struggle lies in dilemmas like believing in personal responsibility and not allowing people to live on the public's dime, then meeting actual homeless people and realizing the story is never as simple as we thought it was.

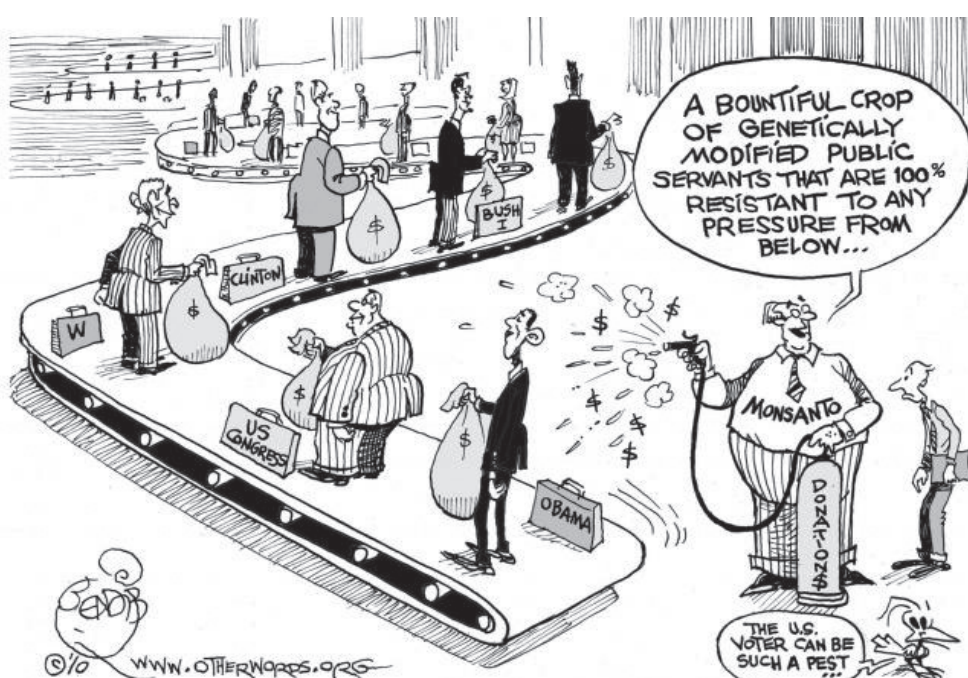
Populism — whether it's practiced by a Republican or a Democrat — opens the door to fascism.

If there's no room for debate, then there's no room for Democracy and a country where the majority rules at the expense of everyone else, is not the America our founding fathers envisioned.

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Genetically engineered crops: They're supremely important

Fifteen years after farmers and agribusinesses began planting genetically engineered crops in our nation's fields, we still know very little about their long-term environmental, economic and social consequences.

The Supreme Court is finally getting involved. It recently heard a case involving Monsanto's genetically engineered (GE) alfalfa, which is resistant to the herbicide Roundup. Farmers, including many that use pesticides and herbicides and others that don't, asked that approval for this variety of alfalfa be blocked.

They argued that the Department of Agriculture hasn't completed a required environmental impact statement yet.

Farmers fear that GE alfalfa will cross-pollinate with conventional or organic alfalfa that hasn't been engineered. Organic certification prohibits genetically engineered crops entirely. What's more, this kind of contamination could block exports to many other countries, particularly countries within the European Union, who have not approved biotech crops.

The Supreme Court is expected to deliver its decision this summer.

However it rules, more questions are being raised about the long-term impact of these crops on the environment.

In April, the National Research Council, which is part of the National Academy of Sciences, published the first research report on how genetically engineered crops affect U.S. farmers.

These researchers found there has been a rapid rise in weeds

resistant to the herbicide Roundup (so-called superweeds) that could rapidly undercut any environmental or economic benefits of GE crops. Roundup-resistant crops allow farmers to kill weeds with the herbicide without destroying their crop.

To date, at least nine species of weeds in the U.S. have developed resistance to Roundup since genetically engineered crops were introduced.

The other primary type of GE seed is designed to produce *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), a bacteria deadly to insect pests. Thus far, two types of insects have developed resistance to Bt. The loss of effectiveness of Roundup and Bt could lead to increased use of more toxic and persistent herbicides.

Greater scrutiny is long overdue. Over 80 percent of corn, soybeans, and cotton grown in the U.S. are already coming from genetically engineered seeds. But the economic stakes are equally troubling. Only a few companies control this industry. Monsanto is already under a Justice Department investigation regarding the pricing of its genetically engineered soybeans. The company has sued more than 100 farmers, alleging patent violations. And as the Supreme Court case reveals, the government and the biotech industry have overlooked concerns of farmers who have chosen not to grow these crops for much of the last 15 years.

