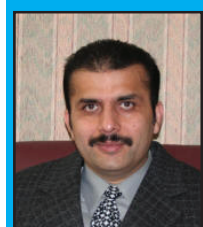




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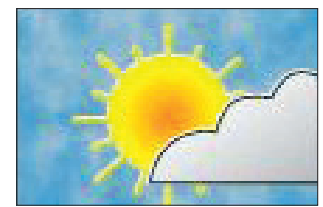


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## TAKS up at BSISD

But state assessments are not what the district is about, superintendent says.

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District students showed improvement over previous years following the latest round of Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized testing, school officials said.



Saldívar

Preliminary TAKS information released this month show that BSISD students, on average, scored 77 percentage points better in 2009-2010 than during the previous school year, Superintendent Steven Saldívar said.

Final TAKS figures for the 2009-10 school year will be released July 30.

The preliminary figures show that 90 percent of BSISD students passed the English/language arts portion of the test (as opposed to 88 percent in 2009-10), 79 percent passed the math portion (compared to 70 percent the previous year), 95 percent passed writing (85 percent passed the previous year), 86 percent passed science (as compared to 70 percent in 2009-10) and 95 percent passed social studies (virtually unchanged from the 94 percent rate the previous year).

While pleased with the preliminary TAKS scores,

See **BSISD**, Page 8A



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Katie Othold, 15, of Midland, and Caleb Jones, 16, also from Midland, work to put up siding on a home in the 2000 block of Johnson Thursday afternoon. The two teens are part of the United Methodist Army, which brought more than 30 youths to the Crossroads area this week to do volunteer work at local homes.**

## 10-year standoff continues

Authorities are in no hurry to arrest John Joe Gray on third-degree felony warrant

**ANGELA K. BROWN**  
Associated Press Writer

GUN BARREL CITY — The past decade has taken a toll on John Joe Gray, holed up on his rural East Texas land while waiting for a siege that's never happened.

He's been living on 47 acres behind a fence without running water and electricity but with plenty of guns, daring authorities to arrest him for a 10-year-old, third-degree felony warrant. He says he hasn't left his property since 2000, all the while allowing his distrust of a government he views as evil to fester.

The handmade warning signs have faded and the hordes of fellow militia members have long since gone, leaving behind only Gray and some relatives — he won't say how many — on the tree-shaded property along a river in rural Henderson County, about 50 miles southeast of Dallas. They grow their own food and live in a shack and trailer — always wearing holsters with weapons. They don't guard the entrance anymore.

Gray is thin and pale with a long, graying beard flowing



ABC News photo

**John Joe Gray says authorities "better bring plenty of body bags" if they ever storm his East Texas compound.**

down from his gaunt face — almost unrecognizable from photos taken in 2000 showing his short, dark hair and a mustache.

"I'll never leave," Gray told The Associated Press

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## BIG SPRING CVB CALENDAR

July 3 Coahoma Freedom Parade, 9:30 a.m. in Coahoma	p.m. Contact the Chamber at (432)-263-7641.	Contact
Pops in the Park, Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Fireworks and the Symphony. Food vendors open at 5 p.m., Pre Show at 6 p.m. and Symphony and Fireworks at 8:30	July 9 The Big Spring Film Society presents "Raiders of the Lost Ark", Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Call (432) 264-2516. www.bigspringfilm.org	

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# Budget on county agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The 2010-2011 budget will be the focus of a workshop held by the Howard County Commissioners Court Monday morning during the government panel's regular meeting.

Work on the fiscal plan began in April, and according to County Judge Mark Barr, things are looking up for the county in the coming year.

"Most people will tell you that you need to have at least half or one-third of your budget in the reserve fund," said Barr. "We currently have between \$3 million and \$4 million in reserve, and we're working with a \$16 million budget. We'd like to see that reserve grow to between \$5 million and \$6 million, but looking at things going into the budgetary process, we're in good shape."

Barr said the reserve funds are very important to the operation of the county, especially in the time between when tax bills go out and their February due date.

"You basically have a time between October and Feb. 1 that you have to plan for," said Barr. "You need to have a few months in reserve so the county can operate during that time period. However, with the reserves what they are right now, I feel pretty good going into the 2010-2011 budget."

One fiscal uncertainty the county will be monitoring closely during the budgeting process is the cost of operating the new county jail, which opened its doors for the first time last year.

"We'll be looking very closely at the operating costs of the jail. Once we get through this process, I feel like we'll have a very accurate idea what running the jail is going to cost," said Barr. "We'll be looking at staffing costs, utilities, pretty much everything that goes into keeping the facility running."

"I feel like we've done a really good job of projecting the costs of the jail. Maintenance has run quite a bit less than we had expected, but we haven't run into any big surprises as far as costs are con-

cerned with the jail."

Also during the meeting, Barr will present the court with a bid to purchase property currently being held in trust by Coahoma Independent School District.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices and purchase requests, in addition to handling the budget workshop. County Clerk Donna Wright is to present a monthly report.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is set to report on personnel considerations, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will update the court on pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

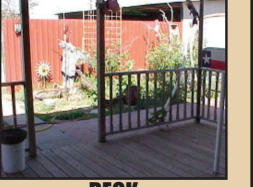
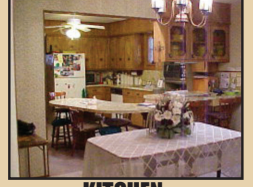
The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

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

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# West Texas Shootout more than local tourney

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Girls basketball players from all over Central and West Texas made their way to Big Spring to compete against a few faces they're not used to seeing back home.

But for Roy Green, the Harold Davis West Texas Shootout is more than just the opportunity for those girls to keep playing basketball during the summer. For him, it's the opportunity to create a future for those who may not be able to do it themselves.

The Third Annual Harold Davis West Texas Shootout wraps up Sunday at Howard College, courting 32 summer girls basketball teams from Central and West Texas.

The tournament gives local summer teams a chance to face good competition without having to travel far and

it gives summer teams from Central Texas the chance to face someone new.

But Green, coach and the tournament's architect, hopes it will have more impact with all proceeds benefiting children in foster care and honor a Big Spring hero.

"I think one thing he wanted to do, West Texas has always been known as football country and we have good football," said Janell Davis, wife of Harold Davis, who died in 2008. "But it's more and more becoming a basketball country and so I think he's trying to spice it up and make it more palatable for people and more interesting for people."

The tournament should garner some attention from locals.

Harold Davis could be

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

**The Starzz and the Lady Hawks compete in the Harold Davis West Texas Shootout on Friday at Big Spring Middle School. The tournament brings players from West and Central Texas together and benefits children in foster care. It also honors former Howard College basketball coach Harold Davis.**

# Blum paces Astros to end Texas Rangers' win streak at 11

ARLINGTON (AP)—Except for Josh Hamilton extending his hitting streak to 19 games with three more hits, things went pretty poorly for the Texas Rangers.

Their 11-game winning streak is over after a 7-4 loss to the Houston Astros on Friday night. The game featured Ian Kinsler getting ejected while walking away from the plate, two Rangers errors on one play and Texas manager Ron Washington getting upset after a fastball from one of his pitchers knocked plate

umpire Eric Cooper to the ground.

"They beat us," Washington said. "We move on."

Still, there were some strange moments in the Rangers' first loss in two weeks to end the longest winning streak in the majors this season.

Kinsler angrily flipped his bat, helmet and shin guard away after taking a called third strike for the third out in the third. He had his back to Cooper and was headed to second base when he real-

ized he had been tossed, then turned around and yelled at the umpire.

Then in the ninth, Cooper got hit directly on his face mask by a high fastball from Rangers reliever Alexi Ogando. Catcher Max Ramirez was set up for a slider, but instead Ogando threw a fastball that went right over the top of the mitt when Ramirez reached up to try to get it.

As the rest of the umpires checked on Cooper, who stayed on a knee for only a short time before getting

up and gathering himself, Ramirez tried to tell the umpires there was a miscommunication on the signals. He was shooed away, which drew the ire of Washington, who immediately came out of the dugout.

"One of the umpires getting out of control, had to get him back in control," Washington said. "It was a mix-up right there on the pitch, one of them said something they shouldn't have. That's what that was all about."

Fans who jeered Cooper

when Kinsler was ejected cheered when the ump was down on the ground.

Umpire crew chief Mike Reilly said it is the third time that Cooper has been hit by a pitch this season, and he and crew member Chad Fairchild have also been hit. The chief said Cooper was "a little sore" but OK.

"We've had so many umpires hit that we're pretty sensitive about it right now," Reilly said. "We said 'Come

See **RANGERS**, Page 2B

# Arizona's Edwin Jackson blanks Tampa Bay Rays for no-hitter, 1-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Edwin Jackson had a chance to finish the ugliest of the no-hitters in this the Year of the Pitcher, and nothing was going to stop of him.

Not Arizona manager A.J. Hinch. Certainly not the Tampa Bay Rays.

Barreling ahead despite a soaring pitch count, Jackson tossed the fourth no-hitter of

the season Friday night, beating his former team 1-0 despite walking eight, hitting a batter and watching another reach base on another.

It took an astounding 149 pitches — most in the majors in five years — to complete the second no-hitter in Arizona history.

"We talked every inning after about the sixth because I was checking on him. It's

such a complicated situation with the game in the balance and him chasing a no-hitter," Hinch said.

"He kept saying he was fine and, 'I'm not coming out, I'm not coming out, I'm not coming out.' As the momentum built and the situation grew, it was pretty evident he had an extra gear. It's something to celebrate."

All but one of Jack-

son's walks came in the first three innings, but the Rays still were no-hit for the third time in less than a year, including perfect games by Dallas Braden at Oakland on May 9 and Mark Buehrle at Chicago last July 23.

Colorado's Ubaldo Jimenez no-hit Atlanta on April 17 and Philadelphia's Roy Halladay tossed a perfect game at Florida on May 29. De-

troit's Armando Galarraga lost his perfect game with two outs in the ninth on a blown call by umpire Jim Joyce.

"It's one of those moments where I tell him I'm not coming out until I give up a hit or a home run. You want to skip my next start, that's fine. Give me an extra day, that's fine," Jackson said.

"It's one of those opportunities that doesn't

come everyday. And for me to come out of that game without giving up a hit, it would have been what if. What if I would have stayed in. I'm glad it didn't have to be a what if situation."

Jason Bartlett grounded to shortstop Stephen Drew for the final out and Jackson's teammates mobbed him after the improbable feat.

See **JACKSON**, Page 2B

# Serena Williams beats out Cibulkova to reach 4th round in Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Defending champion Serena Williams put on a serving clinic Saturday, hitting 20 aces in a straight-sets win over Dominika Cibulkova that set up a fourth-round matchup with former champion Maria Sharapova.

The top-seeded American had at least two aces in each of her eight service games and overpowered the 46th-ranked Slovak 6-0, 7-5 on Centre Court.

"Serving that well feels awesome," Williams said.

"I serve well at Wimbledon for some unknown reason. I want to keep doing it. I wish I could serve like this every tournament."

Williams won 37 of 43 service points and held at love five times. She won 19 of her first 20 service points, with Cibulkova putting only four returns in play in that stretch.

The first set lasted just 18 minutes, with Williams winning 25 of 31 points, serving six aces and hitting 12 winners. It was the third match

in a row that Williams won the first set 6-0.

Cibulkova, a semifinalist at the French Open last year, finally got on the scoreboard when she held serve for 1-1 in the second set. From then on, she kept the match competitive by holding serve, although she couldn't cope with Williams' serves.

Cibulkova saved a match point while serving at 4-5 with a crosscourt backhand winner, but Williams broke in the 12th game to close out the match.

Williams credited Cibulkova with raising her game but was unhappy with her own performance in the second set.

"I just kind of came off the gas a little too much," she said. "Just can't do that in big Grand Slams like this."

Cibulkova — generously listed at 5-foot-3 (1.61 m) — looked tiny and fragile next to the imposing physique of the 5-foot-9 (1.75 m) Williams.

"It was really hard returning her serve because she was mixing her serve and playing

really fast serves to the lines," she said. "I couldn't even get the ball, not even try to hit a return."

"I really doubt if somebody can beat her here if she plays like this."

Williams, chasing her fourth Wimbledon title and 13th Grand Slam crown, will face Sharapova on Monday in a rematch of the 2004 final won by the Russian.

Sharapova served an ace on match point to beat Barbora Zahlavova Strycova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-3.

## Sports in brief

### Best of the Rest registration begins

Signups for the 30th annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course, have begun.

The tournament, a two-person partnership, will be held in different flights — championship, president's and Best of the Rest. Format will be two-man low scramble for the championship and president's flight and two-man scramble for the best of the rest.

The tournament is open to the first 80 paid teams and prizes will be paid on scores from Saturday, Sunday and total, organizers said.

Food will be available on the course each day. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information,

contact the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

### Coahoma Ragball Tournament

COAHOMA — The school's annual ragball tournament runs from today through Sunday and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information

### Cavern City Tennis Tournament

This is a USTA sanctioned tennis tournament for participants of all ages and those interested must be USTA members.

Fee for singles players is \$20 and fee for doubles teams is \$30. Open draw is 9 a.m. June 28 at the Rio Pecos Tennis Shop in Carlsbad N.M.

The entry deadline is 6 p.m. June 27.

All first place winners get \$100, second place winners get \$50. Call tournament director Charlie Jurva at 575-887-1980 for more information.



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**Make It Mini:** Mini desserts are perfect for summer parties — small, bite-sized treats are easy to handle and let guests enjoy something sweet without feeling like they're overindulging. Try different variations of *Creamy Mini Tarts* using chocolate, peanut butter or your favorite fruit to satisfy everyone's taste. Also try making mini-size *Raspberry Mocha Mousse Parfaits* by layering the ingredients in small juice glasses.

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To get more easy dessert recipes, see how-to videos, and to download a free recipe book, visit [www.eaglebrand.com](http://www.eaglebrand.com).



### Fresh Fruit Cream Cheese Pie

Prep Time: 10 Minutes  
Chilling Time: 3+ hours  
Yield: 8 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 14-ounce can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk OR 1 14-ounce can Eagle Brand Low Fat Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 9-inch frozen deep-dish pie crust, baked
- Fresh fruit (blueberries, strawberries, bananas\*)
- Seedless red raspberry jam

#### DIRECTIONS

1. BEAT cream cheese in large bowl with an electric mixer until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla. Pour into baked pie crust.
2. REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until set. Arrange fruit on top of pie. If coating berries, stir jam until smooth. Brush berries with jam and serve.

\*If using bananas, dip in lemon juice before placing on pie to keep them from turning brown. Do not coat with jam.

### Butter Pecan Ice Cream

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Freezer Time: 6+ hours  
Yield: 1 3/4 quarts

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 14-ounce can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans, toasted\*
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon maple extract

#### DIRECTIONS

1. WHIP heavy cream to stiff peaks in large bowl. Combine sweetened condensed milk, pecans, butter and maple flavoring in large bowl. Mix well. Fold in whipped cream.
2. POUR into 9 x 5-inch loaf pan or 2-quart container; cover. Freeze 6 hours or until firm. Store in freezer.

