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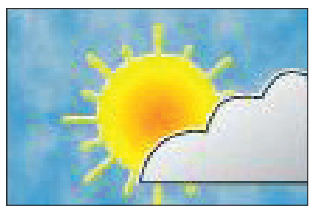
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Fair thee well? Not this year

Lack of interest has organizers shelving the county fair

"The only thing that has even kept it alive the past several years is the carnival. Most people come in the front door of the fair barn and head right out the back to the rides and games."



—County Judge Mark Barr, committee member

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Area residents planning to attend the 38th annual Howard County Fair can bid that idea "fair-well," as event organizers confirmed this week the 2010 event has been cancelled amidst uncertainty concern-

ing the local tradition's future.
 County Judge Mark Barr, who serves on the fair committee, said a lack of interest in recent years — from both the volunteer and community sides of the program — has convinced the local board to

cancel the fall event.
 "The fair board has been talking about this for several months now," Barr said grimly. "One of the problems is the people on the board pour so much of their time and
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Eddie Loewen of Seminole bags potatoes for a customer at the Farmers Market Saturday in downtown Big Spring.

FRESH VEGGIES

Farmers Market benefits producers, consumers as well

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Sellers with the Farmers Market weren't going to let a piddling thing like rain stop their first sales event of the year.
 Despite intermittent sprinkles, several booths were manned and produce was on display at the downtown market and a handful of customers were lined up to purchase the different offerings.
 "This is nothing," said Karen Schaedel, who was operating a booth with her daughters Kelli and Courtney. "I was out picking vegetables in the rain (Fiday)."
 Fresh-picked vegetables and fruits, straight from the sellers' gardens, is a major drawing card for the event.
 "We picked all these vegetables (Friday)," said Sherry Newton, chief organizer for the event. "You can't get any fresher."
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Battling with the budget

Commissioners to resume annual task Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Fiscal planning for 2010-2011 tops the agenda for Monday morning's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court, as the government body begins fine tuning its budget for the coming year.
 County Judge Mark Barr said the commissioners court has met with all of the department heads during the past several months and is ready to begin putting the budget together.
 "The meetings with the department heads went really well," Barr said. "It's simply a matter of fine tuning everything. We have to look at the departmental requests and

figure out what we are and aren't going to be able to do in the coming year.
 "From a fiscal standpoint, things are looking pretty good going into the next budget year. We've been trying hard to try to replenish some of the fund balances that have become depleted over the years, but we still have a ways to go."
 As for the county tax rate — which currently stands at 57.8656 cents per \$100 valuation — Barr said it's unclear whether the court will be able to hold its ground going into the coming year.
 "We're trying our best to balance this (budget) out. As for the tax rate, I'm really not sure what's go-

ing to happen with it at this point," he said. "I can tell you if we have to go up on the tax rate, it won't be by much. Right now, however, it's really hard to say."
 Also Monday, the commissioners court is expected to meet with County Attorney Josh Hamby in an executive session. According to Barr, the session concerns real estate in Howard County, but he declined to go into detail.
 Commissioners are also expected to consider a statement of agreement between the court and West Texas Centers for MHMR. Barr said the agreement is concerning
 See **COUNTY**, Page 3A

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Business After Hours event from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Also featured will be wine tasting, courtesy of the Llano Estacado Winery.

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Cliff Lee traded to Texas Rangers

Former Cy Young winner looking forward to challenge



AP Image

Cliff Lee was traded to the Rangers on Friday and hopes to keep the club in first place in the American League West standings.

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cliff Lee was indeed traded to a new place team. Except it was the Texas Rangers and not the New York Yankees who got one of the most coveted players on the market.

Despite bankruptcy proceedings and unsettled ownership, the Rangers completed a six-player deal Friday with struggling Seattle to acquire one of baseball's best pitchers for a serious run at their first playoff appearance since 1999.

"I'm going to try and go there and do everything I can to help them head in the direction they're heading," Lee said before flying from Seattle to Texas on Friday night. "They're already in a good spot, have a great team and I just want to be one of the guys."

Texas also got injured reliever Mark Lowe

from the last-place Mariners for switch-hitting rookie first baseman Justin Smoak and three minor leaguers.

While the Rangers might have a hard time affording Lee long term, they have the All-Star left-hander now after the first major deal leading up to the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

The 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner for Cleveland, who pitched in last year's World Series for Philadelphia, could make his first start for AL West-leading Texas on Saturday night against Baltimore.

"We got the best pitcher on the market," said third baseman Michael Young, the Rangers' longest-tenured player in his 10th season. "We have a good team, but we got better."

It was the third trade in less than a year for Lee, who was 8-3 with a 2.34 ERA in 13 starts for

Seattle, which got him from the Phillies last December after the NL champions scored fellow ace Roy Halladay from Toronto.

Hours after completing the deal, Texas (50-36) lost 7-6 in 10 innings against Baltimore, the Rangers' second straight loss to the majors' worst team.

Texas is still 4½ games ahead of the Los Angeles Angels for the largest lead in any of baseball's six divisions only two days before the All-Star break. The Angels have won five of the past six AL West titles.

The 31-year-old Lee has a \$9 million salary this season and is expected to command a lucrative, multiyear deal in the offseason — unless Texas signs him to an extension before that.

"It's too early to spec-

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Small-school all-stars showcase skills

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Small school or not, the Texas Bowl all-stars from the boys and girls basketball games in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum made Friday night look like what it was supposed to be: an All-Star game.

Fans and parents from six-man communities all around Texas made their way to Big Spring on Friday for the small school all-star game featuring some of the best talent in the state.

The basketball games are a part of a small-school all-star weekend, which ended with the football game Saturday night in Garden City.

"It's a privilege to be a part of it No. 1," said Garden City girls basketball coach Darrell Hunt, whose South team won Friday night 54-52. "It's a privilege to work with first-class young ladies who work hard, are respectful, know how to play the game, get out there and leave it all on the court."

Indeed, girls from both teams left it all on the court, going back and forth for most of the game.

In the closing seconds, Garden City's Paige Niehues made a basket to give the South team a 54-50 lead, which ended up being

enough for the win. Niehues' 10 points earned her the Most Outstanding Player award for the South team.

Hunt also had Lauren and Morgan Schwartz from Garden City to coach. Morgan Schwartz didn't hold back Friday either, earning the MVP award with 28 points.

Hunt said this game is good for girls basketball and the players who are finishing up their careers.

He also said it gives them a chance to show skilled and talented players come from all levels, including six-man schools.

"There are good athletes in the small schools," Hunt said. "People say small schools are substandard or whatever, that's not true. They're good athletes in small schools. Some of these kids go on and play at some of the bigger schools' programs. It's just at the bigger schools, you got a lot more to pick from."

"That doesn't take anything away from these kids. They have a lot of heart, desire, good skill."

It showed in the boys basketball game that followed, too.

One of the standouts was Alex Ramos, who helped lead the West to the 53-32 win. It wasn't necessarily the stat

line that caught attention, but Ramos' ability to create plays with his speed and passing ability on fastbreaks added more to the game. It earned him the MVP award.

Ramos said he is glad for the opportunity to play with and against such talented players and he also believes Friday night proved there are top-notch players at small schools, too.

"I've never played basketball with anybody I couldn't hold my own against," he said.

It may be Ken Hoskins' last time running this small-school all-star weekend. Hoskins said he has plans to retire and move soon, making this the last year he will be a part of the event.

"It's just kind of hard to believe," he said. "OK, you do this, you know this is the last time you're going to do this. Means you're not going to do it next year.' But it's fun every year because we enjoy doing it for kids. That's what you do it for. Giving kids one more chance to play football or basketball. It's neat when the parents come up and say 'Hey man, we appreciate y'all putting this on.'"

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



Courtesy Photo

Morgan Schwartz led the South team with 28 points in the small-school all-star girls basketball game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Friday. Her performance won her the MVP award for the game.

Welcome to Miami, LeBron, as Heat begin the party

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade was on the right side of the photo, then realized that wasn't the optimal spot for the shortest guy in the frame.

So he moved to the middle, LeBron James on one side, Chris Bosh on the other.

Picture perfect.

Wearing their new uniforms for 13,000 delirious fans, then displaying them hours later for photographers

— and even donning them for the contract-signing ceremony in owner Micky Arison's office — James, Wade and Bosh got their welcoming celebration in Miami on Friday night, formally becoming teammates and probable favorites to win multiple NBA championships.

Wade is Miami's star and Bosh's decision was the one that seemed to pull it all to-

gether, but in many respects, the night was all about James. Farewell, Cleveland. Hello, Miami.

"I've made the right decision," the two-time reigning MVP said.

A packed arena of Miami Heat fans, plus another 10,000 or so outside the building, couldn't have been more thrilled to hear James say those words. His acquisition

by the Heat became official Friday, and he, Wade and Bosh arrived together in a spectacle typically reserved for rock concerts and award shows.

Dressed in a white Heat uniform for the first time, James took a look at his new home crowd, folded his arms across his chest after he and his teammates were dropped from the sky on a forklift, and

nodded.

The MVP has taken center stage in Miami.

"We know what the fans want," James said.