The NRC reported that there's little to no scientific literature on how genetically engineered crops affect farmers who choose not to use them, or on the larger agriculture community itself. Why, after 15 years, do we have so little scientific data on these crops? A letter sent to the Environmental Protection Agency last year from 26 leading entomologists (scientists

who study insects) gives a clue. The entomologists argued that they were prevented from doing independent research on genetically engineered crops because of technology agreements Monsanto and other seed companies have established. The agreements bar research that isn't approved by the companies.

And where are the regulators? When the regulatory framework for genetically engineered crops was first put in place in the early 1990s, regulators in George H.W. Bush's administration—under heavy lobbying from the biotech industry—determined that these crops were no different than any other crop and hence required no special pre-market testing. They simply squeezed genetically engineered crops into the existing regulatory framework.

Since then, Bill Clinton's, George W. Bush's and Barack Obama's administrations have consistently dodged more rigorous regulation of these crops. Congress has stayed out of the issue completely. Lawmakers haven't passed a single bill to strengthen the regulation of these largely untested crops. It's not surprising that this regulatory and research vacuum on genetically engineered crops has led to a series of court challenges. Even Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has admitted that "our rules and regulations have to be modernized."

But we'll need more than legal rulings to answer 15 years worth of questions about the effects of genetically engineered crops on our nation's fields and farming communities.

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Take Note

- The Big Spring Salvation Army will be holding a fundraiser today from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Pizza Inn. Salvation Army and staff will be waiting tables and providing other services for donations during that time period. The funds raised will help finance a trip to Georgia to support Paul Ryerson, a young man from Big Spring who is graduating from the Salvation Army's Evangeline Booth College school for officer training. He will be commissioned as an officer in the Salvation Army and will be stationed in El Paso. For more information, call 267-8239.

- One hour a week or one hour a month can make a big difference in someone's life. Whether it's visiting with a patient or simply working in the office, there are many ways you can be a hospice volunteer. Training to begin June 19, June 26, and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can't make these dates, call. We will work around your schedule. To inquire, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator for Compass Hospice, at (432) 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring. Let's start to make a difference today!

- 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 for more details.

- The Carolyn Payne Benefit Fund is at Wells Fargo Bank. The account number is 8634321536. Payne lost both of her sons last week and help is needed to cover funeral expenses. Contact Jeanie Knocke for more information at 268-6212.

- 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. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help! A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or 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.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Support Groups

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.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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. 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

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 37-year-old married witch. I do not hide my practice. After my grandfather's death, my extended family began taking it upon themselves to say grace before family meals as a way to honor his memory. This, despite the fact that my grandfather did not attend church or express any religious views.

I find this change not only offensive to my husband and me, but also to my grandfather, who would not have approved. I have said nothing to them about it because I do not want a religious sermon. However, I am getting tired of biting my tongue or finding ways to avoid this part of our family get-togethers.

My mother is very accepting of our way of life. My father either doesn't know or doesn't understand. How do I continue to endure this offense? I do not expect them to change their faith, but it would be nice if they realized it isn't the way my grandfather ran the family. -- Pagan in a Christian Family

Dear Pagan: How your family chooses to celebrate the rituals of their religious beliefs is up to them. If they say grace

at their table, please try to remain respectfully silent. You do not have to participate, but you also don't get to decide how they behave in their own home. They are not trying to offend you. As you would like them to be tolerant of your beliefs, please return the favor.

Dear Annie: Several years ago, I lost my mother. After her funeral, a relative handed me an envelope. I opened it to find pictures of my mother in her casket. This was devastating and emotionally upsetting.

My mother was a wonderful, loving, fun person. That is how I want to remember her and how she would want to be remembered. Those pictures were the worst things anyone has ever given me. I realize the relative had good intentions, but truly, it was horrible to open that



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

envelope. It has been several years, and I have done my best to put this out of my mind. But not long ago, another relative handed me casket photographs of my recently deceased aunt. Why would people take pictures of loved ones when they

are dead?

I have asked my husband to have my casket closed when I die because I can't bear the thought of people standing over my remains with a camera. I understand not everyone feels as I do, but I would like to ask all well-meaning folks to save the photo opportunities for weddings and family reunions and leave the dead alone. Or at least ask the family whether they would mind if pictures are taken. -- No Photo Op

Dear No Photo Op: Your last sentence is the key. A century ago, it was common to take photographs of the deceased, and some families truly appreciate and find comfort in these pictures. But as a

matter of respect and consideration, it is important that the photographer first ask whether it is OK. Handing someone an envelope of such pictures can be unwelcome and upsetting.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Getting Anxious," the recently engaged young woman who suffers from hyperhidrosis. I, too, suffered from this embarrassing

condition for many years. I tried prescription as well as over-the-counter treatments, to no avail.