\*To toast nuts: Place nuts in dry nonstick skillet. Cook over medium heat, shaking pan until nuts are lightly browned. To avoid over-browning, remove from pan immediately.



### Raspberry Mocha Mousse Parfaits

Prep Time: 40 Minutes  
Chilling Time: 20 Minutes  
Yield: 8 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 14-ounce can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon Folgers® Instant Coffee Crystals
- 1 teaspoon hot water
- 1 cup (1/2 pint) heavy cream
- 1 can refrigerated whipped cream
- 2 cups Nature's Peak® Frozen Raspberries OR 2 cups fresh raspberries

#### DIRECTIONS

1. MELT chocolate in a microwave-safe dish on HIGH (100% power) in 20 second intervals until melted. Stir until smooth.
2. POUR sweetened condensed milk into large bowl. Beat in melted chocolate and vanilla. Dissolve coffee in hot water. Add to chocolate mixture, beating until smooth. Chill 15 minutes. Chill beaters and mixing bowl from electric mixer 10 minutes in preparation for next step.
3. BEAT cream in chilled bowl with chilled beaters until stiff. Fold into chilled chocolate mixture. Reserve 8 raspberries for garnish. Layer parfait glasses as follows: 1/4 cup chocolate mousse, refrigerated whipped cream, 1/4 cup raspberries, 1/4 cup chocolate mousse. Refrigerate parfaits 20 minutes before serving. Just before serving, garnish each with refrigerated whipped cream and a single raspberry.

### Creamy Mini Tarts

Prep Time: 1 hour  
Chilling Time: 2 hours  
Yield: 60 mini tarts

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 14-ounce can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 1.9-ounce boxes mini phyllo shells
- 2/3 cup Smucker's® Blueberry Preserves

#### DIRECTIONS

1. BEAT cream cheese in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla until blended. Spoon about 2 teaspoons into each mini shell. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm.
2. MAKE a slight indentation in the filling using the back of small round measuring spoon. Fill with 1/2 teaspoon preserves. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

#### Variations

**Fresh Fruit:** Top mini tarts with fresh fruit such as strawberries, blueberries, bananas, raspberries, cherries, kiwi, grapes or pineapple. Garnish with mint leaves.

**Hot Fudge:** Place 2 tablespoons hot fudge topping into corner of resealable plastic bag. Cut small corner off bag. Squeeze to drizzle over top of mini tarts.

**Preserves:** Use different flavors of preserves or orange marmalade to create a colorful assortment. Garnish with mint leaves.



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## Obituaries

## R.L. 'Butch' Hodnett

R. Lanham "Butch" Hodnett, 69, of the Vincent Community, passed away peacefully Friday, June 25, 2010, at his home surrounded by family. A celebration of his life will be held

Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels Street, in Big Spring with Lay Minister Tom Koger officiating. A private burial service will be held at the Vincent Cemetery. The family will receive friends



from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Butch was born May 7, 1941, in Big Spring to Lanham and Mary Lois Hodnett. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1959 and attended Texas Tech University with a major in agriculture. He enjoyed farming, hard work and supported his parents and family. After a career in farming, he moved on to oilfield work and maintained production for several companies, Finley, Greathouse and Davis and Chesapeake to name a few.

He never really retired, but retirement finally caught up with him after his diagnosis of cancer. He officially retired in June 1, 2010, but remained active up until the time of his death.

Butch enjoyed watching his daughters play basketball and also shooting with his boys in Trap & Skeet competitions. He was a wonderful shot with pistol or with a rifle and cheerfully passed on his love of hunting and the outdoors to his kids and grandkids. He was also an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys up until they fired Tom Landry.

On Jan. 21, 1966, he married Sherry Huffstetler at the First Pres-

byterian Church in Big Spring. He fell in love with Mom at first sight and they were soon inseparable. Their journey of life together was spent at Vincent where they made many long and lasting friends. Butch was a member of the Coahoma Presbyterian Church where he was an elder and treasurer for many years. Butch truly admired and respected the elders he served with and was honored to have been selected.

Butch especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was a supporter of the Greenwood Little League and the Midland County Shooting Sports. He enjoyed watching each and all of his grandchildren in their sporting endeavors and once asked what sport he liked best said, "I'd enjoy a game of jacks if it was competitive".

Butch is survived by his loving wife, Sherry, of 45 years. He is also survived by three daughters, twin sons and their families: Stacy (Hodnett) and husband Mark Wilson and their children Kirby, Tiffany and Taylor of Keller; Pam (Hodnett) and husband Kim Robertson and their children Cole, Luke and Audra of Snyder; Dana (Hodnett) and husband Mike Phipps and their children Lanham and Sierra of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Dean Hodnett and wife Teresa and their children Rhet and Hud of Greenwood; and Darrell Hodnett and wife Gaylene and their children Deston and Jacob, and great-grand-

daughter, Katryna of Vincent; one brother, Guy Hodnett and wife Peggy, and one sister, Ann Baker and husband Bobby, all of Sand Springs.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Hospice House Foundation, 6010 E. Hwy 191, Suite 235, Odessa, 79762, or Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th Street, Big Spring 79720.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Sterling, Maxwell Barr, Steve Wolf, Rodney Brooks, Mike Petree, John Logi, Tony Shafer and Binie White.

Honorary pallbearers are Mrs. J.M. Sterling, John Boyd, Weylin Wolf and Dr. Billy Bob Dunn. The family wishes to thank the Home Hospice staff of Big Spring, Karen Woods, LVN; Megan Chandler, RN; and Diane Martinez, Social Worker, for their wonderful care.

Butch always had a sympathetic ear and was a true confidant to anyone who needed advice or a shoulder to cry on.

He was truly loved by his friends and family and will be missed by all of us who counted on him for his encouragement and understanding.

We're proud to have had the time with this wonderful man and are thankful for the morals and values he forevermore instilled in us and adhered to.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 35, 1425 E. Sixth No. 133, was arrested on an other-agency warrant.

- ROBERT CASTANEDA, 20, 900 Runnels, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and failure to stop and render aid.

- RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN, 42, 405 E. 10th, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport, failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate.

- ROSALINDA LOPEZ, 45, 602 E. 16th, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief and assault/family violence.

- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, 41, 3706 Connally, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESUS SOLIS JR., 18, 1112 N. Mcgregor Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth and the 800 block of W. FM 700.

- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth, the 700 block of W. IH 20 and the 1800 block of Gregg.

- FORGERY was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King and the 1200 block of Douglas.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of E. Marcy and the 1900 block of Donley.

## Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

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

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It is with my deepest regrets that I am announcing the closure of my office, as of July 16th 2010. My last day to be available to patients will be July 16th.

Please take this time to begin choosing your new physician.

- Be reassured that your medical records will remain confidential and accessible at all times, even after our office closes, as they will be transferred to Family Medical Center.
- If you plan to choose a physician at Family Medical Center as your new family physician, no further action will be required to obtain or transfer records. These records will already be maintained with their staff. Otherwise, records are available as below:

Prior to July 16th, your records can be obtained by either:

- Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before July 16th, a copy of your records will be directly transferred.
- Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your records, before July 16th.

After July 16th, requests for records can be made to Family Medical Center as below:

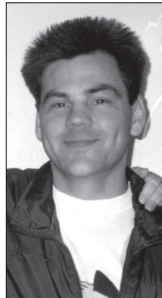
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Feel free to call our office during this transition for any questions or concerns. It has been a great pleasure providing for your health care needs. I wish future health and happiness to everyone.

Kim Bango, MD 10134

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## Richard Adams



Richard P. Adams, 46, of Big Spring died from a short fight with cancer on June 18, 2010.

He was born in Seattle, Wash., March 18, 1964. He left behind his wife of 10 years, Tammy Adams; his mother, Ethel Adams; two sisters, Marissa Adams and Hiedie Landa; and numerous nieces and nephews, sisters in law and brothers in law.

A memorial will be held at Christ Community Fellowship on Birdwell Lane at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

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# Tiger Woods, wife have options if they divorce

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Questions about how a possible divorce between Tiger Woods and his wife would unfold have become the ultimate Internet guessing game.

How much could a settlement be? Where might a divorce be filed? When could it be filed? What would it entail? And on and on it goes in the muddled world of celebrity gossip.

In reality, the answers might not be so complex.

There are only so many ways to carry out a divorce settlement, experts say. The law provides guidelines that must be followed, and the couple has options to keep private some of the juicy details so many seem to crave.

The framework of when, where and how one of the biggest divorce settlements in history would go down might

already be in place. There's even the possibility for the ultimate cliffhanger.

"They can keep most any information out of court if they're both in agreement," said attorney Raoul Felder, who handled the divorce for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

The Internet has been abuzz over a possible divorce ever since Woods crashed his SUV outside his central Florida home in November, setting off revelations that he was cheating on his wife, Elin. Should a divorce take place, according to several high-profile attorneys, there are a slew of options for both parties.

The couple, who have a 3-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son, will likely divorce in Florida: It's where their two primary homes are. The state's laws also make it

easier for Elin to file and, because there is no state income tax, claim the most money. Sweden, where she is from, has higher taxes and is not as favorable. The same goes for California, where they also own a home.

Florida is a "no-fault" state, which means parties don't need grounds for divorce — they only need to tell a judge that the marriage is "irretrievably broken." Florida also has an "equitable distribution" law that requires courts to begin under the premise that assets would be divided equally.

But location is not guaranteed. Normally, the Woodses would file for divorce in their home counties of Orange or Martin, but if they both agree, they could likely file it any of

**"... because there are children involved, the court is always sort of a guardian of the children's best interests"**

Mark Jay Heller,  
attorney

Florida's 65 other counties in an attempt to keep it quiet, several divorce lawyers said.

Fellow golfer Greg Norman and tennis great Chris Evert, for example, filed for divorce in the Florida Keys, even though they had no home there.

"Courts recognize there's a balance of equity between the public's right to know and the privacy of a family. And because there are children involved, the court is always sort of a guardian of the children's best interests. Confidentiality is most likely even in Tiger's case," said attorney Mark Jay Heller, who represented Jon Gosselin of

"Jon & Kate Plus 8" fame in his divorce.

Still, in any divorce involving a prominent celebrity or athlete isn't likely to stay quiet long — even if it's filed in a remote location.

Ira M. Elegant, a Miami-based lawyer who has represented Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and NBA star Shaquille O'Neal in divorce proceedings, said Woods' camp would have a hard time fooling anyone over the venue.

"The first thing somebody in the clerk's office would do is pick up the phone, and it would probably get out by word of mouth before they even dialed," he said.

## RANGERS

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on, you've got to get a glove on that.' It's probably said more out of frustration. It's just frustrating seeing one of our partners hurt."

Reilly said, though, that the umpires "know the catcher tried to catch the ball. He certainly didn't let it go on purpose."

Geoff Blum had the go-ahead RBI double among his

three hits and scored twice for the Astros.

Blum had the third consecutive double for the Astros to start the sixth for a 4-3 lead and chase Colby Lewis (7-5), who pitched a two-hitter at Houston last weekend. Blum then scored when Texas made two errors on the same play.

Chris Johnson had four hits and drove in three runs for the Astros, while Lance Berkman ended an 18-game homerless drought with a 422-foot solo blast. Carlos Lee

had three hits, including two doubles.

"We've been playing well, so it was a big win for us," Johnson said.

Brian Moehler (1-4) worked five innings, six nights after the Astros starter held Texas to two runs and one hit over six innings in the game that Lewis won 5-1. Matt Lindstrom, the fourth Astros reliever, worked the ninth for his 18th save in 22 chances.

"Back to back starts against the same club, you can't say

enough," manager Brad Mills said of Moehler. "He pitched like a veteran. He made some pitches when he had to get out of jams."

Texas' last loss was 6-2 at Milwaukee on June 11, the start of a 15-game stretch against NL teams that included a three-game sweep at Houston last weekend.

It was only the second time in franchise history the Rangers won at least 10 consecutive games. The other was their team-record 14 in a row

in May 1991.

Hamilton has hit .506 (39 of 77) during his three-week hitting stretch to raise his season average from .291 to .350, third in the majors.

An RBI single by Hamilton in the fifth, already his third hit of the game, made it 2-2. Max Ramirez drew a bases-loaded walk and Moehler trailed when he threw his last pitch to finish the inning.

But Lee, Hunter Pence and Blum had consecutive doubles to start the top of the sixth.

## Blackhawks take 18-year-old in NHL draft

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks, who unloaded several players from their Stanley Cup championship roster earlier this week, didn't replace any of them Friday night in the first round of the NHL draft in Los Angeles.

They selected 18-year-old left wing Kevin Hayes, of Dorchester, Mass., as their first pick.

Chicago was slotted to make the final first-round pick, 30th overall, but dealt the selection at the last minute to the New York Islanders for the 35th and 58th picks. Those selections give the Blackhawks five second-round picks when the seven-round draft resumes Saturday.

The Blackhawks also have the 43rd, 54th and 60th overall picks in the second round.

Chicago picked Hayes using a selection they had acquired from Atlanta on Thursday in a multiplayer trade. In that deal, they sent playoff star Dustin Byfuglien, defenseman Brent Sopel, forward Ben Eager and minor-leaguer Akim Aliu to the Thrashers.

In return, the Blackhawks got veteran forwards Marty Reasoner, prospects Joey Crabb and Jeremy Morin, and a second-round pick.

The trade helped Chicago free up some \$4 million of salary cap space.

Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman

didn't rule out the possibility of additional deals.

"You don't know how serious some guys are, but there's a lot of talk. We'll see," Bowman said in a video interview on the team's website. "A lot of our guys have been asked for, I'll put it that way."

It's unlikely Hayes will skate in the NHL soon.

Although he has an NHL physique at 6-foot-2 and 201 pounds, he plans to play at Boston College next season, where he'll join an older brother, Jimmy, who was drafted in 2008 by Toronto.

"I'm just trying to take it day by day, year by year, Kevin Hayes said on the Blackhawks' website. "So I'll see when I

get there."

Hayes recorded a team-leading 25 goals and 44 assists in 29 games last season at the Noble and Greenough School near Boston.

"He can handle the puck, he can make plays and he can score goals," Bowman added. "He's got a bright future. You've got to be able to skate and you've got to be able to play the game, but when you're bigger you have an advantage over other guys."

Chicago has had luck with players taken in the second round and later.

Norris Trophy winning defenseman Duncan Keith was selected in the second, 54th overall in 2002.

## JACKSON

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Jackson, who entered the game with a 5.05 ERA, is 43-45 in eight seasons. He was an All-Star last year for Detroit before being traded to Arizona in the offseason in a three-team trade

with the Yankees that included Curtis Granderson.

Two years ago, the 26-year-old right-hander matched a Tampa Bay franchise record with 14 wins to help the Rays make an improbable run to the World Series.