In case there was some question, they told him: Yes, a "Beat L.A." chant broke out in July, call it an opening salvo aimed at the two-time defending champion Lakers.

See LEBRON, Page 2B

Sports in brief

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or at 806-675-1583.

2-Person Low Ball

The Big Spring Country Club invites the community to participate in this event, which takes place July 24 through 25. The entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes barbecue on the course July 24. Field will be flighted by the first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to

enter a team.

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will be conducted Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, email risingstars07@yahoo.com or call (979)417-3721 for more information.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Summer officially ushers in grilling season. There's no better way to celebrate the warm weather than at a backyard barbeque. Whether you're entertaining friends or cooking for your family, it's easy to make healthy choices at your next summer soiree.

When planning for an outdoor get-together, try better-for-you alternatives to traditional grilling fare. For example, serve fresh, seasonal grilled vegetables instead of potato chips. Once you've fired up the grill, try veggie burgers as an alternative to meat. *MorningStar Farms Grillers Original Veggie Burgers* contain 57 percent less fat than regular ground beef.* So, it's not a burger — it's better!

Get your meatless barbeque started with an Alpine Burger. Or, if you're looking for a burger with a bit of a twist, consider making these Garden Veggie Deluxe Burgers or Spicy Tex-Mex Pita Burgers.

Once you're finished with the main course, grill pineapple and serve it over sherbet for dessert.

These simple substitutions are so delicious, your family and friends are sure to leave your next backyard party satisfied. For more recipes and fun food ideas, visit www.morningstarfarms.com.

*Regular ground beef contains 14g total fat per 64g serving. Grillers Original contain 6g fat per 64g serving.



Spicy Tex-Mex Pita Burger



Garden Veggie Deluxe Burger

Alpine Burger

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Time to Table: 25 minutes
Servings: 1

- 3/4 cup sweet onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1 *MorningStar Farms Grillers Original Burger*
- 1 teaspoon spicy brown mustard or Dijon Mustard
- 1 slice multigrain or whole wheat bread, toasted
- 1/3 cup baby arugula
- 1 tablespoon Gruyere cheese or Swiss cheese, shredded

In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook onions, covered, over medium-low heat for 16 to 20 minutes or until onions are very tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in mushrooms and garlic. Cook over medium heat, covered, for 4 to 6 minutes or until onions begin to brown and mushrooms are tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Meanwhile, cook veggie burgers according to package directions.

Spread mustard on one side of bread slice. Top with arugula (if desired). Place burger on arugula. Spoon onion mixture over burger. Sprinkle with cheese. Let stand for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve immediately.

Spicy Tex-Mex Pita Burgers

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Time to Table: 20 minutes
Servings: 2

- 2 *MorningStar Farms Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burgers*
- 1 cup baby romaine lettuce or torn romaine lettuce
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 4 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 medium avocado, pitted, peeled, chopped
- 4 tablespoons tomato salsa
- 1 whole-wheat pita bread round
- 4 tablespoons shredded Cheddar cheese with jalapeño peppers or Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeño peppers
- 10 baked tortilla chips (optional)

Cook burgers according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, toss together lettuce, mayonnaise, and cilantro until lettuce is evenly coated. In another bowl, stir together avocado and salsa.

Cut pita bread across middle in half. Fill each half with lettuce mixture. Insert burgers. Add cheese and avocado mixture. Serve with tortilla chips, if desired.

Garden Veggie Deluxe Burgers

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Time to Table: 25 minutes
Servings: 2

- 2 *MorningStar Farms Garden Veggie Patties Veggie Burgers*
- 2 slices (1 1/2 ounces total) Provolone cheese
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise or regular mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 whole-wheat hamburger buns, split
- 2 slices tomato
- 2 slices red onion
- 4 rings green or red bell pepper
- Fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves for garnish (optional)

Cook burgers according to package directions. Top hot burgers with cheese slices. Let stand until cheese melts, about 1 minute.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, stir together mayonnaise and curry powder. Spread on bun bottoms. Top with burgers, tomato, red onion and bell pepper. Top with parsley leaves, if you like, and bun tops.

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Take Note

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

Tired of hearing your kids complain, "I'm bored?" The Heritage Museum has a solution — Free Summer Saturdays! Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

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

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 24, 3701 Hamilton, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- FRANKLIN LAMARR CURTIS, 44, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKIE DELL HAIR, 36, 1107 Goliad., was arrested on warrants charging failure to maintain financial responsibility, disregarding a red light and two counts of failure to appear.
- JESSIE RIOS, 27, Carlsbad, Texas, was arrested on a warrant charging front yard parking.
- DAVID THEODORE HILL, 60, 1311 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container-third offense.
- BRIANNA MICHELLE GRAHAM, 30, 1404 Wood, was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging their official duties.
- RYAN STEVEN ROBLES, 18, 1900 Martin Luther King, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHASE GARRETT PIERCE, 17, 1603 Todd Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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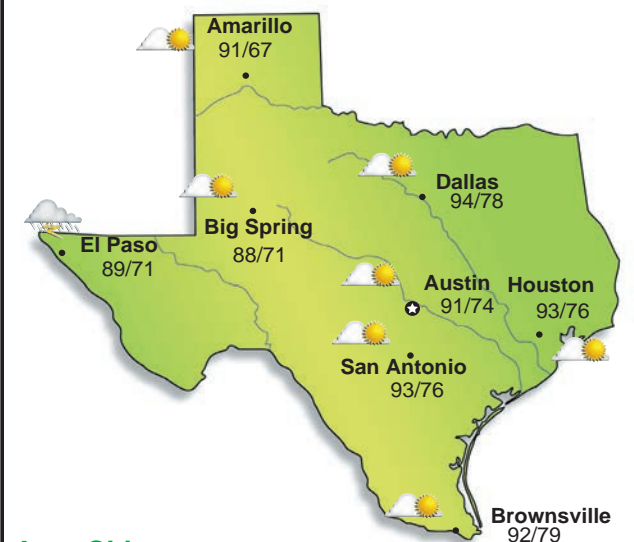
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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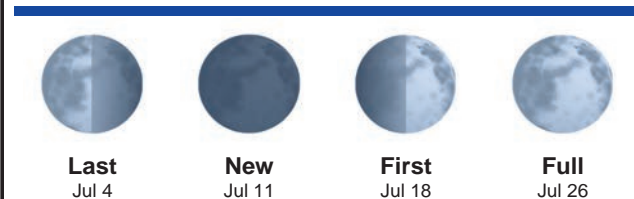
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Amarillo	91	67	pt sunny	Livingston	95	73	t-storm
Austin	91	74	pt sunny	Longview	93	75	t-storm
Beaumont	93	75	t-storm	Lubbock	87	69	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	79	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	74	t-storm
Brownwood	95	73	pt sunny	Midland	90	72	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	94	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	92	75	pt sunny	Rosenberg	93	76	pt sunny
Dallas	94	78	pt sunny	San Antonio	93	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	74	pt sunny
El Paso	89	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	95	77	t-storm
Fort Stockton	93	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	90	72	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	75	pt sunny	Tyler	94	73	t-storm
Greenville	93	75	t-storm	Weatherford	94	75	pt sunny
Houston	93	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	94	74	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	73	mst sunny	Minneapolis	80	62	t-storm
Boston	81	66	t-storm	New York	87	74	pt sunny
Chicago	88	69	mst sunny	Phoenix	104	82	pt sunny
Dallas	94	78	pt sunny	San Francisco	79	58	pt sunny
Denver	85	58	mst sunny	Seattle	78	57	pt sunny
Houston	93	76	pt sunny	St. Louis	89	74	pt sunny
Los Angeles	76	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	93	73	sunny
Miami	91	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 01-31-33-34-50, Mega Ball: 41

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 08-15-28-30-34.

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 2-6-2-7.

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 5-8-1.

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Boozer: Teams can't fear Miami Heat

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Carlos Boozer sees championship potential in Chicago, even without LeBron James. And he insists the Bulls aren't conceding anything.

The King's announcement that he's uniting with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in a powerhouse trio that

could make Miami the favorite in the Eastern Conference for years to come didn't exactly leave Boozer cowering.

"You can't be afraid to play somebody because they have three really good players," Boozer said Friday at his introductory news conference. "How are you going to win if you're

afraid to play? We're not going to be afraid to play. We're going to fight, we're going to attack. We're going to go out there and see what happens."

Boozer said he did all he could to lure James to Chicago. Instead, the jewel of this free agent class announced Thursday on ESPN that he

was leaving the Cavaliers for the Heat, sending Cleveland into a uniform-burning frenzy and giving the South Beach partygoers something else to celebrate.

"Of course, I was trying to get him to come down here to Chicago to play for us, but I was happy for him," said Boozer, James' team-

mate in Cleveland for a year and on the U.S. Olympic team.

They had a brief conversation Thursday night. Each player offered congratulations. Now, they're moving on.

With a ready-made supporting cast and enough salary-cap space to lure two stars,

the Bulls were looking to make big moves this summer after back-to-back first-round playoff losses. They missed on The Big Three — James, Wade and Bosh — and wound up getting Boozer, instead.