Finally, I had a bilateral sympathectomy. That was 11 years ago, and it truly was one of the best decisions of my life. I can now shake hands, wear latex gloves and do all the things "normal" people take for granted. Please encourage her to look into it. -- Not Sweating it

Anymore in Pennsylvania
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FHS Buffs, Lady Buffs: Stayin' alive

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Break out the bats.

The Forsan Buffaloes proved that, sometimes, good hitting is enough as they clubbed their way to an 18-11 victory over the Ira Bulldogs to sweep their Class 1A regional quarterfinal baseball playoff series Saturday in Andrews.

The Buffs (26-1) spotted Ira a 6-4 lead after the first two innings, then reeled off 11 unanswered runs to gain firm control of the game.

During the two-game series, Forsan had a total of 30 hits and scored 29 runs.

Leading the way Saturday was Dylan Lowery, Evan Burton and Patrick Robles, who had three hits each and all three hit triples.

"The guys just pounded the baseball," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "To get that many hits during the series, obviously the offense is in good shape. Now, we've got cut down on our walks, pitching-wise, but a good week's rest should do nothing but



The Forsan Lady Buffaloes pose with the trophy they received for defeating Albany in a Class 1A regional semifinal playoff series in Trent Saturday. The Lady Buffs advance to meet Petrolia in the regional finals this week.

Courtesy photo

help in that regard."

The series win extended an already historic season for the program — the Buffaloes never made it past the area round of the playoffs before

this year, Phillips said.

"A big part of that is experience," he said. "For our seniors, this is their fourth year in the playoffs, so they know what to expect."

Next up for Forsan will be the Class 1A regional semifinals, where they will meet Haskell in a best-of-three series tentatively scheduled for Thursday and Saturday at a

site to be determined. Game times will be announced this week.

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Parker, Lowery (3), Burchett (5) and Herrin; Fine, Juarez (4), Morris (4) and Bloom; W — Lowery; L — Fine; 2B — Forsan (Lowery, Burton, Phillips), Ira (Bloom, Seth Cotton 2); 3B — Forsan (Lowery, Burton, Ryan Flores)

Lady Buffaloes one step from state

TRENT — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes are one series away from getting a chance to defend their Class 1A softball title.

The Lady Buffs earned a spot in the Region I-1A softball finals by defeating Albany, 5-4, Saturday in Trent to sweep the teams' regional semifinal series.

Forsan (25-3) advances to meet Petrolia (22-7) to determine the region's representative at the Class 1A state softball tournament in Austin. Petrolia advanced by defeating Marfa, 3-1, in a one-game playoff in Midland Friday.

Bulldogettes bow out of 2A softball playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

MIDLAND — Youth was served.

The Alpine Lady Bucks, with only one senior in the starting lineup, played like anything but rookies Saturday as they came from behind to defeat the Coahoma Bulldogettes and complete the sweep of their Class 2A regional semifinal softball series at the Ezell Softball Complex.

Outplayed for most of the game, the Lady Bucks (31-7) rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh, then set down the Bulldogettes in order in the bottom of the frame to claim the series. They advance to meet Early, the defending regional champion, at a site and time to be determined.

Unlike Thursday's series opener, in which Coahoma's batters never figured out Alpine pitcher Lauren Hardin, the Bulldogettes peppered the Lady Bucks' for nine hits Saturday, but that was the good news of the "good news, bad news" scenario. The bad news is that, despite several chances, Coahoma never put the Lady Bucks away, stranding 12 runners in the process.

"We played well (Saturday)," said Coahoma



File photo

Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton, shown in action earlier this season, struck out 11 and allowed four hits in the Bulldogettes' 3-2 loss to Alpine in the Class 2A softball playoffs Saturday.

Head Coach Tracy Tadlock. "About the only thing we couldn't do is get a big hit. I don't know how many runners we left on base ... But the biggest problem was that we didn't show up to play

Thursday (a 2-0 loss). I was proud of them. They came out and fought."

Heading into the final inning, it looked like Coahoma would force a third game in the series. The Bulldogettes went into the seventh leading 2-1 thanks to RBIs from Heather Newton and Jordan Martin, who was 2-for-3 for the game with a double and run scored.

Newton, meanwhile, was dominating through six innings of the pitcher's circle, allowing only one hit and an unearned run while striking out 11 and walking one.