"It's one of those bittersweet moments. You throw a no-hitter and

it's against your old team. At least it's with a crowd that you've had accomplishment with," said Jackson who was hit with a pie in the face by a teammate during an on-field interview before receiving a beer shower heading into the clubhouse.

The crowd of 18,918 stood and applauded the first no-hitter at Tropicana Field in the relatively short history of the Rays, who like the Diamondbacks began play in 1998.

Randy Johnson has the only other no-hitter in Arizona history, a perfect game at Atlanta on May 18, 2004.

Adam LaRoche homered off Jeff Niemann (6-2) in the second inning, all the support Jackson

would need.

"He's a great athlete and a great kid. He's one of the very few who can do that," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said, noting Jackson's ability to continue to pitch well despite a high pitch count.

"We had so many guys on base," Rays center fielder B.J. Upton said, "nobody knew it was a no-hitter until the seventh."

Jackson (5-6) walked the bases loaded in the third but was bailed out by a stellar play by third baseman Mark Reynolds, who spun around to throw out Ben Zobrist at home plate.

Hank Blalock then grounded out to end the inning.

Reynolds made another big play on a sharp line drive by Bartlett in the seventh.

Earlier in the at-bat Bartlett hit a dribbler that hung close to the third base line before rolling foul in front of the bag.

In the eighth, Miguel Montero threw out pinch-runner Carl Crawford trying to steal second after Carlos Pena reached on an error by Drew.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**The Technique of Card-Reading**

South dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠K 9 8 2  
♥A 10 6 3  
♦Q 7 5  
♣A 4  
**WEST**  
♠J 6  
♥5 4  
♦AK J 10 3  
♣10 9 7 2  
**EAST**  
♠7 4  
♥J 9 8 2  
♦9 2  
♣K 8 6 5 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠AQ 10 5 3  
♥K Q 7  
♦8 6 4  
♣Q J

doesn't, declarer can then fall back on a club finesse. Had South elected to play the hand this way, though, he would have gone down one.  
**The actual declarer** opted for a different line of play. He reasoned that West was highly unlikely to have the king of clubs, because he probably would have bid two diamonds over one spade had he been dealt that card in addition to his excellent diamond suit.  
**So at trick six**, South led the queen of clubs with went up with the ace after West followed low. Declarer then played two more rounds of trumps, ending in his hand in this position:

West	North	East
Immaterial	♥A 10 6 3 ♣4	♥J 9 8 2 ♣K
	South	
	♠5 ♥K Q 7 ♦J	

**When South next cashed** his last trump and discarded a club from dummy, East could not discard safely, and the contract was home.

The bidding:  
1♠ West North East  
4♣ Pass 3♣ Pass  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
**Consider this deal** where South got to four spades and West led the K-A and another diamond. East ruffed and returned a trump, and declarer, after cashing the A-Q of trumps, had to take the rest of the tricks to make the contract.  
**It might seem** that the best line of play is to cash the K-Q-A of hearts, hoping the jack will appear. If it

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# Baby Contest Winners



**Zayleigh Solis**



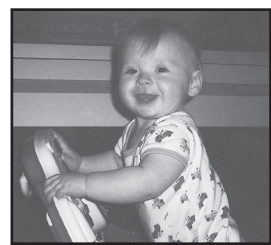
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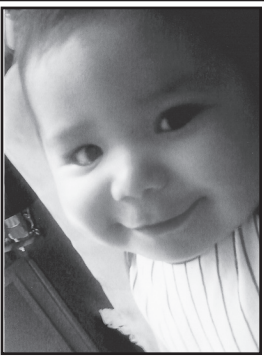
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Parents' Name:  
**Teri Vela**



Baby's Name:  
**Cooper Tye Johnson**  
Date of Birth:  
**September 30, 2009**  
Parents' Name:  
**Zack & Brandi Johnson**



Baby's Name:  
**Zayleigh Solis**  
Date of Birth:  
**October 23, 2009**  
Parents' Name:  
**Michael and Enchantra Solis**



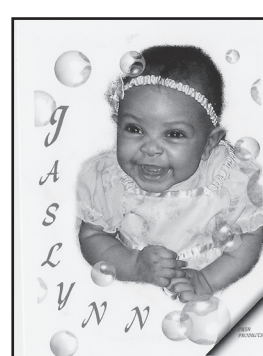
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Baby's Name:  
**Jules Hadley Nichols**  
Date of Birth:  
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Parents' Name:  
**Kyle & Kayla Jo Nichols**



Baby's Name:  
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Date of Birth:  
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Parents' Name:  
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**Jaslynn Williams**  
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Parents' Name:  
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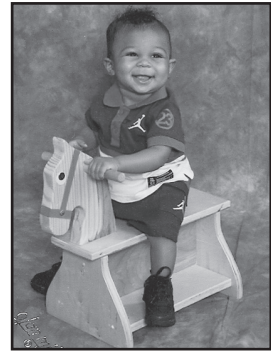
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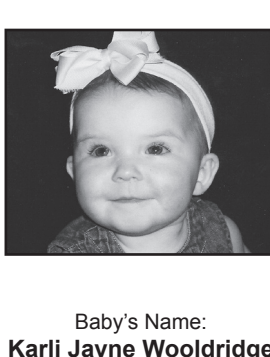
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Parents' Name:  
**Stephen & Natalie Oliver**



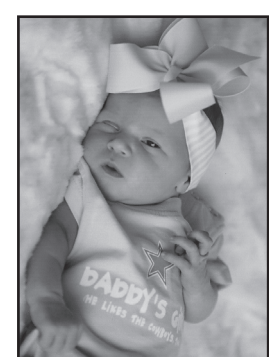
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Parents' Name:  
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Baby's Name:  
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Baby's Name:  
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Parents' Name:  
**Chad & Stacia Coleman**



**News in brief**

**World leaders moving to discussions of nuclear threats posed by Iran and North Korea**

HUNTSVILLE, Ontario (AP) — After failing to resolve their differences on economic strategy, world leaders are turning their attention to grappling with some of the globe's toughest foreign policy problems.

President Barack Obama and other leaders of the Group of Eight major industrial countries were scheduled to open their second day of talks Saturday focused on nuclear standoffs with Iran and North Korea.

On Iran, the U.S. and European nations will push other major powers to join them in imposing tough new sanctions on Tehran over its suspect nuclear program, a move that would build on expanded U.N. Security Council measures adopted this month. But China and Russia only reluctantly supported those sanctions and have balked at new unilateral steps against Iran.

The foreign policy discussions among the leaders of the G-8 — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and Russia — were taking place after an opening day of talks during which the group failed to resolve a dispute over the proper mix of government spending and deficit reductions needed to keep the global economy on track.

Obama made the case that the global economy remained fragile and should not be put at risk by countries moving too rapidly to trim their bulging deficits through spending cuts and tax increases, which can slow economic growth.

But leaders of Britain, Germany, Canada and Japan argued that deficit cuts were needed to reassure nervous investors, given the severe market turmoil experienced in May after the near-default of Greece on its huge debt burden.

**Tropical weather could be latest blow to containing massive Gulf spill**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical weather gathering strength in the Caribbean could be the latest bad news for

BP crews trying to contain and clean up the massive oil spill in the Gulf, an effort that has been plagued with setbacks for more than two months.

It is still too early to tell exactly where tropical storm Alex might go and how it might affect oil on and below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, forecasters said. An armada of ships is working on the spill. That includes those drilling two relief wells, projected to be done by mid-August, and the best hope of halting the crude that has been gushing since April 20 in the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

BP's effort to drill through 2½ miles of rock is on target, the oil giant said Friday. But BP's stock tumbled anyway over the mounting costs of the disaster and the company's inability to plug the leak sooner.

The crew that has been drilling the relief well since early May ran a test to confirm it is on the right path, using a tool that detects the magnetic field around the casing of the original, blown-out well.

"The layman's translation is, 'We are where we thought we were,'" said BP spokesman Bill

Salvin. Once the new well intersects the ruptured one, BP plans to pump heavy drilling mud in to stop the oil flow and plug it with cement.

**California teen sailor Abby Sunderland reunited with brother**

SAINT-DENIS, Reunion (AP) — Sixteen-year-old Californian sailor Abby Sunderland was reunited with her brother Saturday and defended her family against criticism that she had been too young to try to sail around the world alone.

Though saddened by the loss of her boat in a southern Indian Ocean storm, Sunderland said she isn't giving up sailing.

"I'm really disappointed that things didn't go as planned," Sunderland told reporters after coming to shore early Saturday on the French island of Reunion off of east Africa, brought by a French patrol boat.

"I knew what to do. I was well-prepared for anything that could have happened," she said, flanked by her 17-year-old brother Zac,

who flew to Reunion to meet her.

Her brother took a separate boat to meet the patrol boat as it sailed into the harbor of Reunion's capital, Saint-Denis, climbing aboard and embracing her as Abby teared up.

Sunderland set sail from Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey in her boat, Wild Eyes, on Jan. 23. In April she had to give up hope of becoming the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo, when she was forced to stop for repairs.

Then on June 10, three-story-high waves snapped her boat's mast. She was rescued two days later by a French fishing boat.

**Obama prods Congress to send him overhaul bill**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama prodded Congress on Saturday to send him financial overhaul legislation, saying the landmark compromise lawmakers have

crafted would be a boon to consumers and help deflect the next global financial crisis.

"We're still digging ourselves out of an economic crisis that happened largely because there wasn't strong enough oversight on Wall Street," Obama said in his weekly radio and online address. "We can't build a strong economy in America over the long-run without ending this status quo, and laying a new foundation for growth and prosperity."

He also pressed legislators to send him another proposal they omitted from the compromise financial package — a tax on big banks supporters say would recoup some of the billions taxpayers spent to bail out the ailing institutions.

House-Senate negotiators approved the overall deal Friday, and Democratic leaders hope to muscle it

through Congress next week. The bill creates an independent agency to monitor mortgages and other consumer financial products, restricts trading in complicated derivatives that helped ignite the financial meltdown and forces failing giant firms to liquidate, making it the widest reaching revamp of the nation's financial rules since the Great Depression.

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# Wall gets red-carpet treatment from Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall was driven in an SUV-size limo to the Verizon Center, where he stepped onto a red carpet surrounded by scores of fans who cheered, craned their necks and did their best to snap photos of the Washington Wizards' No. 1 overall draft pick.

Once inside the arena, he learned that the mayor had proclaimed Friday as "John Wall Day" — an honor Alex Ovechkin didn't get until winning a league MVP. Wall also watched a video that welcomed him to the nation's capital, with greetings from local sports stars Donovan McNabb, Stephen Strasburg, Ryan Zimmerman and Ovechkin, who spoke in Russian and did his own fist-

rotating imitation of the John Wall Dance.

There were also posters and a massive banner outside the arena proclaiming Wall as a "game changer" — complete with information for ordering tickets.

The Wizards, a team that needs all the positive vibes it can get, went about as over-the-top as they could to celebrate their new face of the franchise.

"To be on the red carpet, I felt like I was big time," Wall said. "I've never been on a red carpet before."

The hero's treatment came one day after Wall was chosen at the top of the NBA draft, instantly making him the great hope for a team that in recent months defined the

word embarrassment. He's only 19 years old, but the Wizards made clear they're pinning more than a wall's worth of expectations on the point guard from Kentucky.

"This city's different," coach Flip Saunders said. "This is an event city. Events are big here. And John Wall today, this is an event. And what we're hoping to have happen is that every time we play in this place it's an event."

But was it all a bit too much, especially for someone yet to put on an NBA uniform?

Wall, Saunders and team president Ernie Grunfeld all had essentially the same answer: It's nothing compared to Kentucky.

"We had a lot of people

here," Saunders said. "At Kentucky, they would have opened up Rupp Arena and they would have had 20,000, so he's used to this type of situation. He's been through it so much it's not going to affect him at all."

The same arena used to be awash in Gilbert Arenas memorabilia, but nearly all of it was taken down when the three-time All Star pleaded guilty in court to bringing guns to the locker room and was suspended 50 games by the NBA last season. Arenas is still with the team — under contract for four more years with a contract too rich to trade — but the Wizards are rebuilding their team and reputation around the new kid.

"Point guards are not made — they're delivered from heaven," Saunders said. "And I believe he was delivered from heaven."

One piece of memorabilia in the building caused a dilemma for Hall.

Hanging above the practice court where he held his news conference was a replica of the retired No. 11 jersey worn by Elvin Hayes. Wall wore that number at Kentucky and wanted to keep it, but he needs to pick a new one because the Wizards aren't going to take Hayes down from the rafters.

"I'm going to decide on that today or maybe later on tomorrow," Wall said.

Otherwise, it was all sweetness and light.

## With draft done, New Jersey Nets ready for free agency

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With the NBA draft out of the way and some holes seemingly plugged, president and general manager Rod Thorn and the New Jersey Nets are turning their attention to the free agency market.

Less than a day after the draft, Thorn felt the league-worst Nets got two key pieces by taking power forward Derrick Favors of Georgia Tech with the third pick overall and acquiring the rights to small forward Damion James (No. 24 overall) from Atlanta for two other draft picks.

Next on the agenda is July 1, and the long-awaited free agency

signing period. LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Amare Stoudemire and Chris Bosh might all be available, and the Nets are ready to put \$27 million on the table as enticement.

"We expect to be players and we expect to be in the mix," Thorn said Friday. "Hopefully, it will work out and we will be successful. Until you get out there, you don't know."

Thorn said it was impossible to say how many free agents he would be able to sign for new coach Avery Johnson or how much of new owner Mikhail Prokhorov's money he would spend.

"You don't know who

is going to be available and, No. 2, you don't know who you are likely to get," Thorn said.

The Nets have plenty of roster space. They dealt out-of-favor guard Chris Douglas-Roberts to Milwaukee on Friday for a second-round draft pick in 2012.

Before making the trade for a player who wanted out, the Nets picked up the \$854,839 option on Douglas-Roberts' contract for next season.

That left only eight players on the roster.

Thorn already has had conversations with some of the players who were not drafted on Thursday night.

## Herrera's single lifts Rockies over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — After striking out in his first three at-bats, Jonathan Herrera figured it was only a matter of time before he'd break out of his mini-slump.

His perseverance exemplified that of the Rockies teammates, who didn't arrive in Los Angeles until about 3 a.m. Friday morning.

Herrera's RBI single in the 11th inning lifted the Colorado Rockies to a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Friday night.

"For a young kid to handle himself in the manner in which he did with the way this game started and to finish in the manner in which he did, not enough can be said about the job that

was done late," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.

Herrera went 3 for 6, extended his hitting streak to seven games.

Carlos Gonzalez tied it at 3 when he singled home Herrera in the eighth, ending a streak of 27 straight saves at home for Angels closer Fernando Rodney.

"I start the game with three strikeouts, but I never give up, never put my head down," Herrera said. "I was waiting for my other at-bats, I do my best and that was the result."

Matt Belisle (3-3) pitched 2 2-3 innings of scoreless relief, and Manny Corpas earned his 10th save.