The two-time All-Star forward agreed to a re-

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Great fanfare. Great expectations.

"It's still surreal, man," Wade said. "Me, Chris and 'Bron. We ready. We want to go to the gym now."

After their arrival, Bosh pointed to the fans and screamed, while Wade aimed his index fingers at the crowd and James strutted about to the fans' delight.

They walked down the stairs to a long runway, slapping high-fives with fans, clapping their hands and soak-

ing in the atmosphere.

"We wanted to come here, then LeBron wanted to come," Bosh said. "Let's get it done, man. Let's get this thing going."

The Heat sent two future first-round and two second-round picks to the Cavaliers for James, while packaging two first-round picks to the Raptors for Bosh.

"We here now," James said. "And we're here for a long time."

Wade, Bosh and James all signed their six-year contracts earlier Friday night, each set to make about \$2 million less than the \$16.6 million they

could have demanded for the coming season.

"All three of these gentlemen up here are going to be here for a long time and they're going to be here for a long time for us to enjoy, thoroughly enjoy," Heat president Pat Riley said.

At the rally, which was announced Friday afternoon and people still snatched up all 13,000 available seats in an hour, fans were given posters with James, Wade and Bosh together in Heat uniforms — "Yes. We. Did." was the slogan in big white letters.

If Riley gets his way, the party will be the first of many for the NBA's

newest star cluster — a grouping everyone, even Wade, is still getting used to.

"When I look around and see No. 6 and No. 1 on the court with me, that's when it's going to see real," Wade said.

James will wear No. 6 in Miami, Bosh No. 1, both having switched their numbers. Wade considered swapping his No. 3 as well.

"Then I realized, three is magical, and now it represents more than just my number," Wade said. "It represents the three of us making sacrifices as well."

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ulate on something of that magnitude," Rangers team president Nolan Ryan said.

Lee knows that next time he gets to choose where he's going to pitch, though he has no complaints about what has happened the past two seasons.

"It's been a whirlwind year and a half or so. It's been a fun ride," Lee said. "Every step of the way is a different experience and has helped me as a player and person."

Lee, who was 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason games for the Phillies last fall, including 2-0 in the World Se-

ries against the Yankees.

For the Rangers, it was a significant move considering the financial constraints that made it uncertain if they could pull off such a deal.

"As long as we stay within our budget, we don't really have restrictions on us to where we can't do things," Ryan said.

Since a judge in May approved a multimillion-dollar loan from Major League Baseball to keep the Rangers afloat during bankruptcy proceedings the team hoped would spur completion of their stalled sale, there are sure to be those who question the trade.

"I'd guess they'll be some unnamed sources, but I don't

expect a lot of phone calls," general manager Jon Daniels said when asked if he anticipated any backlash from other clubs.

Lee spoke with Yankees ace and former Cleveland teammate CC Sabathia on Thursday night and both had reason to believe Lee might be traded to New York.

Lee had been scheduled to pitch for Seattle against the Yankees on Friday night. Once the deal was completed, David Pauley was given the assignment for the Mariners.

The Mariners were expected to contend for the AL West title this season but quickly fell off the pace. They have lost five straight and are 16 games out.

"It was a pleasure to have (Lee) here. We all wish things would have gone a little better," Seattle GM Jack Zduriencik said. "We felt we were at the point where something had to be done for the long-term good of the organization."

Seattle's problems made Lee one of the biggest commodities available, and about a dozen teams were believed to have inquired about the pitcher. But the Rangers, who had targeted Lee for quite some time, got it done.

"They're trying to make a real run, huh? They're not playing around," Oakland outfielder Rajai Davis said.

"It won't be fun to face Cliff Lee like that, but we'll do

what we have to do," Angels center fielder Torii Hunter said.

Smook is considered one of the top prospects in the majors, though the switch-hitter batted only .209 with eight homers and 34 RBIs in 70 games for the Rangers this season. Seattle also obtained right-handers Blake Beavan and Josh Lueke, and infielder Matt Lawson.

Lee missed the first month of the season with an abdominal injury but quickly made up for lost time, including seven scoreless innings in his debut April 30 against Texas. He is 5-1 with a 1.76 ERA in his past six starts, throwing four of his major league-best five complete games.

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Amy LeeAnn Duke and Jayson Elliott Reeves

Duke-Reeves

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ted and Nora Nairn of Big Spring.

She is a 2005 graduate of Nocona High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is employed as a speech therapist for a private home health agency in Denton and is pursuing a master's degree in speech pathology.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Stephenville High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed as a pilot for American Eagle.

The couple will exchange vows Aug. 21, 2010, in Palestine.



Brenda Kay Patrick and Dave Wheaton

Patrick-Wheaton

Brenda Kay Patrick and Dave Wheaton, both of Big Spring, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple has scheduled an April 23, 2011, wedding in Big Spring.

The couple recently moved to Big Spring when Wheaton became the program director for KBST Radio.

The prospective groom was born in Battle Creek, Mich., and moved to Texas in 2006.

The bride-to-be was born in Abilene.

Births

Daniella Avery DeLeon, a girl, was born at 4:21 p.m. June 23, 2010 weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

She is the daughter of Johnny and Misty DeLeon of Big Spring.

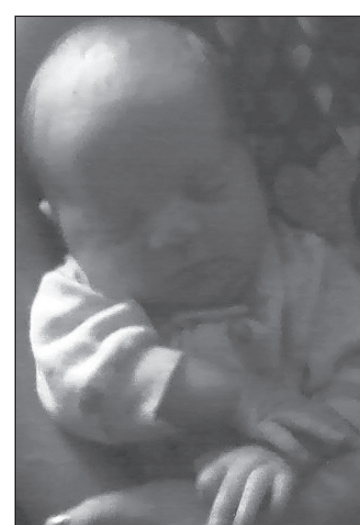
Her maternal grandparents are Bobbie and Judy Bayes of Knott and Jeff and Mavis Morton of Big Spring. paternal grandparents are Ray and Janie DeLeon of Big Spring.

She was welcomed home by siblings Cody, Brooke and Blake.



Daniella Avery DeLeon

Ryan Lane Ebersole, a boy, was born at 12:37 p.m. on June 19, 2010, weighing 4 pounds, 12.6 ounces and was 18 inches in length.



Ryan Lane Ebersole

He is the son of Jeremie and Elizabeth Ebersole of Big Spring.

His maternal grandparents are Gene and Connie Doane of Lampasas. Paternal grandparents are George and Deborah Ebersole of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Connie M. Allen of Ingleside and Peggy Ebersole of Harrisburg, Pa. and step great-grandparents are Robert and Carol Ashurst of San Antonio.

He was welcomed home by a sister, Savannah.

Who's Who

Nathan Smith, the son of Greg and Rose Smith of Lamesa and grandson

of Evangeline Sturm of Big Spring, was the winner of the 30th annual

Fink Award at Ohio State University for his paper, "Diachronic Agency and Personal Identity."



Smith

A 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and 2006 graduate of Rice University, Smith recently received his master's of philosophy degree from Ohio State and is currently working on his doctorate degree in philosophy at Ohio State.

Kelsey Battle of Big Spring has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University Dean's List

for the Spring 2010 semester.

Battle is one of 165 students named to the Dean's List this semester.

The Dean's List is composed of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 for the semester.

Brennan Harp of Stanton has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's List for the Spring 2010 semester.

Harp is one of 219 students at HSU with a perfect grade point average this semester.

Students named to the President's List have a perfect grade point average and carry 12 or more semester hours.

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Federal official says Gulf oil leak could be contained Monday

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Undersea robots manipulated by engineers a mile above will begin work Saturday removing the containment cap over the gushing well head in the Gulf of Mexico, the first part of a plan that could lead to the containment of all the oil as soon as Monday.

The leak will get worse before it gets better. When the cap is removed, oil will flow mostly unabated into the water for about 48 hours, when a new, more tight-fitting cap can be installed.

The well would still be busted and leaking — workers will funnel what comes out of it to tankers at the surface. The hope for a permanent solution remains with two relief wells intended to plug it completely far beneath the seafloor.

“I use the word ‘contained,’” said retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen. “‘Stop’ is when we put the plug in down below.”

Crews using remote-controlled submarines plan to swap out the cap over the weekend, taking advantage of a window of good weather following weeks of delays caused by choppy seas.

During the installation, the gusher will temporarily get worse. Once the old cap is removed, oil will

pour into the Gulf unhindered for about 48 hours while the new one is put in place, Allen said.

Spy swap defuses thorny diplomatic problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the conclusion of the biggest spy swap since the Cold War, the U.S. has defused a thorny diplomatic problem quickly and cleanly — and avoided damaging recent efforts to improve relations with Russia. And Moscow has escaped further embarrassment over a group of spies that over the years apparently had little if any success in ferreting out any useful secrets.

The 10 sleeper agents, who blended into American communities before being arrested two weeks ago, were back on Russian soil Saturday, a day after they were exchanged on the tarmac of the Vienna airport for four prisoners the Russians had accused of spying for the West.

Two of the prisoners were flown to England and the other two landed aboard a chartered jetliner at Dulles International Airport outside Washington late Friday.