Needing only three outs to extend the series, however, the Bulldogettes couldn't seal the deal. With one out, Kathy Natera and Jessica Garcia hit back-to-back singles and advanced to third and second, respectively, on a wild pitch.

The game turned when the next batter, Esmerelda Baeza, swung at a third strike. The ball, however, got away from Coahoma catcher Jennifer Castillaw, allowing Natera to score the tying run and Baeza to advance to first. Alpine completed the comeback when Kim Muniz hit a two-out single to right field, scoring Garcia with the win-

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Matt Ritchey and Kelly Sage were named the top academic athletes at Friday evening's Big Spring High School Spring Sports Banquet, held at the high school cafeteria.

Ex Astro Lima dead at 37

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Jose Lima lived over the top on and off the baseball field. The free-spirited pitcher could deliver a song as well as a fastball, leaving a trail of fun and laughter known as "Lima Time" wherever he went.

The All-Star right-hander who spent 13 years in the major leagues died Sunday, according to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was 37.

Lima, who pitched the Dodgers to their first playoff win in 16 years in 2004, was in full cardiac arrest

when paramedics arrived at his Pasadena home early Sunday morning, police said in a statement. He was pronounced dead at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

The specific cause of death has not been determined, and Los Angeles County coroner's officials will perform an autopsy, the statement said. Pasadena police detectives also are investigating.

"Lima was an exceptional man," said Winston Llenas, president of Angilas Cibaenas, a winter ball team that Lima had played for in

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Sports in brief

BSHS schedules sports camps

Big Spring High School will be the site of several sports camps this summer.

Those camps include:

- Camp of Champs — This weight-conditioning program, open to students in grades 3 through 7, will be held June 1-10 at the Athletic Training Center.

Coach Don Kelso will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Summer Track Program — Open to all BSISD students, this camp will run from June 1 through July 15 at the ATC and Blankenship Field.

The camp is conducted by Nick Roberson.

- Baseball Skills Camp — BSHS Coach Bert Otto will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 1 through 8, from June 1-3 at Steer Park.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Softball Skills Camp — Coach John Sparks will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 3 through 8, from June 1-3 at Lady Steers Field.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Boys Basketball Skills Camp — Students in grades 2-8 are eligible for this camp, which will be conducted from June 7-10 at the junior high gym. Coach Marcus Morris will conduct the camp.

Cost is \$25.

- Girls Basketball Skills Camp — Also open to students in grades 2-8, this camp will be held from June 21-24 in Steer Gym.

Coach Mike Warren will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Football Skills Camp — Coach Nick Roberson will conduct this camp, open to students in grades 1 through 8, June 21-24 at the ATC. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Volleyball Skills Camp — This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 8 and will be conducted July 26-29 at the junior high gym. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information on any of the camps, contact the ATC at 264-3662.

Parent-child golf tournament scheduled

Big Spring Country Club will host a parent-child two-person scramble golf tournament June 5-6.

The tournament will have two divisions — trophy and open — and will be flighted by first day scores. A parent may play with more than one child.

Entry fee is \$80 per team in the open division and \$40 per team in the trophy division (second team registration is half price).

To register, call 267-5354.

Kanaan overcomes crash; makes Indy 500 field

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Kanaan spent all weekend cramming to get into the Indianapolis 500.

He barely made it. Two crashes in less than 24 hours sent Kanaan's team scrambling to get the No. 11 car back together, and the 2004 IndyCar Series champ faced the biggest test of his career with a four-lap qualifying average of 224.072 mph to get his car on the starting grid with 30 minutes left in qualifications. All he had to do was wait to see if the speed would hold up, which it did.

"You live, you learn, and we crashed. Today was just a nightmare," he said after getting the 32nd starting spot in the 33-car field. "Apart from that, the conditions were the hottest we've ever seen. The track was really slick, I saw everybody complaining. So it's tough to keep it cool and say 'Yeah, we're just going to go out at 5.' It's the last day, you're not in the field yet,

crashed two cars and just stay cool."

Fortunately for Michael Andretti, Kanaan did.

It's the first time the Brazilian will start outside the first two rows in nine Indy starts, but after a dreadful weekend for Andretti Autosport, they'll take it.

From Kanaan's crashes to Danica Patrick's contentious comments, the Andretti Curse was back in full force at Indy — right up until the final moments when Kanaan pulled out of line twice after realizing he wouldn't have to requalify.

The team struggles began Saturday when Marco Andretti described his qualifying run as "pathetic." The 23-year-old American still wound up with the best starting position, 16th, on his dad's five-car team.

Kanaan and Patrick had worse weekends.