Chris Iannetta doubled with two outs

against Francisco Rodriguez (0-1), and Melvin Mora walked before Herrera singled to left on a full count.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia said his confidence wasn't shaken in Rodriguez.

"We know Francisco is an important part of our bullpen," Scioscia said. "He didn't get it done, but he'll be back out there tomorrow if his role is up again."

Bobby Abreu led off the bottom of the 11th with a single and stole second before Juan Rivera walked, but Mike Napoli hit into a fielder's choice and Jeff Matthis grounded out with Abreu on third to end it.

Reggie Willits singled to put the Angels up 3-2.

## Roth's hits lift Gamecocks to 5-1 CWS win

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — South Carolina left-hander Michael Roth bumped into coach Ray Tanner near the elevator at the team hotel on Friday and told him he would pitch against Clemson until his arm falls off.

"He asked me if that was one inning," a smiling Roth said.

Roth lasted one inning, all right, and eight more.

A situational reliever who had logged more than three innings just three times in 51 career appearances, Roth pitched his first start in 14 months — a performance that carried the Gamecocks to a 5-1 College World Series victory over Clemson.

Their win forced a second Bracket 2 final. South Carolina (51-16) and Clemson (45-24)

meet again Saturday, with the winner advancing to the best-of-three championship round that starts Monday.

Roth was efficient, throwing 109 pitches and getting 16 ground-ball outs. He allowed a double to Richie Shaffer leading off the third, then retired 15 of the next 17 before Wilson Boyd reached on an error.

After Clemson's Brad Miller singled to right with two outs in the ninth, Roth struck out John Hinson. He pounded his glove with his left hand as he walked off the mound, high-fived a teammate and chest-bumped another.

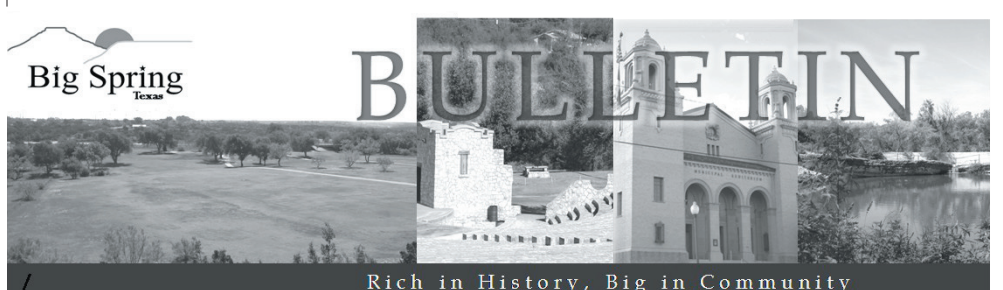
"For me, it's hard to imagine, under those circumstances. ... Not expecting it to be the performance that he got, it was most impressive," Tanner said. "I

can't say enough great things about Michael Roth and what he did for us tonight."

Roth struck out four, walked one and hit two batters. The only run scored on Kyle Enders' passed ball in the third.

"I didn't expect to go nine innings," said Roth, his left arm packed in ice. "I really expected to at least go five and after that take it one inning at a time. My arm is sore. Hopefully I can bounce back quick — not tomorrow. We train hard and I think anybody in the bullpen is ready to go out there and throw as many as they can. Adrenaline did help."

Enders hit his third homer and had an RBI single, and Jackie Bradley drove in two runs for the Gamecocks, who have staved off elimination in three straight games.



### City of Big Spring Ordinance Section 13-4 Accumulation of Weeds, Rubbish, Etc. — Declared Unlawful.

This City Ordinance states that whenever and wherever weeds, rubbish, or any other objectionable, unsightly and unsanitary matter of whatever nature shall exist, covering or partly covering the surface of **any lot or parcel of real estate** within the City, such condition is hereby declared to be unlawful and the prompt abatement of which shall be a public necessity.

The words "lot or parcel of real estate" as used shall include, in addition to those grounds within the respected boundaries, or lots, parcels of ground lying and being adjacent to streets where curb line has been established and also to the center of adjacent alleys.

With the wonderful rain we've had lately, weeds and tall grass have become an issue. If there is a property with tall weeds or grass and you feel like code enforcement should or does not know about the problem, please give us a call. We will do everything that we can to remedy the situation. One misconception about this ordinance is that alleys and easements are not the responsibility of the property owner or occupant. As the definition of **lot or parcel of real estate** states, "where the curb line has been established and also to the center of adjacent alleys", **THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEYS AND EASEMENTS.**

We have many citizens who take care of these areas and do a wonderful job. The accumulation of weeds on lots can cause many health and safety issues. High grass and weeds attract rodents, snakes, and mosquitoes.

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### Big Spring Firefighters Recognized

The following fire fighters were given the Big Spring City Manager's TEAM Award on June 21, 2010:

- Birdie Soto*
- Mark Heinis*
- Cody Quintana*
- Lance Murphy*
- Kasey Wright Davis*

The TEAM Award is presented to a group of City employees in recognition of exceptional teamwork and accomplishments on a special project. This TEAM award was the result of a letter written to the City by Mr. Bryant Bostrom. In his letter, Mr. Bostrom commended the outstanding effort put forth by these members of the Big Spring Fire Department while extinguishing a fire on his flatbed trailer as he was traveling through Big Spring on April 28, 2010. He was very impressed by the quick response, professionalism, kindness and courtesy shown by this group of firefighters. This group's effort during this incident was exemplary and serves as an important reminder of how fortunate we are to have them as member of the Big Spring Fire Department. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment.

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## ► Weddings

### Garcia-Sanchez

Amy Marie Garcia and Mark Anthony Sanchez, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at La Verda Club in Big Spring.

Amy is the daughter of Edward Sr. and Joann Garcia of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Maria Elena Hernandez of Big Spring, the late Rudy Claveran Jr. and the late Felix and Esther Garcia.

Mark is the son of Cruz and Olga Sanchez of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Guadalupe Ramirez of Big Spring and the late Eusebio Ramirez and the late George and Dominga Sanchez.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. The bride wore a David Bridal Chiffon gown with an A-line halter and a beaded v-neck with a front twist knot and a sweep train that added a quique detail to the dress. The groom wore his U.S. military uniform.

The bride carried a hand-tied boquet of fresh orange, yellow and pink daisies.

Maid of honor was Brandi Fulbright and bridesmaid was Erica

Gutierrez, both of Big Spring. Junior bridesmaids were Alexandria Cantu, cousin of the groom and Breanna Cervantes, cousin of the bride, who also served as ring bearer.

Best man was Ernesto Diaz Jr., brother of the groom and groomsman was Jacob Rios, both of Big Spring.

A reception followed the ceremony. The food was prepared by the groom's uncle and aunt, Jesse and Sylvia Cantu.

The tables were covered with beige tablecloths with yellow, orange and pink plastic table covers shaped in a diamond pattern. All tables included decortions of glass vases filled with water and daisies placed on a glass mirror.

Appetizers included bowls of chips and salsa and the traditional Mexican wedding cookies — Biscochos.

A four-tier white wedding cake featured pink, yellow and orange daisies with eatable pictures of he bride and groom, family and friends. The groom's cake was a New York Yankee baseball that topped a square German chocolate cake.

Both cakes were made by the groom's aunt,



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sanchez  
Sylvia Cantu.

A separate table included a chocolate fountain surrounded by fresh strawberries, pineapple chunks, cherries and pretzels. It also consisted of chocolate and vanilla homemade candy shaped into hearts on a stick, bride and groom candy boxes filled with candy kisses and pink and yellow monogramed napkins with names of the bride and groom and the wedding date.

A dance continued at night with music by DJ Manuel Hilario.

She is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Pedro Castillo.

The couple married in Santiago de Cuba on March 19. They met in 2008 when Lanton was part of a mission team doing work in Cuba in Pastor Pedro's church.

They carried on a long distance courtship for more than a year before Lanton asked the important question of Isnelvis.

Her father presided over a large wedding ceremony in Santiago that was attended by Lanton's parents along with friends Michael



Mr. and Mrs. Lanton Hamby

### Castillo-Hamby

Lanny and Toni Hamby are pleased to announce the marriage of

their son, Lanton Hamby Jr., to Isnelvis Castillo of Santiago de Cuba.

## ► Engagements



Melody McDaniel and Kirk Hendricks

### McDaniel-Hendricks

Melody McDaniel and Erik Hendricks of Fort Worth announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Melody is the daughter of Roxie Blair of Midland. Eric is the son of Scott Hendricks of Cordelle, Ga., and Kay Hendricks-Beeler of Big Spring.

The couple are graduates of Big Spring High School.

## ► Who's Who

Kelly Lee of Coahoma was named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas for the spring semester. To earn this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better while completing at least 12 semester hours.



Spring graduated from Hardin-Simmons University during commencement ceremonies held Saturday, May 8 in HSU's Behrens Auditorium.

Kelso graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in bible from the HSU Logsdon School of Theology during one of two commencement ceremonies.

Kelso is one of 291 graduates to receive degrees from Hardin-Simmons University this spring.

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Brendon Kelso of Big

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## OUR VIEW

### Pops in the Park committee still needs donations

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation are working in high gear today and will continue to do so next week, as they make final preparations for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

Simply put, the July 4 holiday is all but upon us, and during last week's final meeting of the event's organizing committee, it was clear that with just about a week remaining before the event, the committee has a long way to go before it reaches its fund-raising goal.

The show carries a price tag in the neighborhood of \$40,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals. But, as of late last week, the committee had only received about \$23,000 in donations.

"We're a little bit below where we have been at this time in the past financially," said Committee Chairperson Jan Hansen. "We have some money in reserve, but being this far behind where we normally are is definitely a concern."

Now heading into its 13th year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities. "It is the entire community's celebration. That's something that is on every committee member's mind," noted Jan Hansen, who serves as the foundation's co-chairman for Pops. "It's a time to get together with friends and family at the park, join our neighbors and celebrate the birth of our nation."

Organizers are still contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources — money that make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

The Big Spring Herald, as we've already noted a few times, is among the presenters for the show. Those committed as presenters to date are the Big Spring Symphony, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, Cornell Companies Inc., KBYG and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our cheerfulness and kindness, Lord, be contagious.

Amen

# The face of hatred

It all comes out when Arizona's Republican governor, Jan Brewer, gets angry. She becomes the new poster woman for immigrant-bashers, and for Latinos and other immigrants, she shows the new face of hatred. It's not a pretty sight!

We saw it last week when the governor learned that the Justice Department is getting ready to sue her state for passing a law that usurps the power of the federal government to determine immigration policy.

When Brewer heard the news, her reaction surely made conservative extremists proud. Although some kind of Justice Department intervention was widely expected, Brewer found a new reason to lash out against the Obama administration.

Because the first confirmation of the impending federal lawsuit came from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during a TV interview in Ecuador, Brewer apparently felt she had a new excuse to rally her conservative followers.

"This is no way to treat the people of Arizona," the governor said in a statement. "To learn of this lawsuit through an Ecuadorian interview with the secretary of state is just outrageous. If our own government intends to sue

our state to prevent illegal immigration enforcement, the least it can do is inform us before it informs the citizens of another nation."

It was a clear effort to appeal to conservative isolationists, those who want the wall around their minds to be built around the entire country.

Apparently, it doesn't even dawn on Brewer that Arizona has stained America's image around the world or that when all her cheap theatrics are over, it will be up to the State Department to clean up the mess she and other Arizona Republicans have created.

In Latin America, where anti-U.S. sentiments perhaps were already at an all-time high, polls show that Arizona's heinous SB 1070 has turned many more people against us.

The image of Brewer's hateful expression is replacing that of the Statue of Liberty. It's a shame!

So what if Clinton revealed the lawsuit that everyone expected? Why get worked up because she happened to be in Ecuador when she said it?

The governor of Arizona, up for re-election, is playing the race card every turn she gets. In the past few weeks, when there have been opportunities for her to make peace with her critics and ease the boycott against her state, she has continued to fan the flames of racism. It doesn't appear to matter how much her state will lose in legal fees and

as a result of the boycott-slowed economy; she claims to be determined to fight the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

If Brewer gets her way, if huge numbers of immigrants — legal and illegal — are forced to flee from Arizona, she will go down in infamy for instituting America's first statewide ethnic cleansing program.

At least five lawsuits have been filed against SB 1070, which has many reasons to be quashed by the courts. Lawyers for various civil rights organizations are seeking an injunction while their cases are heard. But the weight of the Justice Department — and the argument that only the federal government can make — is necessary in this fight. It's the federal government that has to establish that under this state law, Arizona would be interfering with federal authority, and that's the strongest case against SB 1070.

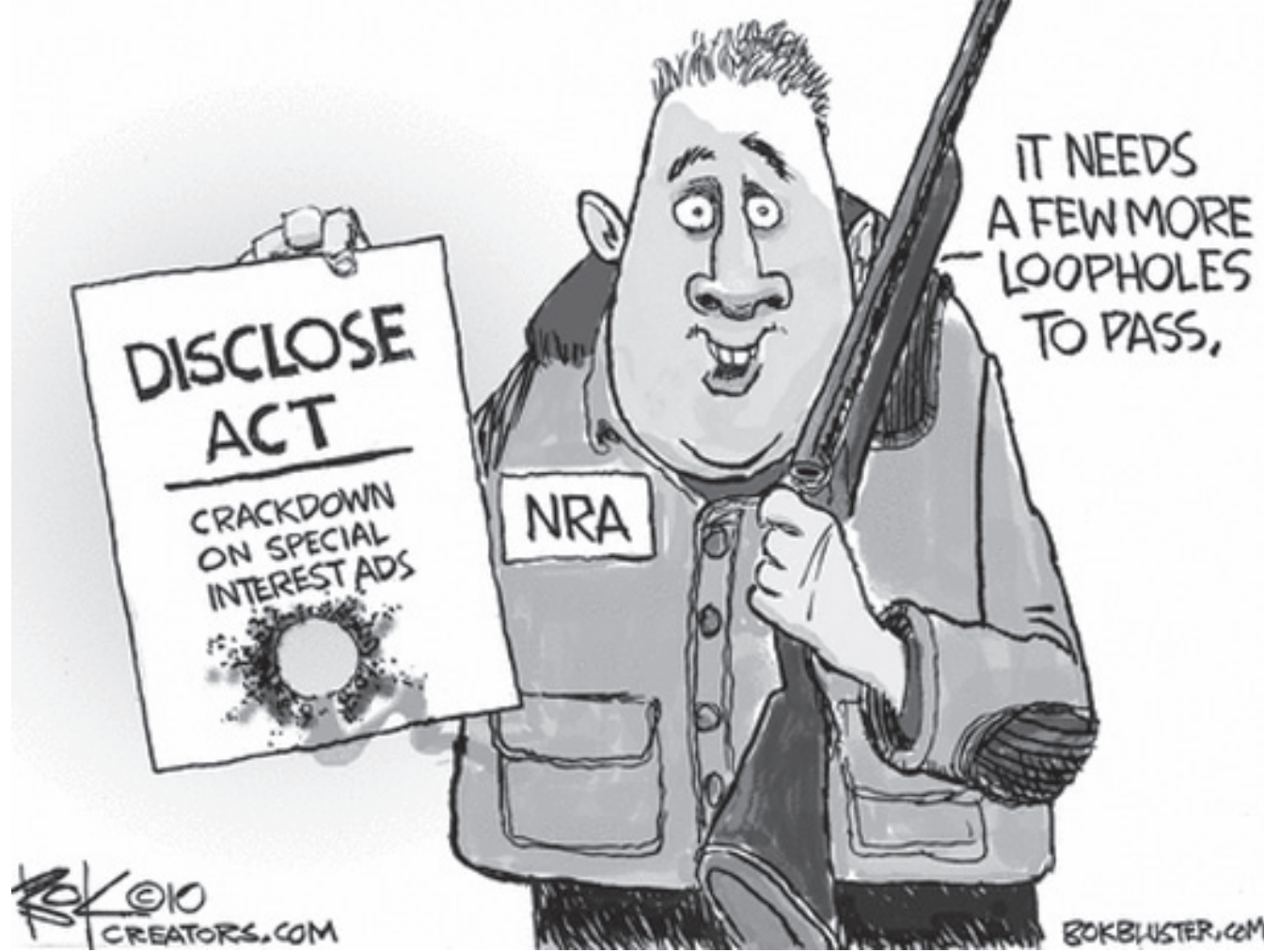
In fact, a federal response is long overdue. And for putting pressure on the Justice Department to finally serve Brewer with the lawsuit she earned, the only one who deserves praise is Clinton. Go figure!