The whirlwind exchange, which brought back memories of the Cold War years, was the culmination of an idea hatched more than a month ago within the White House, weeks before the 10 Russian sleeper agents were arrested June 27 after it was learned several of them were preparing to leave the country.

Obama says U.S. has ‘solemn responsibility’ to help vets with post-traumatic stress disorder

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the military fighting two wars, President Barack Obama said Saturday the country has a “solemn responsibility” to ensure that veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder get the help they need.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki is to announce new regulations Monday intended to make it easier for veterans with PTSD to receive government benefits. The new rules will not only apply to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, but also those who served in previous conflicts.

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energy into the fair each year, and we’re at a point where nobody else wants to step up to the plate. You have the same people, year after year, working to put the fair on, and they are pretty much exhausted.

“We’ve also seen a decline in the exhibits over the past several

years. That’s everything from the animal judging to the local residents competing in the cooking and baking contests. The only thing that has even kept it alive the past several years is the carnival. Most people come in the front door of the fair barn and head right out the back to the rides and games.”

Barr said the fair board is expected to meet later this month to

discuss the future of the fair, which, at this time, is anything but certain.

“I’m not sure whether the fair will be back next year or not,” Barr said. “We’re going to meet and discuss the matter, but I really have no idea where it’s going to go from here. This isn’t just a problem here in Howard County, it’s a problem all over the place. Odessa’s fair was down the last few years,

and so have a lot of the other fairs in surrounding counties.”

The cause of that decline, according to Barr, is anyone’s guess.

“No one really knows for sure what’s causing it,” he said. “Personally, I think people just have so many different choices these days for entertainment, it’s impacting not just the fair, but other events and organizations, as well.

We’ll continue to talk about it as a board and examine the situation, but at this point it’s anyone’s guess where we’ll go from here.”

It may not be too late for area residents to have an impact on the fate of the annual event, however.

“One of the most important things we need right now are people who are willing to step up and volunteer their

time,” Barr said firmly. “Maybe this will encourage some folks to step forward and help the board. It’s hard to say at this point.”

For more information on volunteering on the fair committee, contact Barr at 264-2202.

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

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Selling produce at the Farmers Market will not make any of the booth operators wealthy, but that’s not why they show up on the Tuesdays and Saturdays the event is held.

“This just supplements our income,” Schaedel said. “Raising vegetables is something I do as a hobby ... and I do as an excess from my garden, so when I heard about this, it sounded like a good idea.”

“This is a great way for folks to supplement their income,” Newton said.

And they don’t even

have to sell fruits or vegetables at the Farmers’ Market. Aside from traditional farm produce, “We also sell eggs,” Newton said — sellers were offering items such as jellies, jams, cookies and sugar-free snacks.

Phillip and Shirley Reid, for example, were on hand to sell their homemade burritos.

“We used to do this at our convenience store (on Moss Lake Road) years ago,” Phillip said. “The last couple of years, we’ve been so busy chasing our grandkids that we haven’t had much time for anything else, but we decided to give this a try.

“This just adds a little something to our income,” said Phillip, who

describes himself as “semi-retired.” “We’re not really looking to get into this full-time ... but it’s worked out really well for us.”

But there’s more to the Farmers Market than just plain commerce.

“This is a really nice way to meet people,” Schaedel said. “I like meeting folks and talking to them.”

“It’s a nice way to visit with people,” Newton said. “A lot of times, we don’t see these folks except at the market.”

Newton, who has been with the Farmers Market since its inception in 2004 — “I got in on the ground floor,” she joked — would like to see the event expand beyond the basics of buying and

selling of produce and other food items.

“One of the things we do that most people don’t realize is that we educate people; we give them new ideas on how to cook things, for example,” Newton said. “And we’d like to expand that. We’re hoping to bring in someone later this year to do canning lessons.”

Newton said more sellers are welcome. There is an annual registration fee of \$30, which helps cover operating expenses such as rent, advertising and insurance, plus an addition \$5 per event booth fee.

The Farmers Market is located at Second and Scurry in downtown Big Spring and is open each Tuesday and Saturday

from 7 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Newton at 263-5517.

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“We fund them \$25,000 each year. It’s my understanding the other counties — I believe there are more than 20 in their area — do the same,” he said. “These funds help keep them in operation.”

The meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. 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.

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Investigator may talk to Hincapie in Landis case

NEW YORK (AP) — AmericancyclistGeorge Hincapie has been contacted by the lead investigator of a federal probe into doping in professional cycling, according to a Wall Street Journal report.

In a story published Saturday, the Journal reported a person familiar with the matter said Hincapie is "likely"

to agree to talk to lead investigator Jeff Novitzky, a special agent with the Food and Drug Administration, when he returns to the United States after the Tour de France.

Zia F. Modabber, Hincapie's attorney, confirmed to the newspaper that he had spoken with Novitzky but shared no details.

"My desire is to let George do his job with as few distractions as possible," he told the Journal.

The federal doping investigation was spurred by allegations made by Floyd Landis in a series of e-mails sent to cycling and doping officials. Citing people familiar with the investigation, the Journal reported that

the probe is aimed at possibly charging any team leaders who may have facilitated or encouraged doping by cyclists.

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, said the use of banned substances was common on the US Postal team when

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Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association

At playday June 8, Joan Daniel, Dee Jenkins and Gus Leonardi won first place with a 2-under par. Shooting a 1-under par for second place was Patsy Sharpnack, Mary Gilbreth and Shirley Long. There was no play July 5 due to the holiday.

There were 16 golfers competing in Thursday's couples play. Donnie and Shirley Long and

Joe and Patsy Sharpnack shot 4-under par to take first place. John and Gus Leonardi and Howard and Trish Gabbard took second place with a 3-under par.

Donnie Long shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 and John Leonardi shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 6.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com

IOC president praises SAfrica on WCup success

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge congratulated South Africa on an "outstanding success" as host of the World Cup on Saturday.

However, neither Rogge nor South African President Jacob Zuma, in brief remarks to the media after a private meeting, broached the question of whether the World Cup accomplishments might boost a future Olympic bid by South Africa.

There has been widespread discussion in South Africa of whether Cape

Town or Durban might launch a bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics — a possibility that Rogge has encouraged in the past.

Zuma, in an interview earlier this month with FIFA, said: "I don't see why we can't bid to host the Olympics."

The two leaders took no questions when they emerged from their meeting Saturday to make brief comments on the steps of the presidential residence in Pretoria.

Rogge said the 2010 World Cup "is something that will be remembered

for a very long time — something that will make Africa proud."

"We talked a lot about the tournament — how wonderful it has been, how high we've been blowing the vuvuzelas," said Zuma, referring to the earsplitting plastic trumpets favored by South African soccer fans throughout the World Cup.

Zuma also said he thanked Rogge for the role the IOC played during the apartheid era.

It excludes South Africa from competition until it finally abandoned white minority rule.

The IOC's decision on the host for the 2020 Olympics will be made in 2013.

But preliminary bids must be submitted next year.

The prospect of a South African bid received a boost on Thursday from FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

"If there is any country in Africa that can host the Olympics it is South Africa," Blatter told a media briefing. "I can tell you now if a country can host a FIFA World Cup successfully, that country can definitely organize the Olympics."

BOOZER

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ported five-year deal worth about \$75 million Wednesday that turned into a sign-and-trade with Utah a day later, with the Jazz getting a trade exception and the Bulls a future protected second-round draft pick.

On Friday, a person familiar with the situation said Kyle Korver decided to follow Boozer from Utah and sign with Chicago, giving the Bulls the shooting guard and outside threat they needed.

The person, who spoke

on the condition of anonymity because the contract was not completed, was not sure of the terms. ESPN reported it's a three-year deal for about \$15 million.

Korver is a career 41 percent 3-point shooter who hit 59 of 110 last year while averaging 7.2 points. The Bulls were desperately in need of a shooting guard and now they have one after landing the dominant post presence they'd craved for years.

There were also multiple reports late Friday that the Bulls had extended a three-year offer sheet to Orlando restricted free agent

J.J. Redick. The Magic would have seven days to match it.

If they don't, that would give the Bulls another shooter, not to mention a third former Duke player to go with Boozer and Luol Deng.

The agreement with Boozer on Wednesday came after Wade and Bosh announced they were joining forces in Miami

It ensured the Bulls wouldn't come away empty-handed. They were still hoping to land James.

But found out a few minutes before the announcement that wasn't happening.