Patrick, the series' most marketable personality,

climbed out of her car after Saturday's sub-par run and blamed a poor setup for her poor performance — comments that drew boos when they were broadcast over the public address system.

After talking to Kanaan for two hours Saturday night, Patrick took a different tone, though her assessment of the cars seemed spot on.

"I was a little emotional yesterday," she said in a television interview. "I was still shaking when I did the interview because we were on a very, very ragged edge out there."

Kanaan actually went over the edge.

On the first lap of Saturday's qualifying attempt, he took the green flag, drove into the first turn, spun 180 degrees, skidded backward down the short chute between turns one and two and spun back around again before hitting the wall. The damage to his primary car forced Kanaan's

team to assemble his backup car overnight.

Twenty-one minutes into Sunday morning's practice, the crew was starting from scratch.

Kanaan again spun coming out of the first turn and again skidded down the short chute, up the track and into the wall in the second turn. The car was heavily damaged and so were Kanaan's hopes of making a ninth Indy start.

"Obviously, it was a very emotional day for me," Kanaan said. "I'm not the type of guy — I don't cry very easily — the other Brazilian does all the time. But it was a tough day for me. Every time I came out it was very emotional."

Team owner Michael Andretti, Marco's father, instructed crew members from his three qualified cars to help Kanaan's guys to come up with something that would work.

They decided to recycle the top of Kanaan's backup car,

and pieced together body parts from both of Kanaan's wrecked cars, both of Hunter-Reay's cars and Marco's backup. The mechanical parts came out of Hunter-Reay's qualified car, and while the mishmash of parts didn't fit exactly right, costing Kanaan speed, the 2004 IndyCar champ made it work.

Four hours later, Kanaan was shaking down a rebuilt car that couldn't reach qualifying speed.

They went back to the garage and back to practice and back to the garage before Kanaan put up consecutive laps topping 223.8 in the final hour — fast enough to make the field.

He immediately put the car in the qualifying line and delivered one of the most clutch performances of his career, bumping Sebastian Saavedra out of the race.

"It was a long day, I probably lost five days of my life today," Kanaan said.

LIMA

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the Dominican Republic. "This is a great loss for Dominican baseball and the country."

Lima posted his best season with the Houston Astros in 1999 when he was selected to the All-Star game. He went 21-10 with a 3.58 ERA in 35 starts for the NL Central champions.

"It saddened me greatly to hear of Jose's passing," Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "He was truly a gifted person both on the field and off of it. He could dance, he could sing, but his best gift of all was that he was an extremely happy person. He just lit up our clubhouse with his personality, which was his greatest asset. Jose was not shortchanged in life in any way. He lived life to the fullest every day."

Lima spent the majority of his career in Houston, compiling a 46-42 record from 1997-2001.

He revived his career several times, bouncing between the independent league and the minors. The Dominican pitcher was 89-102 with a 5.26 ERA in 348 games in the majors, with his last appearance a four-game stint with the New York Mets in 2006.

"When you faced Jose Lima, you didn't know what to expect from him," said Mariano Duncan, Dodgers first base coach and former major league infielder. "He had a good fastball, a good changeup and good breaking ball. He was a good baseball player and a good friend. Nobody enjoyed the game more than him, and we're going to miss him."

Popular with fans and animated on the mound, his merengue music became a familiar fixture in the Astros clubhouse.

"He was a man full of life, without apparent physical problems and with many plans and projects on the agenda," his wife, Dorca Astacio, told ESPNdeportes.com.

On Friday night, Lima attended a game at Dodger Stadium, where he was introduced between innings and received an ovation from the crowd.

"Horrible news. It's so sad," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "His energy was infectious. It's a big loss. He was a showman and a hot dog, but he won games. He willed himself to do it. He always had a smile on his face."

Lima went 13-5 with a 4.07 ERA in 2004 after making the Dodgers as a non-roster invitee to spring training.

In the National League division series, Lima pitched a five-hit shutout against the St. Louis Cardinals in front of a sellout crowd at Dodger Stadium. It was the Dodgers' first postseason win since Game 5 of the 1988 World Series.

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt called Lima's electric personality "unforgettable."

"He had the ability to light up a room and that's exactly what he did every time I saw him," the owner said in

a statement.

McCourt said Lima further endeared himself to fans when he sang the national anthem and "God Bless America" at a home game in 2004. He performed with his band at the team's annual Viva Los Dodgers celebration.

Lima often sang and danced at Astros functions around Houston.

"He had a great flair and such enthusiasm for life," said Tal Smith, president of baseball operations for the Astros. "'Lima Time' was a special time. 'Lima Time' was whenever he was pitching, or at any event or club function or civic function that he was at. He'd get up and sing and dance, and he was very, very good. He was a real entertainer."