But when the federal government finally goes to court against Arizona, please watch Gov. Brewer closely. You'll see the poster woman of immigrant-bashers, a political opportunist playing the race card. You'll see the face of hatred.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

First, let me say something positive. How about those Forsan Lady Buffs! You have made this whole region extremely proud. Way to go!

I would like to say that I, too, was a skeptic about the construction on Main Street. I, too, complained to my wife about the traffic and how hazardous the narrow street had become. About two to three weeks ago, I went down Main Street late one evening and I was truly amazed at what I saw. Let me say that at night, this is a sight to behold and I would encourage everyone to take this drive at night to see the beauty of it. I have taken pride in showing family visitors this sight and will continue to do so.

Now, as a rebuttal to some letters I have read: I read that someone is still upset with our city going ahead with the "water park." You complained about every aspect of this project and it all boiled down to money. You could have said that instead of running around in circles and never getting to the point. It is obvious that you do not want to pay for something that probably your kids never used or would use in the future.

The crime involving juveniles probably did go up last year, but that is not enough for you, since we are not talking about your children.

You complained to Mrs. Hor-

ton and defended the Concerned Citizens Council in the same breathy. I would like everything to be ADA compliant, but consider this for just one moment and let me see if I got this correct, the city pool was closed because some members of the Concerned Citizens Council filed on the city? Is that whom we get to thank for our pool/water park dispute?

Do you know that Mrs. Horton has been a council member longer than any other member in history? And you thin that you can just wish her away? There is a reason why she has been re-elected time and time again.

And then there is that someone who said they were "tired of all the little pet projects that benefit only a select few in our community." I would encourage everyone to just consider what a "select few" have utilized the city park pool in the past and would be using the "water park" in the future.

Do you see what I see? Somewhere it is written that you can tell a lot about a community by how they treat the least of them.

I also have got to say that someone wrote that the city council members dug their heels and were going ahead with the water park and this action was offensive, because they "just wanted what they wanted," like spoiled kids. But wouldn't the same be said about all of you who are steadfast against the water park?

Someone called Mr. Ramirez to the mat because he had taken the water park proposal to the VA Hospital. Do you realize the VA employs hundreds of Big Spring citizens and quite a few from District 2?

I have heard the dreaded word again, "recall." This had not worked for you in the past and it will not bear fruit this time either. Aren't you just beating a dead horse here?

Maybe these are the spoiled kids someone mentioned before. Defeat is never easy to swallow, but at some point you have to learn.

I would like to say that I will be voting from Mr. Ramirez as my council representative again and again.

TONY MARQUEZ  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Now we are in summer. Skateland is closed and there's no pool this year. The teens need some place to hang out.

Why not have the city council talk to the YMCA about lowering its summer family payment plan or the city budget help pay for the privilege.

The teens could swim and work out at the Y. That would keep them busy for the summer, maybe help keep them out of trouble,

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# SHOOTOUT

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most known for leading Howard College men's basketball to its first run of success.

After moving to Big Spring in 1947, he had his team making NJCAA tournament appearances regularly and won a conference and state title.

Harold Davis also served his country in World War II and he earned a Silver Star. He was later recalled for the Korean War, forcing him to leave his duties at Howard College behind. But in his first season back, he led his team to a 34-win season with a conference and regional championship and an appearance in the NJCAA Final Four. In 11 seasons, his teams won four conference titles, made nine NJCAA tournaments and five state tournaments.

Harold Davis affected many people's lives as a mentor and teacher, and

Green said that's the spirit he wanted this tournament to carry.

"It really is to focus on the kids and what they need," Green said. "Statistics are not really good for our kids. Teenage pregnancy in the state of Texas is probably one of the highest in the nation. The system that I had kids come in from, foster care, that system is not a system that's really designed to help kids. If you look at it statistically, you could send a kid to Harvard for what it cost to send a kid through the penal code system."

With 32 teams, this tournament brings a lot of players from across the state, but Green said it has a chance to be even bigger. He said he would like to see it go to 64 teams soon.

While every player might not get a chance to play basketball in college, he said making this an NCAA exposure event could help. NCAA exposure events allow college coaches to scout players at various tournaments.

Academics are important to Green, too. He said each players grades must

be up to standard in order to pay.

There are many different age groups in this tourney as well. Green has girls in fifth grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade competing in the tournament.

Even Big Spring High School got involved.

Big Spring girls basketball coach Mike Warren had his team compete in this weekend's tourney and said honoring Harold Davis meant a lot to him.

"My dad played for him," said Warren, who played high school basketball with Green. "I got to know the Davises through my father. Just a great man, great coach, now his wife is still here. I go to church with her, she's great. In the opening ceremony, she got up and talked a little bit about Roy Green and what a good guy he is. He's such a nice person. It's nice to have all these teams come in and everybody just kind of centers of Howard College this weekend and Harold Davis."

Parents and coaches enjoyed the

opening night as well, which featured games at Big Spring Middle School, too.

Charles and Dorothy Lyons are a husband-wife combination that coaches the Copperas Cove Starzz. It keeps them busy, too.

The summer team is made up of fourth graders through juniors varsity players, boys and girls.

"We knew about the tournament, we knew what it was about," Charles Lyons said. "Our daughter actually played for coach Green. We thought we'd bring them up here, we'll mix the teams up and get them out."

"It's for a good cause, that's why we're here." This also was the first time the couple has taken their team on the road, which adds to the experience.

"This our heart," Dorothy Lyons said. "Ever since we retired, this is what we do with the kids."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext.237

# Mexico hoping for revenge against tough Argentina team

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Mexico will get the chance to erase a grudge nursed for four years when it meets Argentina in the World Cup second round on Sunday.

At the 2006 World Cup, Argentina beat Mexico — thanks to an extraor-

inary goal by Maxi Rodriguez — in the round of 16 and fate has conspired to match the two sides at precisely the same stage of this year's tournament.

"I have a thorn in my side from four years ago and hopefully on Sunday we can take it out,"

said midfielder Rafael Marquez, who scored Mexico's solitary goal in that 2-1 defeat in 2006.

But the challenge looks formidable against Diego Maradona's attack-minded team, which everyone wants to avoid this time around.

And it's not just the

prolific strikeforce of Lionel Messi, Gonzalo Higuain and Carlos Tevez that the Mexicans will need to contain in Pretoria.

Playing in midfield will be that man Maxi, who'd settle for any winner on Sunday rather than a repeat of his 2006

wonder goal.

"I'll be happy if I can just tap it in," he said Friday. "What happened in that game is history now. The important thing is that the team wins and progresses."

The two teams have played each other 25 times, of which the

Mexicans have only won four.

But Mexico, so shaky to start qualifying before recovering to play well, turned it on when it counted in South Africa, beating 2006 runner-up France 2-0 on the way to finishing second in Group A.

# Spain happy to take ugly route at World Cup, reach round of 16

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Happy to reach the last 16 of the World Cup, Spain is ready to abandon its attacking playing style if it means going even further into the tournament.

Spain labored to a 2-1 win over 10-man Chile on Friday to take top spot in Group H and set up an elimination match against Portugal in

Cape Town on Tuesday. Spain's attractive passing style, characterized by the likes of Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta, was mostly ditched in favor of a slower tempo, physical encounter.

Iniesta was concerned with the objective of advancing from the group rather than how it was attained.

"When it comes to the style,

the way of playing, this is a World Cup and we're going to try and do the best we can, even though sometimes a rival makes it complicated for you and you have to change your way," Iniesta said after scoring the winning goal on Friday. "The most important thing will be to play a complete game against Portugal."

While Spain has continued

to win under coach Vicente del Bosque, the team has also taken on a grittier approach in recent games.

"We try to mix the beautiful with the pragmatic," Del Bosque said. "Football isn't just about finding the best game, but about defending and sticking to it."

While most picked the 2008 European champions to tri-

umph in South Africa because of its exciting play, Spain was beginning to mirror Dunga's Brazil, which have sacrificed flair for efficiency.

"We'd all love to play beautifully and score five goals a game, but that doesn't always happen," Iniesta said. "There are good moments and difficult moments. This is football, this is the World Cup."

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Jacob Wylie, left, recently received Eagle Scout rank, joining his brother, Paul, who achieved the Boy Scouts' highest honor in January 2004.

## Big Spring brothers are both Eagle Scouts

Brothers Jacob and Paul Wylie have both achieved the highest rank possible from Boy Scouts.

Jacob, of Troop 5, received his Eagle Scout designation June 22 in Big Spring, joining his brother, Paul, who had achieved Eagle Scout

rank in January 2004.

Requirements for Eagle Scout achievement include earning badges and demonstrating Scout spirit through the Scout oath, law, service and leadership. Fewer than 5 percent of all scouts earn Eagle Scout designation.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jacob organized a book drive and established or added to libraries in four nursing homes and assisted living centers.

Jacob and Paul are the sons of Mary Ann Wylie and the late Charles Wylie of Big Spring.

## Summer's a great time for state hospital volunteers

Big Spring State Hospital patients recently enjoyed refreshments and gifts during their annual Summer Fun Day welcoming the arrival of summer. Fun Day Chairman Suzanne Markwell



BILLIE CHRISTIE

planned another outstanding party.

Plenty of bright new T-shirts, caps, flip-flop sandals, tote bags and sunshades were handed out to appreciative patients along with treats of ice cream floats. Activity Therapies, Food Services and Plant Management employees and volunteers followed it up with a hot dog cookout. It is so rewarding to continue to watch Summer Fun Day grow during the past 18 years with the addition of new activities, new gifts, and most of all, new volunteers.

Several of us located retired volunteer Bill Wallace who is now living in an area nursing home. What a treat it was to see Bill and catch up on old times. We followed up that visit with a long-anticipated trip to visit long-time volunteer Murlene Williams, who recently moved near family on the South Plains. She quickly told us she was fine and was enjoying her retirement. After 30-plus years of volunteering at the state hospital, Murlie has been unable to get it out of her blood. She pulled out a shopping bag of

hand-knitted caps for the patients and said she would prepare even more before Christmas. I promised Murlie I'd ask you her question for the day, "Do you wash your bananas?" Think about it until the end of the article.

Community volunteers Lucy Griffith, Ann Duncan, Robin Hallman, Sara Myers and Lucy Flores are busy working on the Volunteer Council Nursing Scholarship Committee. They will meet on July 13 to prepare and release scholarship applications. The applications are due July 27, and the committee will meet July 29 for final scholarship selections. Memorial donations may be made to the Volunteer Services Council, Big Spring State Hospital for the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Community Relations is busy working on Christmas Appeal letters. Anyone having a few extra hours is needed to help fold and prepare the letters for mailing.

The Chalet Resale shop continues to improve with its continuing increase in quality donations at its location at Second and Runnels. Co-chairs Ruth Nanny and JoBeth and Tommy Corwin do a wonderful job overseeing this growing operation. They enlist additional volunteers to keep up with the multitude of donations and oversee the day-to-day operations.

Everyone is working so hard at the resale shop. It looks great, the donations are huge

and the sales are wonderful. Volunteers are still needed. It's a great place for teenagers ages 15 years and older to volunteer and earn their community service hours for school. Also, it can be a great place for a service project for any group with a few hours to donate. Be watching for summer clearance sales. If you have some nice items and don't want to have a garage sale, bring them to The Chalet. Your donation is tax-deductible.

It's not too late to take advantage of some of the Junior Volunteer opportunities at Big Spring State Hospital. Call 268-7535 for more information.

Congratulations to Pat Dickenson for being named June's Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Dickenson is one of the Monday volunteers who helps up front at The Chalet.

Murlene Williams' answer to "Do you wash your bananas?" "Well do you wash your apples before you eat them? Don't you think a banana has been the same places and is just as dirty? My lands, there's no telling where that banana's been! Just think about it!"

Don't know about you, but I'll never eat another banana without washing it. Just goes to show there is not any telling what we can learn if we will just take time to listen to our experienced and wise volunteers.

Billie Christie is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

## Teenager receives 45-year term in grandmother's death

HEREFORD (AP) — A 17-year-old convicted in the 2009 stabbing death of her grandmother in Hereford has been sentenced to 45 years in

prison.

Sydney Grajeda (gruh-HAY'-duh) was sentenced Friday after being convicted late Thursday. She had faced the possibility of life in prison.

The victim was 73-year-old Lucia Maria Guajardo (gwah-HAR'-doh). The Hereford

Brand reports Guajardo was stabbed last July 30, but lived long enough to call 911 to report "someone tried to kill me."

Prosecutors presented evidence of the teen's drug use. DNA evidence also linked Grajeda to the attack.

Investigators say Grajeda was suspected of forging checks stolen from her grandmother in the weeks before the killing.

A teenage co-defendant faces trial later.

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**The Forsan All-School Reunion is scheduled for August 7, 2010 in the Forsan High School Cafeteria.**

We are looking for addresses of any former Forsan students. If you did not receive information about the reunion and would like to be included, or if you have addresses, please contact Jimmy Anderson, reunion organizer, at **432-267-6143**

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LETTERS

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and they can swim 12 months a year instead of three with the new water park.

A lot of kids do not belong to the Girls and Boys Club or the Scouts. We really need a community center that makes a place for teens.

Here is another idea — in the area near the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park where they have put benches and trash cans, have an area that could be fixed up for parents to take their kids and let them have a nice wading area while they are having lunch or just to take the kids somewhere closer to home.