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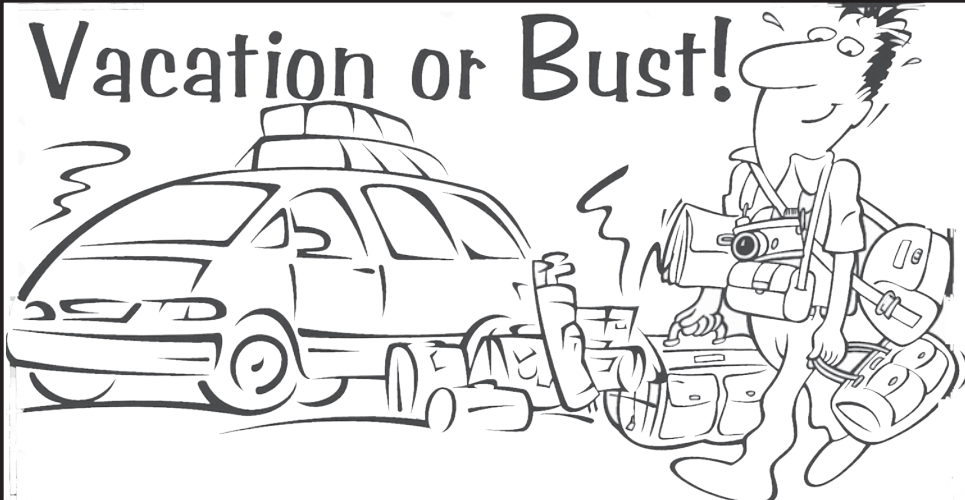
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Ways to 'seniorize' a household kitchen

Dear Savvy Senior

A while back you wrote a column on how to seniorize a bathroom to make it safer and easier to use. What about the kitchen? At 80, my mother still loves to cook, but has arthritis and some mobility challenges that make it difficult for her. What senior-friendly kitchen tips can you recommend? — *Aching Cook*

Dear Aching,

The standing, bending, reaching, gripping and lifting that often comes with cooking, makes the kitchen one of the most challenging rooms in the house for seniors to use. Here's what you can do.

Small Modifications

There are lot's of simple solutions and inexpensive add-ons that can make a big difference in making your mom's kitchen safer and easier to maneuver. Consider these tips for the:

- Cabinets: Start by reorganizing your mom's kitchen cabinets so that the items she frequently uses are within

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comfortable reach. You can also make her cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pull-out shelves or lazy susans, or for the hard-to-reach upper shelves, a pull-down shelving system (see rev-a-shelf.com). D-shaped pull-handles for the cabinets and drawers are also recommended because they're more comfortable for arthritic hands to grasp than knobs.

- Lights: Aging eyes need more light, so install the highest wattage bulbs allowed in your mom's fixtures, and to brighten up her kitchen countertops add task

lighting under her cabinets.

- Faucet: If she has twist handles on the faucet, replace them with easy-to-turn lever handles, or replace the entire fixture with an ADA compliant faucet with a single lever handle, or the new Delta touch technology faucet. And for safety purposes, set your mom's hot water tank at 120 degrees to prevent water burns.

- Stove: If her vision is poor, clearly mark the controls on her stove or replace her dial controls with larger easier to read dials. And if memory is an issue, an automatic stove shut-off

device (see cookstop.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com) is a smart solution.

- Microwave: If your mom's microwave is mounted above her stove, consider moving it to a countertop.

It makes it safer and easier to reach.

- Other areas: If she has kitchen throw rugs, to reduce the possibility of tripping, secure them to the floor with double-sided rug tape or replace them with non-skid floor mats. If standing for long periods causes her problems, get a kitchen stool so she can sit down while she

works. And to help her arthritic hands, invest in some OXO Good Grip (oxo.com) or other ergonomic kitchen utensils.

User-Friendly Appliances

If you're looking to buy your mom some new appliances, manufacturers like General Electric, Whirlpool, Bosch and Siemens make a variety of products designed with seniors in mind. Here's what to look for.

- Refrigerator/freezer: Side-by-side doors work well for seniors because the frequently used items (refrigerated and frozen) can be placed at mid-shelf range for easy access.

Pull-out adjustable height shelves and water/ice dispenser on the outside of door are also very convenient.

- Dishwasher: Drawer designed dishwashers that slide in and out are very handy, and have it installed on a raised platform (6 to 10 inches) to eliminate bending over.

Secrets of a Former Fat Girl

by Lisa Delaney



perfectly with what I am learning in class. I finally feel like I have control again. I gained my weight very rapidly (painful breakup) and it has stayed with me for years. Since I read your book and started to lose, I've discovered some stretch marks on my stomach. Did that happen to you? Will they go away or at least become less visible as you gained your new body? — *Jessica*

DEAR JESSICA:

Thanks so much for your nice note! I'm so glad my story helped you (in whatever small way) down the path to a healthier life. As for stretch marks: Yes, I did end up with stretch marks after I lost the weight. They're on my hips, and frankly, they don't bother me at all. For one thing, they're not visible to anyone (except my husband!) — even my swimsuit covers them. And for another, I guess I've accepted them as the price I had to pay for getting healthy — a very minor price, if you ask, me. In a way, I'm kind of proud of them: They are a badge of honor, a reminder of where I've come from.

Now, you might not

feel the same way about yours. Since they're on your stomach, they might cramp your style during bikini season — I get that. One thing to know: Stretch marks typically go from angry red or purple streaks to white, so they're less bothersome in that way. You can also cover them up with sunless tanning products. Maybe it's time for a spray-on tan this summer?

Most of what I've read says that over-the-counter products promising to fade stretch marks don't work. If you want to get serious about getting rid of them, see a dermatologist. He or she may recommend a prescription retinoid cream to help fade the marks. Some derms also use laser therapy and even microdermabrasion and chemical peels to zap the annoying blemishes. If that sounds like too much trouble (or money), consider this: There are plenty of cute swimsuits that cover up your middle and still show of your former-fat figure.

Plus — and this was an important lesson for me — we can always find something to focus on as a figure "flaw," even after we've

reached our weight goals. Part of the journey is to make the changes that will make you healthy, control what you can control, and let go of the rest. Sometimes the letting go is even harder than the controlling part. But that's what makes life interesting. Thanks so much for writing and very best wishes on your journey!

Lisa Delaney is editor of Spry magazine and author of "Secrets of a Former Fat Girl." Send your questions to lisa@formerfatgirl.com. And sign up for Lisa's bi-weekly email newsletter, The Big Weigh-In, at spryliving.com/newsletter.

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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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A Blemish — or a Badge of Honor?

First off, I want to say thank you for the book, "Secrets of a Former Fat Girl." It was so inspirational, and I can totally relate. You have shown me its actually possible for us normal people to lose weight and keep it off. I am currently enrolled in a Lifetime Health and Fitness Class to learn more about Nutrition and exercise. Everything you said in the book pairs

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Who's Who

Christopher Weihert of Big Spring is one of nine Southwestern University students and two faculty members who are going to Bulgaria this month

to participate in the Rhodopi International Theater Laboratory in Smolyan, a town in the Rhodopi Mountains near Bulgaria's border with Greece.

July Employee of the Month

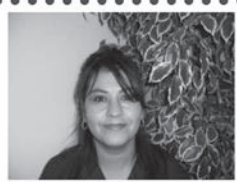
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OUR VIEW

Salvation Army school supplies effort needs help

While the start of the new school year is still a few weeks away, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be thinking about its arrival. After all, we should all remember that one of the most important things we can give children is an education.

And with that in mind, it's time for all of us to be thinking about making sure our children have everything they need when school bells begin ringing in August. That's right, all of us — not just parents with school-age children.

The reason that all of us need to remember, to paraphrase the advertising campaign, just how important a child's mind is, there will be too many families in Big Spring who simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Every year, the organization hands out school supplies to several hundred Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Ed and Terry Cheshire expect they'll need to provide supplies for even more.

And that means the call is now going out for donations for the program. While donors can purchase school supplies and bring them to the Salvation Army offices for distribution, it should be noted that monetary donations are preferred. The Salvation Army is a tax-exempt organization and therefore can purchase more supplies with the same money than individuals.

While parents or guardians of students in need of school supplies have had a week to register their children for the program, this year there will be just one day for registering — Aug. 2.

"This year, we'll be taking applications on just one day — from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.," said Capt. Terry Cheshire. "And we'll be giving out the supplies the same day."

So prospective applicants should begin preparing to have the information they will need when registering for the program.

Information applicants will need to bring with them when they register include a birth certificate or Medicaid card and Social Security card for each child, as well as proof of residency, income, expenses and a photo ID for the person applying for the program.

"We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in," Cheshire added.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and to get prepared by putting together the information they'll need to apply. Without those supplies, children will be at an immediate disadvantage.

And please remember, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

As we have noted before, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We perform better in stressful situations, Lord, when we bring them to You through prayer.

Amen

Put your money on climate change

Al Gore did his best. So did the nation's environmental community. They convinced a majority of Americans that climate change was both real and serious.

Back then small cars enjoyed a spurt, curly light bulbs grew hip (and amazingly have held on), windmills found a big new fan base, and many folks set their heating thermostat cooler and their cooling thermostat hotter.

But that was then. Now, arrayed winningly against Gore et al, are money, apathy and comfort.

Government still subsidizes the oil, coal, and gas industries, providing cash which in turn helps them lobby the government itself to leave them alone.

As you may have heard, there are now more fossil-fuel lobbyists in Washington than congressmen, and as some wags have observed, if they were all laid end to end, it wouldn't be a bad idea.

Their job is easier than you might think. Americans are loathe to give up SUVs, flat-screen TVs, freezers, clothes dryers, thirsty electronic gadgets, frigid air conditioning and ubiquitous lighting. Nor are we so sure that our wasteful person-

al energy habits are responsible for the equally personal fate of drowning souls in India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Fiji or New Orleans.