Lima's on-field enthusiasm was sometimes misinterpreted as disrespect or arrogance by older players taught not to show their emotion.

"Those kind of guys got their feathers ruffled at first," former Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

COAHOMA

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ning run.

"These girls just fought to the end," Alpine Head Coach Troy Canaba said. "Newton was just pitching so well, but we just kept trying to pick away and pick away ... I'm just so proud of this team."

Canaba praised the tradition-rich Bulldogettes, who failed to make the regional finals for the first time in six years.

"Coahoma shows up to play and you know who they are," Canaba said. "We want to be that way some day."

The Bulldogettes say goodbye to seven seniors whose contributions will definitely be

missed, Tadlock said.

"It's definitely going to be tough replacing them," he said. "We've got some kids coming up through the program who are going to have to step up next year and help us out. But Coahoma will be there."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♠ 6 5
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ Q 9
♣ Q 10 7 4 2

WEST
♠ A Q 4
♥ A 10 8 7
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ 6 5

EAST
♠ K 10 8 7 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ A 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ J 9 3
♥ K 9 4
♦ A J 10 7 2
♣ K J

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 1NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

This is one of the more unusual hands ever played in a world championship. It occurred in the Thailand-U.S. match in 1964 and featured an extremely rare play — a double squeeze against declarer. Squeezes are nearly always executed by the declarer, not by the defenders.

The contract was one notrump played by Bob Hamman of the U.S. West (Dr. Manoo Veeraburud) led a club, on which dummy and East (Benno Gimkiewicz) followed low.

After winning the first two tricks with the K-J of clubs, declarer led a low heart to the jack, which held, and

next finessed the queen of diamonds, which also held. By now, East-West had had four chances to win a trick and had rejected them all!

Hamman then repeated the diamond finesse, at which point the defenders brought their big guns into action, and South never got another trick! West won the diamond with the king and played the A-Q and another spade. East won the third spade with the king and cashed the ten of spades and ace of clubs, producing this position:

North
♥ Q 3
♣ Q

West
♥ A 10
♦ 6

South
♥ K 9
♦ A

When Gimkiewicz next cashed the seven of spades, South could not spare the diamond ace, which would make West's six a trick. So he discarded the nine of hearts.

Veeraburud then discarded his diamond, and now dummy was squeezed. A club discard would make East's nine a trick, so Hamman discarded the heart three from dummy. East thereupon led a heart, and West took the last two tricks with the A-10 of hearts to put the contract down three!

Tomorrow: Silence is golden.
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CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6033-03-001 for ON DEMAND MBGF in FISHER County, etc will be opened on June 15, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$254,792.05

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.
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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.
#6549 May 23 & 24, 2010

The tug between Venus and Pluto will still be felt, and it promises to add a dash of drama to our relationships. Power struggles will be common. Being right is suddenly very important, and there will be a few instances of "I told you so" and "If you had only listened to me" The wisest among us will prize harmony over the feeling of being right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You used to worry about how you were coming across to people, but now you have your presentation down pat and are happy with it. Settle into your groove, and enjoy the long streak of effortless social grace you have before you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Admit it: You're capable of dramatizing a tiny misunderstanding into a world war. You're also capable of settling disputes with the diplomacy of a righteous king. You'll fix the problem one way or the other today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When someone says you can't do something, you usually respond by making sure you can. This time is no exception. You'll get straight to work disproving the cynics.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it's hard to watch someone else succeed when you have been working so hard so long. Be patient. Your day is coming, and your reward will be better than anything you could imagine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For you, being surrounded by your loved ones is heaven on earth. You really want nothing other than to see these people happy. Your self-sacrifice does not go unnoticed. They are about to show you how much they love you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have people in your corner who love you no matter what. This is the stuff happy lives are made of. You'll be supported in the new adventure ahead of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a set of endearing personal quirks. Only someone who is really paying attention will notice. And someone is paying attention — someone you wouldn't expect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maintaining a single focus doesn't always come easy to you — multitasking is more your thing lately. Shifting demands at work will place more emphasis on the former. You will rise to the occasion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone owes you a backrub. You may want to collect on it soon. The stress you've put on yourself is working your muscles into a knotty mess. Drop a strong hint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Changing your tune isn't always easy, but it is something you can control. Right now the annoying situation that's bugging you isn't going to go away. You can't make it disappear, but you can choose to not let it bug you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Numerical coincidence and improbable meetings will occur with regularity over the next three days. Does it mean what you think it means? Yes — things are falling into place for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A self-deprecating joke will break the ice with a new acquaintance. They will see the self-confidence it implies, and you will have an instant

friend. People who share your sense of humor are the spice of life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 24). You will live with passion, go deeper into the subjects that excite you and connect often with the people who inspire you. In June, you'll do what's fun, and that's also what's good for you. In August, you'll be glad that you have the resources to help a loved one out in a time of need. There's a windfall in November. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 15, 22, 39 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My friend told me he's a Capricorn with Leo rising and a stellium in Sagittarius. What's a stellium?"