DONNA GROENKE  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This last Saturday I received a letter from the city stating that the water that comes into my home contains a chemical that can cause harm to me and my family.

As I went to the post office this morning, I saw two large holes in the street where water lines have ruptured. I came back home via Goliad Street and the water was running down the middle of the street from another water line break on one of the side streets. This is happening all over town.

I think we need to spend some of the \$6 million (water park after we pay in-

terest for 20 years) on water systems for our city, both delivery and treatment.

My city taxes have doubled in the last four years. Because of evaluation increases, we will be paying a lot more taxes for the water park than have been stated.

Give the children a pool, replace our water lines and give us at least minimum standard water to drink.

CLEM JONES  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The First United Methodist Church welcomed the United Methodist Army to Big Spring last Sunday.

The U.M. Army is a group of Christian teenagers that traveled from Midland and McKinney. This group included 30 youth and several adult leaders that worked on 18 to 20 different locations in the city this week.

They were in town to demonstrate the love of God by performing small repairs to homes. They patched roof leaks, replaced windows, painted and performed yard clean up.

It was a privilege to hear some of our citizens rave about how much they appreciated this group. They recognized that this group had given them their time and hard work, while leaving their parents and cell phones behind. The homeowners talked about the teens' on-site daily devotions, their cheerful nature and how they left an imprint on their lives.

I would like to thank radio stations KBST and KBYG for recognizing this group of you people and their self-

less acts of kindness. I am glad you welcomed them to Big Spring and acknowledged their good deeds.

If the Big Spring Herald was able to obtain their picture and publish it this Sunday, I would like to thank them as well.

May God bless the First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Army and their leaders for making an impact on so many lives in Big Spring.

PAM DUNCAN  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to let everyone in on a huge realization. I lived my childhood in Big Spring and I never knew how harsh the world really was until I became a teenager and moved to a big city.

I'm guessing my parents wanted something different out of life than what a small town had to offer. Maybe it was the search for that perfect job, maybe it was just a fresh start in a new place. Whatever the reason, we ended up in San Antonio.

I was 13 when we moved away from all of our family in Big Spring. It got so lonely and I missed all of my aunts, uncles and cousins so much.

We would see them every weekend before we moved and everyone was so close.

I am grown now and it's been 27 years since we left Big Spring. I am married (met my husband in high school in San Antonio.) He, too, was ready for that "change," that "fresh start," so that brought us to Bossier

City, La., in 1989.

I was only 19, with a brand new baby. It was a whole new city, a whole new state. No friends, no jobs, we only had my mom and my sister to help us.

We got our jobs, our house, our "fresh start" and our "change."

Like I said, its been 27 years since leaving Big Spring. I never stopped thinking about it, I remember every corner. I remember every neighbor we ever had.

I miss barbecuing at the park. I miss riding bikes all over my neighborhood. I miss visiting all of my family every weekend. I miss everything about Big Spring.

My mother has since passed away, my father has onset of dementia. I went to visit my dad, he still lives on his own, although I do have to take him his meals every day or he forgets to eat. He could not remember what I took him for breakfast.

I noticed he had some bags by his front door. I asked him what was in the bags, he said it was his clothes. I asked what he was doing with them, he said he was waiting for his brother to come pick him up to take him home.

I reminded him that he was in his home.

He said, "No it's not, I live in Big Spring." He is 67, has no memories, except for Big Spring. I never think of San Antonio, but Big Spring is always in my heart. That is our true hometown and who knows, maybe someday soon, we can come back home.

CINDY ELIZARDO  
BOSSIER CITY, LA.

# POPS IN THE PARK

## Saturday, July 3rd

### Comanche Trail Amphitheater Featuring Music By The Big Spring Symphony And Chorus

#### Schedule Of Events:

5:00 P.M. ~ Gates Open at Amphitheater

8:00 P.M. ~ Flag Ceremony

5:00 P.M. ~ Food and Novelty Booths Open

8:25 P.M. ~ Symphony Concert

6:00 P.M. ~ Performance by Sister City's Performers.

9:25 P.M. ~ Video Presentation Recognizing

6:45 P.M. ~ Performance by Los Greengos

Servicemen & Women

7:50 P.M. ~ Welcome and Announcements

9:45 p.m. ~ Fireworks Display

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# Texas Wind Energy Trade Fair set for July 21-23

### Special to the Herald

West Texas continues to pace the world in wind energy development and operations, and the sixth annual West Texas Wind Energy Trade Fair will bring together wind leaders, communities, landowners, service and technology businesses, emergency

responders, workforce development specialists and more.

Started in 2005, the trade fair will take place July 21-22 at the Trent School, a state of the art campus built by the Trent Independent School District with wind energy and landowner revenues.

The event features semi-

nars, exhibits, business networking, sponsor consultation rooms and other attractions. Regional wind tours will take place Friday, July 23.

July 21 will feature information on small wind turbines for home, ranch, school and other uses.

Small Wind 101 will help landowners, institutions and businesses to better understand technological advances in small wind turbines and economics of small wind turbines. Case studies and manufacturer showcases will also be part of the Wednesday sessions.

July 22 will feature dozens of exhibitors and almost 30 seminars on topics ranging from the latest transmission construction information to landowner financial opportunities, workforce development, worker safety,

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Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center officials and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials join Certified Respiratory Therapist Raul Perez in a ribbon cutting at the Scenic Mountain Sleep Center, located on the hospital's second floor.

## Start sleeping better sooner

### By KIM HOWELL

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center recently celebrated its Sleep Medicine department with an open house and ribbon-cutting officiated by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

According to Heath White, director of sleep medicine at SMMC, one out of four people is a chronic snorer.

Loud snoring interrupted by long period of completely obstructed breathing can signify sleep apnea — a significant health threat.

If you snore or sleep with a snorer, White suggests you ask your doctor about scheduling a study at the Scenic Mountain Sleep Center.

A sleep study can help

your doctor diagnose and treat a variety of sleep difficulties by observing how the patient sleeps and how the body functions during sleep in a controlled environment.

Located on the hospital's second floor, the Scenic Mountain Sleep Center has been conducting sleep studies since early 2009. Staffed by Certified Respiratory Therapist Raul Perez, and with two comfortable rooms available, the Sleep Center aims to get patients scheduled quickly to help them start sleeping better sooner.

To learn more about how a sleep study may help you, ask your doctor or visit [www.smmccares.com/sleep](http://www.smmccares.com/sleep)



Courtesy photo

One of the sleep centers two comfortable rooms available for sleep studies.

## USDA invites applications for energy audits to help rural small businesses and producers

### Special to the Herald

TEMPLE — USDA Rural Development announces it is seeking applications from eligible intermediaries to help rural small businesses and agricultural producers reduce energy costs and consumption. Funding is provided to conduct energy audits and provide renewable energy development assistance.

"We're pleased to offer this program to those who want to save money and conserve energy, but are unable to do so without financial assistance," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "As we continue to find ways to make America more energy independent, the projects this program supports will become more and more important."

USDA Rural Development has made available \$2.4 million for fiscal year 2010 for energy audits. The funds are provided through

the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and authorized by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (also known as the Farm Bill).

The Farm Bill allows agricultural producers or rural small business to recover up to three-quarters of the cost of an energy audit. Audit funds are not provided directly to an eligible producer but are allocated instead to an intermediary. The intermediary provides funds to the audit recipient.

Eligible intermediaries for energy audit grants include state, tribal, or local government entities; land-grant colleges and universities and other institutions of higher education, including 1994 Land Grant Colleges (tribal colleges), 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Historically Black Universities; rural electric cooperatives; and public power entities.

Rural Development is accept-

ing applications for this program until July 26.

For more information on how to apply, see the May 27, 2010, Federal Register. To learn more about USDA's REAP and other renewable energy programs, visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices.

These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$138 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

## Energy Watch



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



Most investors know that the stock market is almost always "looking ahead." The fancy word market strategists use for this is "discounting." What this means is that it is not the present news that controls the stock market but how investors perceive the future and then how they adjust stock prices to fit that perception.

In other words, the future, usually out nine months to a year, becomes "discounted" by stock prices today.

Last week provided a clear example of this phenomenon. The Commerce Department reported Friday that retail sales fell 1.2 percent in May from April. Thus, Americans reduced spending on everything from cars to clothing, which could mean that consumers are becoming concerned again about high unemployment. Of course, if so, the outlook for the economy would be hurt.

So what did the stock market do last week? The DJIA had its best weekly advance since February, up 2.8 percent.

On the surface, one might ask, "Is the market crazy?"

Well, we admit that market action can look kind of nutty sometimes, and it also can do some pretty crazy things in the face of current good or bad shocks. But overall, market action makes sense when you remember the "discounting" phenomenon.

Despite the drop in retail sales, the market, by rising, is saying that it believes that out there in the future the trend in sales will again be strong. We agree with this conclusion based on an economy that is still recovering, albeit moderately, and a labor market that is showing some improvement.

The mood about the future was also helped by the fact that Europe's central bank officials were receiving a positive reception to their interest rate decision.

Discounting is a fact of life in the stock market that has been, is and, we believe, will always be what the stock market does, and this is a good thing.

If the present ruled, all we would have to do is get the news and react. Of course, so would everyone else and there would be only buyers or sellers and, thus, a one-sided market, which would mean no market at all if today's news controlled everyone's investment decisions.

Looking out nine months to a year, or discounting, creates a market place, as each of us has different opinions about the future. This is based on both fundamental trends, and to keep it exciting but somewhat unpredictable, it is also based on the personality of investors.

Some err on the optimistic side looking ahead and some on the pessimistic side. That's why life in the stock market isn't easy for the short term, but over the long term, the facts usually do win out.

Right now we are in a very volatile stock market. For the past 15 sessions, the S&P 500 has bounced between 1,050 and 1,100, and we have been in a correcting market for eight weeks.

If one is an optimist, he or she should use corrections as an opportunity to do some selected buying, which is our advice. If one is a pessimist about the future, he or she should sell some stocks so we bulls can buy them at what appears to be good values.

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## Back from GOP state convention

Several local residents attended the recent Texas State Republican Convention. Among those attending were, front row, left to right: Thomas Tafuro, Liz Watson, Janet Wolfe and Julie Bailey; back row, left to right: Larry Hollar, Steve Campbell, Spencer Wolfe, Craig Bailey and Brad Burt. Not pictured are Richard Cauley, Stan Parker, Josh Hamby, Deede Cauley and Bo Fryar.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



## Stargazer: Constellations that didn't make the cut

The practice of inventing constellations, those imaginary patterns among the stars, predates recorded history and has been done by people around the world. In 140 CE, astronomer Claudius Ptolemy of Alexandria, in his book, "The Almagest," listed 48 constellations which came to be the accepted list throughout the Mediterranean region for the next 1,500 years.

During the 16th-18th centuries, as Europeans began exploring the Southern Hemisphere, they saw new and unfamiliar regions of the night sky, and invented new constellations. New ones were also being created in the northern sky, and with no official body to rule on such matters, it didn't take long for the situation to get out of hand. The lack of uniformity among the catalogs and sky-globes

muddied the waters for astronomers.

To clarify things, in 1930 the International Astronomical Union set forth boundaries for 88 official constellations, keeping most of the traditional constellations and some of the newer ones. For most of those rejected, we would probably say, "Good riddance!"

Several were named for kings, but who wants a sky full of monarchs? Two honored astronomers Charles Messier and William Herschel, but how can you select just two? Several rejects were animals — a cat, flamingo, fly, night owl, reindeer and thrush — but the night sky is already full of animals.

Other rejects recognized technological inventions — a balloon, electric machine, printing office, sun dial and quadrant. While these were important devices in their day, would we really want laptop computers, microwave ovens, digital cameras and cell phones in our contemporary night sky?

Given the abundance of constellations and lore devoted to war, killing and such, I would welcome some depicting positive values, such as Scepter, the Hand of Justice, which was rejected. And how about others honoring love, compassion, acceptance, liberty, freedom and responsibility?

One omitted constellation my gay friends would surely have wanted kept was Antinous, the young lover of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (76-138 CE). His death at age 19 so bereaved the emperor that he created a constellation in his honor. Situated on the back of Aquila the Eagle, Antinous was lifted into the heavens by the great bird. He appeared in some astronomical catalogs and globes as recently as the 1700s, but didn't make the final cut.

Unfortunately, we'll never know of many star patterns invented by other cultures. Surely there were tigers, elephants and wildebeasts in African skies, monkeys and crocodiles looking down on Central and South America, buffaloes stampeding across the skies of North America, and kangaroos bouncing over Australia.

• 8 Thursday morning: The crescent Moon is below the Pleiades low in the east northeast with the orange star Aldebaran, the red eye of Taurus the bull, below.

• 9 & 10, Friday & Saturday early evening: Brilliant Venus is within two moonwidths of Leo's brightest star Regulus low in the west after dark.

• 11 Sunday: The new Moon passing between Earth and Sun produces a total solar eclipse that won't be visible from our hemisphere.

• 12 Monday evening: The thin crescent Moon is to the lower left of Mercury very low in the west northwest at dusk.

• 14 Wednesday evening: The crescent Moon is to the lower left of Venus in the west.

• 15 Thursday evening: The crescent Moon is to the lower left of Mars and below Saturn in the west.

• 16 Friday evening: The crescent Moon (left), Mars (right), and Saturn (top) form a triangle in the west.

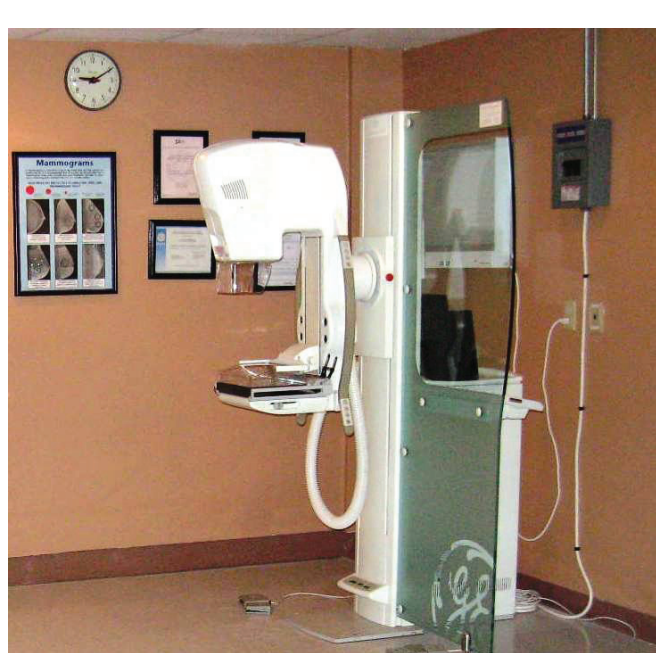
• 17 Saturday evening: The crescent Moon is below the Virgo's bright star Spica in the southwest.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Saturn (upper left), Mars (middle), and brilliant Venus (lower right) are aligned in the west. Morning: Bright Jupiter is in the southeast.

*Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer website at stargazerpaul.com.*



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### Sky Calendar

- 2 Friday: Midpoint of the year 2010.
- 3 Saturday morning: The Moon is above Jupiter.
- 4 Sunday: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.
- 6 Tuesday: Earth is at aphelion, farthest from the Sun in its elliptical orbit, at 94.5 million miles which is 3.4% more distant than we were at perihelion on Jan. 4.

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# Little spent on cleanup technology

ON BARATARIA BAY, La. (AP) — While oil companies have spent billions of dollars to drill deeper and farther out to sea, relatively little money and research have gone into finding new, improved ways to respond to oil spills in deepsea conditions like those in the Gulf of Mexico.

Experts say the massive Gulf spill has exposed a failure by the industry and the federal government to commit adequate resources to oil cleanup and response technology.

“Why they didn’t start working on it after the (Ixtoc 1) Mexican spill in 1979 is beyond me,” said Gerald Graham, president of Worldocean Consulting, an oil spill prevention and response planning firm in British Columbia. “Now they’re trying to catch up.”

Only a fraction of the estimated 69 million to 131.5 million gallons of oil that have spewed into the Gulf have been recovered.

About 10 million gallons of oil have been burned off, and 25 million gallons of oil-water mix have been mopped up.

The mainstays of the two-month-long cleanup effort are oil booms, mechanical skimmers and oil dispersants — the same tools used to fight the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

Improvements to these methods have been incremental and few new ones have been developed, critics say, because oil companies have no financial incentive.

“The technology rapidly advanced for drilling, because there was money to be made,” said Tim Robertson, general manager of Nuka Research & Planning, which specializes in oil spill response planning, and who worked on Selkovia, Alaska’s response during the Exxon spill. “There was nothing similar that applies to oil spill recovery.”

Five companies — Shell Oil, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Chevron Corp., BP America — together spent about \$33.8 billion to explore for new oil and gas in the past three years, according to answers the companies provided this month to a House Energy & Commerce subcommittee.

But their spending on research for safety, accident prevention and spill response is “paltry” by comparison, said Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass), who co-chairs the subcommittee and introduced a bill Friday that would redirect \$50 million per year in oil and gas royalty payments for such technology.

In answers to Congress, most of the companies said they could not segregate costs for the safety- and spill-related research.

For example, ConocoPhillips said it spent \$1.3 million over three years on research on safer drilling technolo-

gies, but did not specify how much it spends on accident prevention and spill-related research.

ExxonMobil said it spends \$50 million a year on oil spill response, drilling and deepwater development research activities. The company says it has maintained an internal spill research program for 40 years.

BP said the company spent \$29 million over three years on safer drilling operations research. But spokesman Robert Wine said BP does not research oil spill cleanup technology. Instead, he said BP supports oil spill response organizations, such as the non-profit Marine Spill Response Corp.

MSRC’s overall spending was \$88 million in 2008, the most recent year for which its IRS filing was available. But it has no budget for research, MSRC spokeswoman Judith Roos told USA Today. Roos did not respond to calls and e-mails from The Associated Press.

The oil and gas industry now is taking steps to explore new technology. And BP has pledged \$500 million for research efforts.

For its part, the federal government has spent relatively little to advance cleanup technology for spills.

Congress appropriated only about one-sixth of the \$30 million in research grants to universities authorized under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 after the Exxon Valdez, according to the Coastal Response Research Center.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement — which is known as the Minerals Management Service until this month — collects \$13 billion a year in oil drilling royalties. But the agency has been spending between \$6 million to \$7 million a year since 1995 on oil spill research.

And the Coast Guard’s annual oil spill research budget has steadily dropped from about \$5.6 million in 1993 to about \$500,000 for each of the past four years.

U.S. Rep. Brian Baird (D-Wash.), who recently held hearings on oil spill cleanup technologies, said there hasn’t been much federal spending for cleanup because the political pressure is to drill for more oil.

BP also has scrambled to try different cleanup techniques since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and creating one of the U.S.’s worst environmental disasters.

The company recently ordered 32 centrifuge devices made by a company co-founded by Hollywood actor Kevin Costner, who had invested about \$24 million in the project. The company says the largest of the devices can process about 210,000 gallons a day, separating gunk from water.

# A Decade In Sports

2000-2009

## Who do you think is the most influential sports figure for the past decade from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan & Howard College?

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Male Athlete Of The Decade

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Why You’re Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Female Athlete Of The Decade

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Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You’re Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sports Team Of The Decade

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## GRAY

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recently, wearing a holster that sheathed a knife on one side and gun on the other. "I don't feel like a prisoner ... because I'm living out here and following God's laws."

Gray, now in his early 60s, had worked in construction and led a Texas militia group that often trained on the isolated property where he lived for about 15 years before the so-called standoff.

In late 1999 Gray was in a car pulled over for speeding in nearby Anderson County. State troopers saw high-powered rifles and anti-government materials in the car, but Gray refused to get out. When the troopers tried to remove him from the car, he allegedly bit one trooper's hand and tried to grab his gun.

After his arrest Gray showed up in court for a bail hearing, when Anderson County District Attorney Doug Lowe told the judge he feared Gray was a major threat because troopers found diagrams of plans to

blow up a Dallas overpass.

"I wanted the judge to know what he was possibly thinking," Lowe said.

But Gray posted bond and left, never showing up again in court. Gray then sent a handwritten letter on dusty notebook paper telling authorities that they'd "better bring plenty of body bags" if they stormed his compound, said Gary Thomas, a former investigator for Anderson County prosecutors.

That never happened. Authorities in Henderson County didn't want to risk a gun battle that likely would have killed officers or children on the compound, said Sheriff Ray Nutt, the third sheriff in office since 2000. If Gray is ever spotted driving in town or seen at a business, however, he will be arrested, Nutt said.

Gray hasn't paid property taxes since 1995. The county has sued him for \$12,700 in back taxes and interest penalties. But Nutt said it's too dangerous for deputies to serve notice of the suit filed in 2008, and until that happens, the case cannot pro-

ceed. "Our hands are tied," said Anna Marie Fontana, a legal assistant with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, the law firm that filed the suit for Henderson County.

Lowe said because Gray had already been indicted on the charges of assaulting an officer and trying to take his weapon, there's no statute of limitations on prosecuting him.

"Effectively he's been under self-imposed house arrest for the past 10 years, and the maximum sentence for his charges was 10 years," the prosecutor said. "It calls into question why we didn't make an attempt to resolve this, but some people have such a distrust of the government that they're willing to sacrifice themselves and their families by living like that."

As Gray settled into his compound, militia members from several states heeded Internet messages "calling all patriots" and arrived to help stand guard 24 hours a day at the entrance. The now-faded handmade signs with warnings or Bible verses still hang from the fencepost or trees: "Disobedience to Tyranny is Obedience to God!" and "Howdy — Now Git!" Gray even wrote "kids inside" on one, expecting a raid.

As the case gained national attention in the summer of 2000, a former police chief's negotiations with Gray fell apart. A county constable who was friends with Chuck Norris got the Texas actor and conservative activist to meet with Gray and

send his own lawyers to negotiate on Gray's behalf. But talks with prosecutors failed quickly.

"I wanted him to turn himself in, and we talked about what he would do after that ... but I never made a concrete offer because he just didn't want to turn himself in," Lowe said.

Gray's former son-in-law has a special reason to want the case resolved.

Keith Tarkington has not seen his sons since his then-wife, who is Gray's daughter, moved to the property with the boys in 1999 before the standoff began. John Joe Gray had grown increasingly paranoid and wanted his family — minus Tarkington — to live there and prepare for the turn of the millennium, the ex-son-in-law said.

Gray and another family member had run-ins with authorities over their lack of drivers' licenses and car registrations — instead using tags from the Oregon-based Embassy of Heaven, a sect that rejects governmental authority.

Gray has accused local authorities of targeting him because he knows about their longtime drug-manufacturing facilities near his property — a claim authorities dismiss as ridiculous. He also claimed that a jail nurse tried to inject him with a tracking device.

Tarkington said he didn't want his children raised around Gray and filed for divorce in 1999. Lisa Gray never appeared for court hearings, and Tarkington was granted custody —

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Of particular importance to BSISD officials when final figures come out is whether Big Spring Junior High will be able to shed the Academically Unacceptable tag it has carried the last two school years. Schools that are consistently rated as Academically Unacceptable could be subject to a vari-

ety of state sanctions.

"It looks like the junior high is not going to be rated unacceptable this year," Saldivar said, although he cautioned final ratings won't be released until late July. "I think that's a great testament to the teachers and administrators. They saw the challenge ... and they stepped up to help our students."

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this and gotten away with it," said Thomas, the former investigator, now a justice of the peace. "But it just became a frenzy, and everybody got so gun-shy and was afraid of stepping on toes."

As the years have passed, Gray and his family have been living peacefully on their land and want to be left alone. He won't say whether Tarkington's sons were among the children who have lived there, or where they are now.

The Grays drink well water, eat vegetables grown in their garden and fish in the river that borders the land covered with a canopy of trees. They live in a ramshackle house and a mobile home and often eat at the picnic table far from the road but visible through the trees.

Neighbors say the Grays are misunderstood by law enforcement and the media and have never caused problems.

Even the sheriff notes the time a few years ago when one of the Grays — it's not clear exactly which family member — called for help on a CB radio when a hunter was injured on neighboring property, and the family tended to him until an ambulance arrived.

"Our department right now could probably go out there and talk to John Joe Gray face-to-face," Nutt said, adding that he doesn't plan to do that.

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**Legals**

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April 20, 2010  
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**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE**  
April 20, 2010  
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:  
A ZONE CHANGE: 4000 BILGER DESCRIBED AS 5.8 ACRES WITHIN ALL OF BLOCK 4, COLONIAL HILLS, HOWARD COUNTY, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE FAMILY-2 (SF-2) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT #13-MULTIPLE FAMILY (PD13-MF). #6593 June 27, 2010

**Legals**

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene a public session at 8:30a.m., July 6, in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Highway 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Big Spring State Hospital Quality Management Department, by calling (432)268-7381. Appointments must be scheduled by no later than July 1. Public comments are limited to three minutes and are scheduled from 11:30a.m. to 12p.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Quality Management Department when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Cindy Sturdivant, Director of Quality Management, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to Ms. Sturdivant at [cindy.sturdivant@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:cindy.sturdivant@dshs.state.tx.us). BSSH complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles VI and VII; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. #6594 June 27, 2010

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Claims may be presented in care of REBECCA LEWIS to the estate addressed as follows:  
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# For the birds

## Tips for feathered friends

**KIM COOK**  
For The Associated Press

Watching our little avian neighbors enjoy the backyard birdbath and feeder is one of life's quiet pleasures. But when night falls, they too need a place to sleep.

Designers and craftsmen have turned their creative talents to the task; some of the results might make you wish you could downsize yourself and grow some wings.

First, some general tips about choosing and installing birdhouses:

To deter birds' natural predators — hawks, squirrels, cats and even other birds — BirdFeeders Direct, based in Guelph, Ontario, suggests placing the house in an open space away from underbrush or hedges. Consider customizing if necessary with a flap, or making holes and perches too small for unwanted birds.

Birds can be fussy about where they'll live. The male wren builds several nests; he gives his new mate a tour and she chooses her favorite. North American birds don't nest near others of their species; purple martins are the exception.

Gene Planker of Wild Bird Watching offers a number of classic cedar houses, including a nesting shelf for robins

and doves. He cautions against buying large, multi-room houses unless they're specifically designed for purple martins.

"They're fine as pieces of art, but not practical for birds," he said. "They may attract house sparrows, which we try to discourage, as they harm many of our native species." Fiercely aggressive, sparrows will destroy songbird eggs and kill adults.

Robins, mourning doves and barn swallows prefer a nest shelf to an enclosed house — basically a birdhouse without a front. Nuthatches, chickadees, bluebirds and flickers like a cavity to nest in. Having several different shelters around your yard will ensure a variety of birds have a place to nest, roost and take shelter from the weather.

Keep the house, as well as feeders and baths, away from windows. Window strikes are a major cause of death for backyard birds, as the large reflective surface looks just like more of the garden to them. If your space is tight, then at least affix deterring decals — solid, colorful ones, or images of birds of prey or spider webs. Alternatively, draw the blinds or tint the glass.

When buying or building a birdhouse, check for any sharp edges or materials that could



A popular "Train Station" birdhouse like this one is available from numerous gift shops and hardware stores.

cause injury. Make sure there's room in the house for the type of bird you'll be attracting to build a nest and raise eggs. Never paint the interior or buy one that's been painted inside. Birds won't use it, and the paint toxins released in summer will be dangerous.

Mount the house on a post or pole with a squirrel baffle if necessary, or from a tree limb, in

a fairly sunny location. Avoid dense shade or intense sun. Make sure you clean it out thoroughly each year — experts recommend doing so in late fall or early winter.

For design-conscious bird lovers, Areaware has Kelly Lamb's Buckminster Fuller-inspired ceramic geodesic dome house, perfect for swallows and warblers. Jan Habraken's red roost is perched on a shovel handle; each time birds land on the house, the shovel wiggles — ostensibly stirring up worms and seeds.

BestNest.com sells a clever one that converts from summer nesting home to winter roost with the adjustment of a few sliding panels. The web retailer's houses have thoughtful features like predator entrance guards and ventilating gaps.

Homegoods' brightly painted birdhouses with little porches are inexpensive and charming.

Fabulousbirdhouses.com offers imaginative lighthouse, beach shack

and fishing lodge designs.

If whimsy's your thing, consider Denver-based Crooked Creations' wonky yet wonderful birdhouse. Designed by Chad Blecha and built by Al Mowrer, the large Hobbit-y house even has indoor lighting.

And if budget's really no object, look up Wilmington, Del., artisan Thomas Burke. While he does call them birdhouses, his structures are more like grown-up playhouses. The large, historically accurate homes can be clapboard, brick or stone, with downspouts and other details.

Burke takes custom commissions. One sold for \$9,000, stood 8 feet tall and weighed 300 pounds. He recently built several birdhouses inspired by homes in Andrew Wyeth paintings. Perfect for art collectors, perhaps. But your backyard finch will no doubt feel perfectly at home in a modest little box.

Sourcebook:

www.wild-bird-watching.com - classic cedar houses for woodpeckers (\$49.94), bluebirds (\$37.95) and wrens (\$27.95), and lots of birthing information;

www.areaware.com - Kelly Lamb's ceramic geodesic dome, \$95; Jan Habraken's Shovel house, \$190;

www.homegoods.com - colorful decorative houses, \$12.99-\$14.99;

www.crookedcreations.com - Chad Blecha and Alan Mowrer's Hobbit-style house, \$600;

www.tfburkebird-homes.com - Thomas Burke's custom designed houses;

www.bestnest.com - Eastern pine bluebird house, \$37.99; Coveside convertible house/winter roost, \$37.99; Wing & a Prayer Carriage House, \$154.99;

www.birdfeedersdirect.com - good info on choosing, installing and maintaining your birdhouse;

www.fabulousbird-houses.com - beach hut, lighthouse and lodge houses, \$14.95-\$19.95.