OK, shrinking glaciers appear to be the real McCoy and we can respect that. But in truth, how many of us are ever going to see a glacier anyway? They seem a cheap price to pay for our continued comfort.

And if we can write off glaciers, maybe we can also swallow hard and set up other "energy sacrifice zones." The Gulf of Mexico looks like a top choice just now, as was Alaska's Prince William Sound before it.

Alaska has a couple other hot prospects too up in the Arctic Ocean. Bristol Bay and the Chuckchi Sea are just reclining there waiting to be assaulted by the Interior Department's new drilling regimen. West Virginia and Kentucky have already received last rites.

Most of our other environmental sacrifices happen to be abroad, though the biggest of all is not that far away.

The Alberta Tar Sands site has gained some renown as the largest industrial project in human history. Also the dirtiest. To help increase production, the U.S. is dickering to allow a new pipeline to carry that oily gunk from Edmonton south to our underused refineries in Oklahoma. The messy process of cleaning it into fuel on a more modest scale is already accelerating climate

change.

So also is the production of ethanol, which is hugely expensive besides. That's why Congress subsidizes it so generously. Otherwise corn state senators would take their political baseball and go home. Just like coal state senators are threatening to do as we clamp down on their product.

This world debate over warming has even erupted among "scientists."

Climate scholars on the one hand are pretty unanimous as to the deadly human influence on warming. Meteorologists, conversely, are divided. Curiously the climate guys tend to work for universities; the weathermen for TV stations.

So even though some wind farms continue to sprout, along with a solar cluster here and there, and even though many families and firms have slashed prior usage, the total improvement remains small.

Public support has dwindled, cap and trade appears now to be at least partially a gimmick, some states have taken to opposing the emissions plans of other states, and President Obama is focusing federal energy money on nuclear, ethanol and "clean" coal.

It's enough to make Mother Nature weep.

OtherWords columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Neither rain nor sleet ... well, maybe sleet, but definitely not the rain could stop the Big Spring Little League Baseball All-Star Tournament from happening this past weekend/week.

The area All-Star Tournament, which was originally scheduled to take place at the sports complex July 1-3, was stretched out and extended until this past Thursday, July 8, because of continued rain delays, but it didn't stop it all together.

With the dedication of true baseball lovers and fans and a lot of elbow grease and strong backs, we rose to the challenge and delivered a wonderful experience for hundreds of Little League players, parents and fans.

Although the sports complex remained in an unplayable condition because of the water, the hard work of the following people made it possible to keep the games going on the wonderful American League Field (behind Howard College). A great big thanks goes to:

- Howard College for the continued support of the Big Spring Little League and continued use of the field (which is still in as good of shape as it was when built in the 1950s).
- Lloyd Mashburn and Higginbotham-Bartlett for the quick response of the needed drying agents, mowers, tarp, chalk, water troughs and everything else we looked for — even late at night.

- Skip Burcham for the loan of the mobile concession stand on short notice.

- Jim Crenshaw for countless hours of field care, mowing, weeding, watering, seeding and keeping the American field looking great and ready for use.

- Robert Smith, Bryan Kligora, Joey Jackson, Darren Byrd, Bradley Garrison, Kurt Coor, Manny Villa, Bryson VanVleet, Blake Lance, Jerry Saucedo, Joe Enriquez, Jay Patel and Jon Pearson for spending more than 10 hours a day for five days cleaning, preparing and keeping the field in playing order during and between each game — even when it was pouring rain and they were raking water off the home plate just to see it.

- Denise Smith, Reba Smith, Stormi Smith, Tonya Wright, Robbie Crenshaw and Matthew Burnett for quick work of getting a concession stand together and working it for days on end.

Without the help of all these people, we couldn't have made the tournament the success it was. The out-of-town coaches and fans didn't stop bragging about how great the American field was and how great it was to be playing in Big Spring. One fan made the point to say, "From the singing of the national anthem to start every game, to the last call of 'you're out,' this is what baseball is all about!"

DANA BYRD
LITTLE LEAGUE COMMITTEE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read the following quote to my wife and asked her to guess who it was describing. "His primary

rules were: never allow the public to cool off; never admit a fault or wrong; never concede that there may be some good in your enemy; never leave room for alternatives; never accept blame; concentrate on one enemy at a time and blame him for everything that goes wrong; people will believe a big lie sooner than a little one; and if you repeat it frequently enough people will sooner or later believe it."

Before I could finish reading it, she blurted out, "The president!" meaning the current occupant of the White House, Barack Hussein Obama. I explained to her that this was the psychological profile prepared by the U.S. Office of Strategic Services describing Adolf Hitler. This psychological profile of Hitler is a paraphrase of his "big lie" theory as published in his 1925 book Mein Kampf.

Tell a big lie and repeat it frequently enough, people will sooner or later believe it. For this reason, I feel I must correct The Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer's letter from your July 4 edition of The Big Spring Herald in which he coined the phrase "israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories."

Let's agree to put an end to this kind of Jew hating terminology. Bishop Pfeifer and my generation have heard this lie long enough that some are starting to believe it, and if we continue to use terminology like this, my daughter's generation will accept it as truth.

The proper wording should be

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Bosh pulled things together for Heat

MIAMI (AP) — In Chris Bosh, the Miami Heat got a power forward and a power broker.

Sure, Heat president Pat Riley pulled together the deal, Dwyane Wade had a county renamed in his honor and the anticipation of LeBron James' decision turned into a drama unlike anything the NBA has likely ever seen.

But the first domino that fell into place was Bosh — and if he went elsewhere, the other two stars almost surely would have as well.

It went down like this: Bosh told Wade he wanted to play in Miami, which immediately convinced the 2006 NBA finals MVP to spurn Chicago's offer and stay with the Heat. About 48 hours later, Wade got a call from James, telling him it'd be a South Beach three-for-all.

However long Bosh stays with the Heat, he may never have a more significant assist.

"I think it was more of a collective effort," Bosh said. "I know these two guys. They have to make their own decisions. There was no point

"This is not just all about D-Wade and C.B. and LeBron. It's about the whole team."

where we asked each other to, 'OK, we're going to talk and we're all going to go here.' We have to play in the best positions for our families, for ourselves, and for our careers.

"And Miami was the obvious choice."

Not until Bosh made up his mind, it wasn't. Wade was absolutely torn by the decision between Chicago and Miami, so much so that he asked family members to write down their top choices — and that didn't even break the tie between his hometown and the city where he's starred for seven years. He told the Heat the only way he would stay put is if they landed Bosh or James.

Bosh had a half-dozen offers, but knew the only way he'd get to play with two superstars was by coming to Miami. So he took his leap of Heat faith.

"When Chris told me that," Wade said, "it all just came together. And then it was up

to LeBron."

James eventually completed the trifecta — three of the top five choices from the 2003 draft — that will surely be the talk of the NBA for years to come.

"There's no question about it, they become the favorites along with Boston to win the East," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "The East has certainly gotten better. It's not getting any easier. You have three guys, All-Stars, in the prime of their career. That's a heckuva team to match up against."

The possibilities are endless, already getting scrawled on the white boards in Heat coach Erik Spoelstra's office.

Wade at shooting guard, James at small forward, Bosh at power forward. Each routinely sees double-teams, and that will continue. But unless the NBA starts allowing Miami opponents to play with at least six guys, then Wade, James and Bosh all can't have

two defenders draped around them at once.

That's where Bosh could flourish, those around him say.

"When Chris was in high school, he didn't even say he was the best player on his team," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, who had Bosh on his team for one year before the then-teenager jumped to the NBA. "And they went 40-0 and won a national championship. That's who he is. It's not about who gets credit for what."

Playing in Toronto wasn't exactly been a path to superstardom for Bosh. The Raptors — who have ravenous fans in their own city — simply haven't drawn much attention in the United States, mainly because of a lack of postseason success (Bosh has never reached the second round of the NBA playoffs) and that they're just not on television as much as the glitzier clubs.

That'll change now. Oddsmakers in Las Vegas already are saying the Heat are favorites to win the 2011 NBA title.

"Just with us coming together, it's going to be out there," Bosh said of the immediate pressure to win. "So we just have to be prepared for that and we have to stay behind each other, keep each other standing tall and just support each other and that's all it's about. When you're having tough times, you rely on your friends, you rely on your teammates to pull you out of it."

Bosh might only seem like the 'other guy' in this Heat star cluster.

No, he doesn't have the MVP trophies like James and the championship ring like Wade. Make no mistake: He can play.

Bosh is one of only three players with at least 10,000 points, 4,500 rebounds and 600 blocked shots over the last seven seasons, joining Kevin Garnett and Tim Duncan. He's averaged a double-double in three of his seven years, and is coming off a season where he put up a career-high of 24.0 points.

Pressure is on Spain to beat Dutch in final

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Now that the initial excitement of reaching the World Cup final has passed, Spain coach Vicente del Bosque expects his team to get down to business and leave South Africa with a victory against the Netherlands.