A stellium is a major planetary configuration in which three or more planets are in conjunction within five mathematical degrees of each other. Your friend is very lucky, indeed, to have a stellium in Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter, the planet of good fortune. When looking at your own birth chart, keep in mind that inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn) bestow more personal power through the stellium than do outer

planets (Uranus, Neptune, Pluto). This is because the outer planets are generational and not specific to you as an individual. For example, people born in the late summertime between 1964 and 1968 will have the sun, Uranus and Pluto in Virgo. If this stellium were comprised of inner planets, however, Virgo and the house it was in at your birth would be very significant for you. A stellium of four or more planets is so compelling, in fact, that when astrologers see this alignment in your birth chart, they treat the stellium with the same importance as the rising sign or even your sun sign.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Bob Dylan is music royalty, but that is an understatement of his role as an artist. The work of this Gemini troubadour has reflected the thinking of a generation and has shaped it, too. His sun, Mercury and Venus are in intellectual Gemini. His moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus are in uncompromising Taurus, the sign of endurance. This tireless poet is one of the most prolific forces in music.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHS

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NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT AND ACID RAIN PERMIT

DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 091
APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an Electric Services facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 091, Application No. 14585, to authorize operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at northwest corner of Alon Refinery, 2 miles east of Big Spring and 1/4 mile north of Interstate 20, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2009.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC §

122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Center Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 3300 North A Street, Building 4-107, Midland, Texas 79705-5406; and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any

person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512)239-1540.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the applica-

tion if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, a person

may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt at (432)263-8468 extension 14.

Notice Issuance Date: April 27, 2010
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| 5:PM | News ABC | Vida | Lopez | News CBS | Noticias | News King | King | Chumney | BBC | King | Cash Cab | Perfect Murder, Viggo Mortensen | CSI: Crime Scene | Law & Order | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Phineas and Ferb | Nation | SportsCenter |
| 6:PM | Jeopardy! | Mi Pecado (SS) | Two Men | News Ent | A Corazón Abierto | News King | Seinfeld | Van Impe | Business | 70s Show | MythBusters | Ways Die | Bones | | Wizards of Waverly Place | MLB Baseball: Teams TBA. | NBA Shoot-around | |
| 7:PM | Dancing With Stars | Hasta que el Dinero nos Separe (SS) | 24 | How I Met My Rules | El Clon | Chuck | Fam. Guy | Upd | Antiques Roadshow | Gossip Girl | MythBusters | Movie: Grease, Stockard Channing | Movie: Kung Fu Hustle, Yuen Qiu | Bones | Movie: Sister Act, Kathy Najimy | Movie: Ratatouille, Lou Romano | NBA Basketball: Magic at Boston Celtics. | |
| 8:PM | The Bachelor | | | Two Men | Perro Amor | | Fam. Guy | Light of the Southwest | Amer. Experience | One Tree Hill | Alien Solar Systems | | | | | | NBA Basketball: Magic at Boston Celtics. | |
| 9:PM | | Cristina (SS) | Simpsons Friends | (:01) CSI: Miami | ¿Dónde Está Elisa? | Law & Order | Fam. Guy | Place Out of Time | Married... Married... | Alien Moons | | | Entourage | Saving Grace | Tiny-Toy | Good Hannah | Baseball Tonight | |
| 10:PM | News Nightline | Impacto | Raymond | News Letterman | Noticias Fútbol | News Jay Leno | Lopez | House Sala | Charlie Rose | Roseanne | MythBusters | Movie: Sixteen Candles | Entourage | The Closer | The Mo'Nique | Wizards of Waverly Place | SportsNation | SportsCenter |
| 11:PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Corazón Salvaje | Law & Order: SVU | Late | | Late Night | Name | Scrivner | BBC | Bernie Cops | Alien Solar Systems | Movie: Grease, Stockard Channing | Real Vice | CSI: NY | Movie: Sister Act, Kathy Najimy | Kim Poss | MLB Baseball: Teams TBA. | SportsCenter |
| 12:AM | Extra | Amar sin Limites | King-Hill | Insider | Pagado | News | Sex & Upd | Sex & Cortes | Video | Overhaul | | | CSI: Crime Scene | CSI: NY | | Repla | Emperor | |
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DENNIS THE MENACE

5-24

"YOU BETTER OPEN YOUR PRESENT NOW, MOM. I THINK IT MAY BE GETTIN' HUNGRY!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

5-24

"In a couple weeks that caterpillar's gonna get promoted to a butterfly."