## Something special's happening in the Circle.

### June/July 2010 Activities

**June 28** - Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**June 29** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.  
Supper Club, "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.

**June 30** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.

**July 1** - Movie, 1:00 p.m., "Did you hear about the Morgans"

Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.  
Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10:00 a.m.

Bunko, 5:00 p.m.

**July 5** - No Games Holiday

**July 6** - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.  
Coffee @ Parkplace Retirement, 10:00 a.m.

Supper Club, "Spanish Inn", 5:30 p.m.

**July 7** - No Movie, Senior Appreciation Day, 11:00 a.m.

**July 8** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.  
Just Peachy Café - "Coffee Club," 10:00 a.m.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The opposition of Mercury and Pluto will present the question of how best to show your love. Do you show it by assisting others? Or by encouraging others to help themselves? Each situation and relationship is unique, so there is not one blanket method that is best for all. Take your time in figuring out what's right for you and yours.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You live in a way that makes your beliefs known to those around you, especially when you are at home. Your habits reflect your morals, and you are consistent wherever you are in the world.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll have no trouble finding outside support for what you want to do today. The trick is getting inside support. In other

words, you give yourself more trouble than anyone else would.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You would do great things for your loved ones if needed. Make sure you would also do small things, like the tone of your voice and the quality of your attention, that will matter.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Clear the channels between you and others, and especially between you and your higher mind. Your honest ways will make it easier for inspiration to move through you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will find that it is easier to think of others than it is to think of yourself. Because you pay attention to others, everything you do will be easier.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might be thinking of making some change to your look. Before you go down this road, you should know that your amenable attitude and generally sweet disposition outshine all of your physical qualities.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A good idea might inspire you, but a good example can change your life. Learn from those who have lived the concept. Believe deeds, not words. A Scorpio figures prominently tonight.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What appears to be a complicated situation is actually quite manageable when you change your approach. Outside opinions will be necessary. Gather data.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are still being affected by the mistakes made by earlier generations of your family. On the bright side, you are also still being influenced by their successes.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have become so used to a certain convenience that you almost don't know what to do without it. Figure that part out. If you have a backup plan, you are less likely to need one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your skills are needed. Find out

who could use them, and make it easy for them to do so. Act as though you are being paid well for your efforts, and soon you will be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone who has agreed to help you may not be able to come through. Keep moving on, and don't give this much thought. In the meantime, get more people on your team.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 27). Your physical and emotional attractiveness is on the rise. Also, your diplomatic skills will earn you amazing benefits in every aspect of life. You'll deal fairly with your colleagues and win their favor with your enthusiastic support. Your reputation grows through the next 10 weeks. Someone new wants to hire you in October. Scorpio and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 15, 23, 21 and 36.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The sun king continues his annual excursion

through intuitive Cancer. Last week, Mercury joined the Cancerian energy, as well, and the two influences are turning up our emotional sensitivity. Hopefully, we are nearly as in tune to others as we are to our own feelings, as being overly into our own pleasure and pain can put a damper on the social swirl. (If you're not in the habit of being curious about how others are doing, this is an excellent time to cultivate a social interest and perhaps a compassionate perspective, too.) Also, Cancer's increased awareness of subtleties can make life more enjoyable, especially during a week like this, when less is going on. Many will prefer a softer pace, a freer schedule, fewer duties and words exchanged. And more information is conveyed with our eyes, faces and bodies than words could impart. Venus is still finding her way through the playful realm of Leo, and her romantic games will definitely have

some bearing on the week's unfolding. Much is done to impress and entertain. Remember to have fun and to regard one another with a light heart.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The hit series "Gossip Girl" has introduced many bright young talents to a wider audience, including British actor and musician Ed Westwick. He's an intuitive Cancer, with his sun, moon, Mercury and Mars all in this artistic and sensitive sign. Westwick plays rich and well-bred bad boy Chuck Bass, who is moody and brooding like moonchildren can be if they don't keep themselves in check!

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

The Old Plus-One Question

Dear Margo: A friend is getting married. I asked when the invitations were going out so I would have time to find



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a date, and she informed me that since I don't have a serious significant other, I will not be afforded a "plus one" and must go to the wedding alone.

I'll be seated with two mutual friends, but otherwise, I won't know any other guests.

All of my acquaintances are in the bridal party and will therefore not be sitting with the regu-

lar guests.

She told me only people in long-term relationships were getting a plus-one invitation, and that she thought it would be unfair to other people if I could bring some "random warm body."

I thought this was rather rude. I've always been given the plus-one option at every other wedding I've attended (and they were all nice, modest weddings with tight budgets).

Is it too much to assume that being invited to a wedding means I can bring a date?

I'm feeling a bit miffed, but I don't know a lot about wedding etiquette. Am I overreacting? — *Alone at the Wedding*

Dear Al: I do think you are overreacting. "Plus one" is always the hostess's call. And it's

not as though you will have parachuted in from Anchorage and know not a soul.

You know the bridal party, and you will be seated with mutual friends.

Weddings, by the way, are often lucky venues for meeting new people.

So who knows? Going with no date may just provide you with an interesting "random warm body." — *Margo, socially*

Being Witness to a Lousy Marriage

Dear Margo: I've been friends with a woman since high school, and I became friends with her husband, as well. I visit them many times a year and stay for a couple of days.

I thought we were all good friends. One thing that's always bothered me, though, is the contemptuous way he sometimes talks to her.

He can be wonderful and sweet and romantic, but when he's in a

bad mood, he lectures her constantly about small things with varying degrees of anger in his voice.

This becomes hard for me to listen to, and I avoid them for a while.

This past week, I was visiting, and there was a day when he was criticizing her nonstop.

Toward the end of the evening, he blew up at her over something trivial, and I couldn't be around it anymore and left.

When I got home, I e-mailed him saying I was bothered by his behavior and asked if he could not do it anymore when I am present.

Now he is angry with me, doesn't see anything wrong with how he behaves and thinks I've been pretending to be his friend this whole time.

Did I do something wrong? Ideally, I would like to remain friends with both of them. — *Feeling Awkward*

Dear Feel: Why? This man turns on a dime, and she puts up with it. Added to which, now that you have voiced your discomfort, he's decided you're the great pretender.

I have found that hanging around with couples who have troubled marriages is hazardous to one's emotional well-being.

So as not to totally say goodbye to your high school friend of many years, perhaps take the advice of Victor Borge.

He said Santa Claus had the right idea: He visited people only once a year. — *Margo, retreatingly*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearmargo@creators.com](mailto:dearmargo@creators.com). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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a massage or facial. I wouldn't tip my doctor. Plus, at that price, it felt like a tip surely shouldn't be required since the technician clearly isn't underpaid. The receptionist seemed to look twice at the receipt, although she didn't say anything. Now I'm wondering: Should I have added a tip? — *Canada*

**Dear Canada:** When you have a procedure done at a beauty salon, a tip is expected. The technician does not set the prices, and a great deal of the cost goes to the owners. However, please be sure that your laser treatment is performed by a board-certified specialist with experience. There are risks to such procedures.

**Dear Annie:** I have a suggestion for "Help" on how to get her husband to close doors and drawers.

My wife had the same problem. After several conversations on the subject, I told her I would remove every door or drawer she left open. When that didn't help, I took pictures of each open cabinet, then removed all the contents and placed them in the living room along with the picture. That worked. I suggest "Help" empty the drawers or cabinets and put the items on the counter or floor. — *Deep South Reader*

**Dear Deep South:** We suspect having cabinet items strewn all over the floor might bother women more than men, but thanks for the extreme suggestion.

**Dear Annie:** "Austin" and I have been married for several years, and we have two beautiful children. He was an alcoholic when we met, but when he realized it was seriously affecting his health, he quit in a single day. Our marriage was wonderful.

Everything changed after Austin's father died unexpectedly. He became a closet drinker, started gambling and distanced himself from the entire family. After a year, he pulled out of the skid, but things haven't been the same. I know he still drinks and lies to me about it. He also self-medicates with other substances. This year has been especially tough. Austin lost his job and feels he is not pulling his weight around the house. He gets angry and then disappears for hours on end.

Annie, I know deep down the man I fell in love with is still there, but how do I bring him back? He refuses to see a counselor or a doctor about his depression and will not even discuss A.A. I probably make things worse, because when I suspect he's been drinking, it leads to a fight.

I miss my husband. Austin reads your column, so please tell him I love him with all my heart and it hurts to see him missing out on his family. He was my white knight, and now I want to save him. — *Need Help*

**Dear Need Help:** Austin sounds severely

depressed and probably has been since Dad died. He also turns to addictive substances (alcohol, drugs, gambling) to dull the pain. Counseling would help him enormously, but you cannot force him to go. Please look into Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) at 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666). It's for family and friends of alcoholics and will help you learn better ways of coping with Austin's drinking. And, Austin, if you are reading this, you owe it to your family to try to get better. They love you and need you.

**Dear Annie:** I have a problem with jealousy and insecurity. My fiance has never done anything to make me feel this way, but the men who were in my life before cheated on

me. I know I need help, but we can't afford counseling. It's reached the point where we argue a lot because he now works with a woman I can't help but think is better looking than I am, and he may cheat with her. My fears are tearing us apart.

My fiance keeps telling me to grow up. Please help. — *Stressed and Tired*

**Dear Stressed:** Fear is irrational, but you must decide not to let yours become so debilitating that it destroys this relationship and all future ones. We strongly urge you to get counseling so you can defeat your jealousy demons. Look for low-cost help through local hospitals, university psychology departments and graduate school counseling

departments, United Way and the YMCA.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Devastated and Frustrated," whose son won't let her see the grandchildren. You've printed other letters about young married couples who like to cut off the grandparents during family feuds.

Erasing your children's past and handing them a blank future is a terrible way to seek revenge. The children don't have a dog in this fight. They should be encouraged to phone or e-mail their grandparents for this simple reason alone.

Family history is passed on to the future through the stories and experiences of the grandparents. The sad part is that when the children find out that

they were cheated out of this basic right, they will do the same thing to their parents when the time comes. I've seen it happen.

As family ties are cut, we are slowly creating some lonely heirs in future generations. They won't have any family history and will never know why. — *An Observer*

**Dear Observer:** You are unfortunately right. Thank you for pointing out that family history can become another casualty of such estrangements.

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**► Wedding**



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Stevens

**Edgemon-Stevens**

Connie Kay Edgemon of Big Spring and Steven Wayne Stevens of Sandpoint, Idaho, were married June 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the garden of her brother's home in Dallas. The Rev. Sally Brown, pastor of the Northpark Presbyterian Church in Dallas, performed the ceremony jointly written by Connie and the Rev. Brown.

The bride is the daughter of Verna Edgemon Green and A. Lee Green of Weslaco and the late R.P. Edgemon.

The groom is the son of Truman and Leona Stevens of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Connie is retiring after 34 years of employment from Big Spring State Hospital where she was most recently the director of information management. Mr. Stevens is retired from AT&T.

The bride wore a tea length London Times v-neck gown of indigo taffeta with a chiffon overlay. She carried a spray of white lilies, green Kermit mums, pink freesia, purple viburnum, lavender statice, thistle, morange mambo spray roses, blue hydrangeas and purple stock.

She was attended by her sister, Valerie Gail Edgemon of Savannah, Ga.

The groom wore a light gray afternoon suit with a purple striped tie and was attended by Alex Edgemon, son of the bride, who also sang the Lord's Prayer during the ceremony.

Pre-wedding refreshments included basil lime-lime spritzers, lemonade and iced tea. During the post wedding cocktail hour, French white wine and Texas red wine were served with classic tomato bruschetta with olive oil, basil, garlic and balsamic vinaigrette on a baguette crisp; citrus infused shrimp wrapped in snow peas; and watermelon cucumber cups with peppered lemon feta and mint.

Two Sisters Catering provided the dinner consisting of its signature green salad of field greens, bleu cheese, toasted nuts, oranges, strawberries, grapes and a raspberry vinaigrette dressing served with hand-made parmesan crackers; roasted garlic beef tenderloin with au jus, horseradish crème fraîche and béarnaise sauce; mango mohito chicken medallions with a mango Pico de Gallo; sunset rice - Himalayan red and medium grain rice accented with mustard seed; sugar snap peas with char grilled mushrooms and cherry tomatoes; and fresh baked herb rolls served with herb butter.

The wedding cake was a two-tiered white chocolate cake with Chambord and raspberry sauce in first layer and lemon and raspberry sauce in second layer iced with white butter cream decorated with swirls and dots and topped with blue hydrangeas and purple stock from the bride's bouquet.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake with coco-pecan filling topped with chocolate butter cream and ganache icing. It was decorated with chocolate striping and shavings, strawberries and raspberries. Both cakes were provided by Dallas Affairs Cake Company.

Steve and Connie will make their home in Sandpoint, Idaho, where they are currently building a home.

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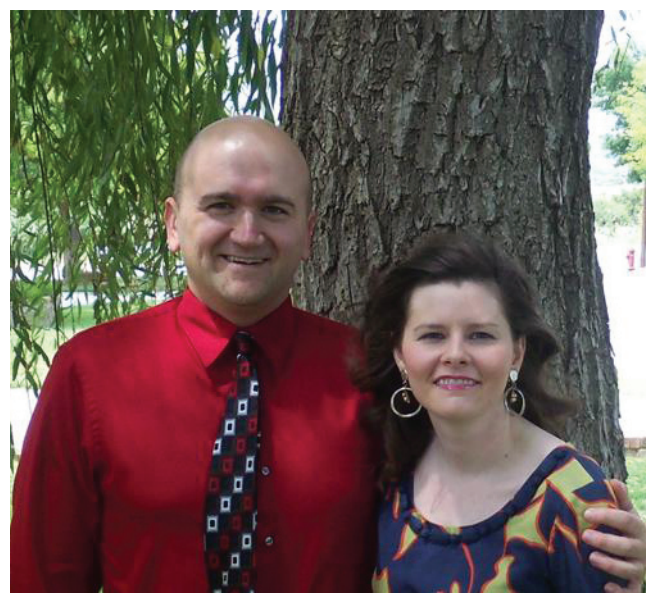
Sandra Dee Gainey of Big Spring and Rick T. Dunbar of Abilene announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Sandra is the daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Gainey of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Joan Gainey of Big Spring and Varnel and Alma Pierce of Winters. She is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University.

She has taught at Big Spring High School for the last three years and plans to continue her career in education.

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Judy Dunbar of Pasadena. He is the grandson of the late Virgil and Helen Howard of Ripley, Ohio and Rita and late Fred Dunbar of West Palm Beach, Fla. Rick is a 1996 graduate of the University of Houston and 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law.

He is employed by the Galbreath Law Firm of



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