Spain plays the Netherlands on Sunday and one team will leave South Africa with its first World Cup title.

"The moment of euphoria passed the other day when we qualified for the final and I think we're conscious of the responsibility we have now," Del Bosque told the Associated Press in an interview. "So we want to finish this World Cup well."

Spain has won 30 of its 32 games under Del Bosque while the Netherlands is on a 25-game unbeaten run. The two

teams' 10th meeting will be its first in the World Cup, with both teams winning four times.

"We're optimistic and confident in our possibilities," Del Bosque said.

"But we're also aware we're up against a strong rival."

The European champions have reached their first final and the Dutch their third by sticking to an attack-minded style.

LANCE

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he rode with seven-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong and Hincapie in the squad.

Hincapie told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he was bothered by Landis' allegations.

"It bothers me, because I've been doing this for 17 years and never heard anything bad about me," Hincapie said.

"You can go ask any of the cleanest teams in the peloton — Jonathan Vaughters, Slipstream, Columbia.

"How many times they've offered me contracts and wanted me to ride for them because of my reputation, and because they have done the due diligence on me, and then you have someone attacking me."

American cyclist Tyler Hamilton rode with US Postal team from 1995 to 2001.

He said in an e-mail to the Journal that he is aware of the investigation and would cooperate if subpoenaed.

Armstrong has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and his lawyer reacted angrily to the latest developments in the allegations that are connected to Armstrong.

"Garbage in - Garbage out," Armstrong attorney Tim Herman said in an e-mailed statement. "The more appropriate investigation and use of taxpayer money would focus on the confessed fraud committed by Landis, an admitted perjurer with an agenda."

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Sister City comes to Big Spring

The City of Big Spring welcomed a group of delegates from our Sister City, San Miguel el Alto, over the Fourth of July weekend. Since Big Spring and San Miguel established their Sister City relationship, their visit has become an annual event. Amongst the visitors was San Miguel's mayor or "presidente" Miguel Hernandez Anaya and his wife, Isela.

During their visit, the delegates toured the Western Container facility, the Heritage Museum, the Hangar 25 Museum and the VA Medical Center. On Saturday, they attended the Pops Ceremony at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum where they gave both musical and dance performances as a gift to the City.

The City wishes to thank all of the businesses we visited for their graciousness and hospitality during our visits. We also wish to thank the staff of Just Peachy Café and Fred Green and the KC's Steakhouse for their warmth and excellent service. Thank you to Chris Patel and the Hampton Inn for providing our guests with first class accommodations during their stay in Big Spring. A big thanks also goes out to City employee Chad Averette and his staff for all their hard work in preparing a wonderful barbecue dinner for us.

Our City delegates are looking forward to attending San Miguel's Independence Day festivities in September.

PHOTOS: Top: Mayor Tommy Duncan and City Manager Gary Fuqua with the entire group of San Miguel delegates. Center: Dancers Rodrigo Gomez and Paola Cruz. Bottom: (from left) San Miguel Mayor Miguel Hernandez Anaya and his wife Isela, San Miguel Fire Chief Victor Cornejo, Mayor Tommy Duncan and his wife Pam.

Under West Texas Skies

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July 16, 2010

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with food vendors, games, jumping houses, train & pony rides. The Big Spring Police Department's Kid Print will be there doing FREE fingerprinting and photographing of children.

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GETTING THE FRESHEST



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Nida Franco, center, and Daniel Franco talk to a customer at the Farmer's Market sale in July of 2009. The market, which got under way for 2010 Saturday, continues every Saturday and Tuesday through October at the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Energy Watch



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

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



Look for somewhat stagnant summer

With the second half of 2010 upon us, we believe there may be several parts of the economy and stock market that may not fit together very well in the short term. The stock market can continue to advance following its sharp rise since March 2009, but we believe probabilities are low that much upside progress will be made through the summer.

The "honeymoon" stage of this bull market — the dynamic 80 percent rally from the depressed lows — is in our opinion now winding down.

Investors are nervous and fatigued as the euphoric, sharp rise has become the controlling factor in the stock market. The result has been sharp swings in the market since the April 2010 highs; the news from Europe to China to the Gulf of Mexico has served to intensify the swings.

However, one major positive has been the ability of the stock market to overcome a number of obstacles during the first half of this year. Any one of these obstacles had the ability to derail the bull market, but only resulted in only benign pull-backs.

This underlines the fact that in strong bull markets, momentum is not easily broken and the "buy the dip" investor mindset is still alive.

The market remains resilient and should continue to prevent a sustained decline (greater than the 20 percent area) during the second half of the year, provided that we don't experience any negative surprises.

But many individual investors remain skeptical and have not returned to the equity market since the bull market inception in 2009. Rapid swings in momentum and investor sentiment have now become the norm and not the exception.

Investors remain hypersensitive to another meltdown (similar to the United States in 2007-2008) and the potential negative implications for the recovering worldwide economy.

The jittery environment underlines our expectation for a range-bound U.S. equity market for the next several months, possibly to the end of the year.

Historically, seasonality is working against equities, as the May to October period has traditionally been the weakest six months of the year.

Another headwind is the historical tendency for stocks to behave sluggishly as investors begin to discount a new cycle of U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hikes.

We expect investor anticipation of Fed hikes to begin later this year. Furthermore, there is added short-term uncertainty surrounding the economy's growth rate now that the temporary, massive U.S. government support plans have been removed.

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MAKING RAIN?

Statistics show how successful cloud seeding is

Special to the Herald

More than 50 years of research and actual cloud seeding in more than 40 countries has demonstrated that properly-designed programs operated by competent persons can increase seasonal rainfall appreciably and beneficially.

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) have issued policy statements on weather modification that attest to the efficacy of existing technology to enhance precipitation.

It is likely that cloud seeding is more effective in non-drought periods. This is because seeding is predicated upon the availability of clouds — especially the right kinds of convective clouds.

It is presumed that, during severe to extreme droughts, the number of days with treatable convective clouds is reduced. Still, there is ample evidence suggesting that, even when drought is harsh, there are opportunities to seed clouds.

Consequently, those using weather-modification technology are urged to view cloud seeding

as a viable, long-term water management strategy for augmenting fresh-water supplies, not as a short-term, quick "fix" to the drought problem.

Those doing cloud seeding are urged to commit to its use over a period of at least several years, not merely for a few months.

If cloud seeding is done in the midst of a bad drought and results are not satisfactory, the inclination after a few months is often to deduce that cloud seeding, because it does not appear to have delivered the desired results, should be discarded.

It cannot be overstated that drought is not the optimal time period for cloud seeding.

Using Federal funds to assess the long-running rain-enhancement program of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in the Big Spring area during the 1987-1990 period, the TNRCC performed a series of cloud-seeding "experiments" which produced evidence that timely seeding, with silver iodide, enables convective clouds to live longer, process more cloud water and produce significantly more rainfall.

A similar study of rainfall data from a five-year cloud-seeding program conducted for the city of San Angelo (1985-1989) found that rainfall during the months of seeding in the area where seeding was focused had been increased 25 to 42 percent.

There is no evidence that the seeding contributes to less rainfall anywhere else. What's more, there is no evidence that seeding causes clouds to grow substantially taller and produce unwanted effects (such as damaging winds, hail and flash floods).

To the contrary, the available evidence from over eight years of research in West Texas suggests cloud seeding, when done timely and accurately, contributes to more gentle, widespread and longer-lasting rains.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District invites you to view their website at www.pbuwcd.com for more information on Precipitation Enhancement.

You can also call the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or e-mail them at permianbasin@sbcglobal.net.

Wholesale inventories rise 0.5 percent

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Inventories held by wholesalers rose for a fifth consecutive month in May but sales fell for the first time in more than a year, sending a mixed signal about the strength of the recovery.

Wholesale inventories increased 0.5 percent while sales dropped 0.3 percent, the Commerce Department said Friday. It was the first decline for sales since March of 2009.

The May sales decline is the latest sign that the economic recovery could be losing momentum as it enters

the second half of this year. Weakness in sales could discourage businesses from boosting their orders. That would translate into a slowdown in factory production.

Economists had hoped that a steady rise in demand would prompt businesses to step up orders and restock depleted shelves. That would lift factories and prompt them to boost hiring to support increased production.

Manufacturing has been among the strongest industries coming out of the recession, but there have been signs recently that the recovery could be faltering.

Both consumer spending and business hiring have slowed, and the housing market has struggled since government incentives for homebuyers ended in April.

The concern is that the recovery, which was already slower than the average upturn after a steep recession, could slow even more, making it harder to make inroads in the nation's high unemployment levels.

The jobless rate fell to 9.5 percent in June from 9.7 percent in May. But the change was largely the result of people giving up their work searches.

Economic growth was just 2.7 percent in the first three months of this year. Many economists believe growth will slow to around 2 percent in the second half of this year.

The May increase in wholesale inventories was the largest rise since a 0.7 percent increase in March.

But even with the gain, wholesale inventories are 2.1 percent below where they were a year ago.

Inventories at the wholesale level had fallen for 13 consecutive months through September of last year. Businesses went through a massive liq-

uidation of their stocks in a struggle to contain costs during the deepest recession in decades.