HAGAR

IT'S SILLY, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE RIGHT NOW?

NO WHAT?

A COLD BEER

BLONDIE

TODAY I'M CELEBRATING FIVE HAPPY YEARS HERE AT J.C. DITHERS & CO.!

FIVE YEARS?

IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'VE BEEN HERE MORE LIKE 25 YEARS

28, TO BE EXACT

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WELL, HERE'S TO YOU AND ANOTHER FIVE!

BC

DOG TRAINING IS ABOUT ESTABLISHING DOMINANCE.

IF THE ANIMAL IS SUBORDINATE, IT WILL REFLECT IN HIS POSTURE.

I'M DOING A FREE SEMINAR TOMORROW.

HEY, THOR.

WIZARD OF ID

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THAT MANURE OFF YOUR HANDS... I'LL TAKE SOME STRAW, TOO

WHAT THE HECK FOR?

THE WIFE WANTS A NEW ADDITION PUT ON THE HOUSE

AGNES

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

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IT'S CALLED "BEING HORRIBLY BELOW AVERAGE IS STILL WAY BETTER THAN TOTAL FAILURE."

WOW!... LONG, CONFUSING TITLE.

THEY ADMIT IN THE FOREWORD THAT THE AUTHOR IS A HORRIBLY BELOW-AVERAGE TITLER.

HI AND LOIS

THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT BANNING TEXTING AND CELL PHONES IN CARS.

GOOD IDEA. IT'S DANGEROUS.

WHILE THEY'RE AT IT, THEY SHOULD BAN EATING, DRINKING, HAIR-BRUSHING, LIPSTICK-APPLYING, NOSE-PICKING...

THE OTHER COAST

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THAT AIN'T NO GAME, SAMANTHY JANE !!

THAT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS DO !!

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HEY, LOOK! A POTATO THAT LOOKS LIKE SARGE!

SAVE IT AND SHOW IT TO HIM

ARE YOU KIDDING?! HE'S GONNA GET MASHED!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 24, the 144th day of 2010. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.
- On this date: In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London.
- In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland, and opened to traffic.
- In 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.
- In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British dreadnought Hood in the North Atlantic.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tommy Chong is 72. Singer Bob Dylan is 69. Actor Gary Burghoff is 67. Singer Patti LaBelle is 66. Actress Priscilla Presley is 65. Country singer

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Little round veggies
- 5 Balance-sheet "plus"
- 10 Walrus' long tooth
- 14 Rim
- 15 Below-ground plant parts
- 16 Prefix meaning "against"
- 17 Fishing-rod attachment
- 18 Child's building toy
- 19 Doesn't tell the truth
- 20 Sworn in, as in court
- 22 Farm implements
- 23 Spicy Indian seasoning
- 24 Like an eagle's vision
- 25 Auto-club suggestions
- 28 React angrily toward
- 31 Swiss peak
- 32 More frosty
- 34 Tooth-care org.
- 35 Big shot, briefly
- 36 German pastry
- 38 Hot-dog holder
- 39 Day before a holiday
- 40 Native American group
- 41 Antlered animal
- 42 On edge
- 44 Clown's walking props
- 47 Show concern
- 48 "No ___!" ("Nothing to it!")
- 50 Add (up)
- 52 Per-item cost

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- 1 Ecuador
- 2 Biblical garden
- 3 Matured
- 4 Make a choice
- 5 Shady areas
- 6 Of the sun
- 7 Like a blackened chimney
- 8 Carve with acid
- 9 Tongue-clucking sound
- 10 Extending farther upward
- 11 Tag on some American-made clothes
- 12 One-pot beef dish
- 13 Peck on the cheek
- 21 Regret
- 22 Gem from an oyster
- 24 Leg joint
- 25 Black bird
- 26 Martini garnish
- 27 Wealthy group, collectively
- 28 Competing team
- 29 Grownup
- 30 Armored vehicles
- 32 Colored part of the eye
- 33 Young bear
- 36 Tale
- 37 Fully factual
- 43 Region between hills
- 44 Small sofa
- 45 Beer-keg insert
- 46 "Gave it my best"
- 48 Catch in a trap
- 49 Chianti and Chablis
- 50 Pulled apart
- 51 Opera solo
- 52 Strongly recommend
- 53 Notion
- 54 Young male horse
- 55 Otherwise
- 57 Comic's one-liner

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