The 0.3 percent drop in sales in May followed a gain of 0.9 percent in April.

The combination of declining sales and rising inventories pushed the ratio of inventories to sales up slightly to 1.14 in May from a record low of 1.13 in April. That means it would take 1.14 months to deplete stocks at the May sales pace.

Over the past decade, a typical level for the inventory to sales ratio has been between 1.15 months to 1.2 months.

LETTERS

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“the Palestinian occupation of the land God gave to Israel.” If you want a Biblical reference, read Genesis 15:18. Some will read this verse and think that it includes the descendants of Ishmael. It does not. Read Deuteronomy 34:4.

If the church leaders of the world, such as Bishop Pfeifer won't believe the Bible, how can we expect world leaders like Barack Hussein Obama to believe it?

Wherever I stand, I stand with Israel. Can you say the same?

JIM DEPAUW
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a reporter at WFAA in Dallas. We aired a story Friday about a World War II widow searching for a veteran she knew years ago in Big Spring.

Mrs. Moss is a charming and kind person, and I personally would like to see her find her long lost love before the end of her life.

Following is a transcript of our story:

There are decisions in life that change your world — one action can affect dozens of other lives. For Reba Moss, that moment came just after the end of World War II.

The year was 1946. America was welcoming home veterans eager to start family. Reba met one of them, Harold Moss, in her hometown of Big Spring. On their second date, he proposed.

“He took me by the shoulders and kind of shook me to where I was looking up at him and said, ‘You are going to marry me aren't you?’ And I said, ‘I guess I am.’”

Harold, however,

moved away. Soon, Reba met a handsome World War II Navy veteran — Yancey Edward Stewart, known as Jack. Within two months, Jack proposed.

“He asked me to marry him and I didn't give him an answer.”

He would never get an answer. Harold arrived on her doorstep, suitcase in hand.

“He started getting stuff out of the drawer and putting it in the suitcase,” recalled Reba. He convinced her to leave town, marrying him the next day. She never talked to Jack again.

“He would see Mother at the post office and get in the car and talk to her about it, ask her all kinds of questions.”

But soon, mysterious envelopes began arriving, with a single random printed ad or coupon. “He would write, ‘Reba this works, try it,’ and then he'd put a ‘J’ under there.”

The mysterious notes were, she believes, his way of letting her know he was still there. They continued until about 10 years ago. That was around the same time Reba's beloved Harold passed away.

Today, Reba Moss searches World War II websites for Jack.

“I thought, I need to apologize to him for the way I treated him and explain to him how everything happened, that it was meant to be.”

When asked if she ever thinks about the road not taken, Reba replied, “Yes, but I don't think it could be any better because we had three wonderful kids. I have seven wonderful grandkids, and 14 wonderful great-grandkids. We had a good life together.”

Now Reba wants to know that Yancey Edward Stewart — her Jack — had the same.

If you have any information about Stewart,

please contact chawes@wfaa.com. Reba recalls that he served in the United States Navy from 1941 to 1946, spending at least some of that time overseas. He has a younger brother and older sister, and may have gone on to live in Arkansas and California.

CHRIS HAWES
REPORTER/WFAA
DALLAS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing with a concern about our sanitation department in Big Spring. I have moved and in doing so, called about a trash can. I called for 1-1/2 weeks and finally received one. It was what they call a roll out. I waited for a week and a half and another phone call before I could get it dumped.

This was two weeks ago and I haven't gotten my trash dumped again. So, back to the phone. This was my fourth call to them.

I have had four different people to tell me four different days that my trash would be dumped. I've made several calls around town only to finally find out that my roll out was not allowed in my area, but they were the ones that brought it to my house!

Now they tell me that I have to use the one on the other side of the house next door. They say that is my alleyway!

An alley that is considered yours is behind your house. This is not behind my house. They say that the man before me was fine with using this dumpster, but I am not fine with it.

I am a single woman that works 12 hours a day and when it gets to be winter, it will be dark at the time I get home. I would like to feel safe taking out my trash.

They don't seem to give a darn if I'm safe

or not. I realize that it is summer and light for a long time, but in the winter it is dark by the time I get home.

I would really like to find out why they are so opposed to helping people in this town of ours. Our city manager said that he could not help me and I would have to deal with it the way it is.

Thank you very much sir. Thank you for helping a single woman that does not feel comfortable with walking in the dark to take out her trash.

DIANN ARMSTRONG
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this time to thank the board of the Big Spring Little League and caring parents that enabled us to put on an unforgettable all-star tournament this past week. I could not have asked for a more dedicated group to make Big Spring shine. It is a difficult task to put on an all-star tournament in the first place, and Big Spring has not done so in quite some time. Add to that all the rain that has fallen and just image trying to get fields and concessions ready for a 12-team, double elimination tournament.

Jim Crenshaw is our filed maintenance supervisor and works tirelessly to keep the American League field ready to go for our Pee Wee players. Their season ended more than a month ago. With all the rain, we could not get the new complex's fields ready to go, and

with one day's notice, Jim and several others were able to get the American League field up and ready to go. Jim, thanks for all your hard work. It is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Bryan Kligora, Mani Villa, Kurt Coor, Darren Byrd, Dana Byrd, Denise Smith, Reba Smith, Stormi Smith, Joey Jackson, Bradley Garrison, Jay Patel, Jon Pearson, Joe Enriquez, Jerry Saucedo, Bryson Van Vleet, Austin Mize, Zachary Turner, Robbie Crenshaw and Blake Lance.

I would also like to thank Howard College for the use of the American League field for all the past years we have played there. I would also like to thank Skip Burcham for the use of a mobile concession stand that was donated to the league when ours was under water and to Loyd Mashburn and Higginbotham Bartlett


for all the equipment and supplies that were made available to us on very short notice. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

When the rain finally stopped, the amazing work that the city of Big Spring's Parks and Cemetery Department's workers performed to get the sports complex ready to go was almost miraculous. They went out and almost completely re-did all three of the Little League fields and had us ready to go on Tuesday. Ladies and gentlemen, all of your hard work is greatly appreciated. Because of all the aforementioned individuals and companies, Big Spring shined once again in the eyes of hundreds of people in District 3 Little League.

Once again, thanks for making this event a success.

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Biden tells Leno U.S. did fine in spy swap

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden had to convince a skeptical Jay Leno on Friday that the United States didn't get a raw deal from Russia in the biggest spy swap since the Cold War.

Leno asked Biden during a taping of “The Tonight Show” why the U.S. was sending 10 accused spies back to Russia while getting only four in return.

“That doesn't seem fair,” Leno said.

“We got back four really good ones,” Biden reassured Leno.

“And the ten, they've been here a long time, but they hadn't done much.”

Leno then showed a sultry photo of alleged Russian agent Anna Chapman and asked: “Do we have any spies that hot?”

Biden's reply, in a mock-serious tone: “Let me be clear. It was not my idea to send her back.”

The vice president also indicated that he had one more suggestion for the deal that was ignored.

“I thought they'd take

Rush Limbaugh,” he said.

The spy exchange took place earlier Friday on an airport tarmac in Vienna.

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District Court Filings:

American Express Centurion Bank vs. Ashley Kinsey, accounts, notes and contracts.
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Robert A. Reed vs. Kayla Marie Reed, divorce.
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Marriage Licenses:

Tommy Justin Chavarria, 29, and

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Orlando Ledesma, 29, and Crystal Nicole Rodriguez, 25, both of Big Spring.
Michael Wayne Suggs, 26, and Erin Lea Richey, 24, both of Alaska.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Carmen Herrera
Grantee: Brenda Boone
Property: Lots 17-18, Block 7, Original Town of Coahoma
Date: July 1, 2010

Grantor: Maria Del Carmen Jones
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Lots 33-35, Block 10, Edwards Heights Addition
Date: July 1, 2010

Grantor: Roxanne Evans
Grantee: Tierra Group LLC
Property: Lot 6, Block 19, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: July 1, 2010

Grantor: Zane Neal Bobbitt and Danny Bobbitt
Grantee: Clair Harrison and Joan Harrison
Property: A 13.5-acre tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 2, 2010

Grantor: Jack Calvert
Grantee: Andrea Denise Alender
Property: A tract out of Section 27, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 6, 2010

Grantor: Theresa Deflitch
Grantee: Sophia Cecilia Dominguez
Property: Lot 15, Block 7, North Belvue Addition
Date: July 6, 2010

Grantor: Lonnie Gillihan and Christie Gillihan
Grantee: Gary Gilihan and Glenda Gillihan
Property: Two tracts out of Section 12, Block 23, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 7, 2010

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Grantor: Ronald L. Howell and Patricia Howell
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Property: Lots 5-6, Subdivision D, Block 18, Fairview Heights Addition
Date: July 1, 2010

Grantor: Andrea Denise Alender
Grantee: Edward Spivey and Lora Spivey
Property: A tract out of Section 27, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Oil rises to \$76 amid optimism on economy

PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press Writer

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Signs the global economic recovery remains on track eased fears of a new recession and helped boost investor confidence in oil and stocks, which tend to move in the same direction.

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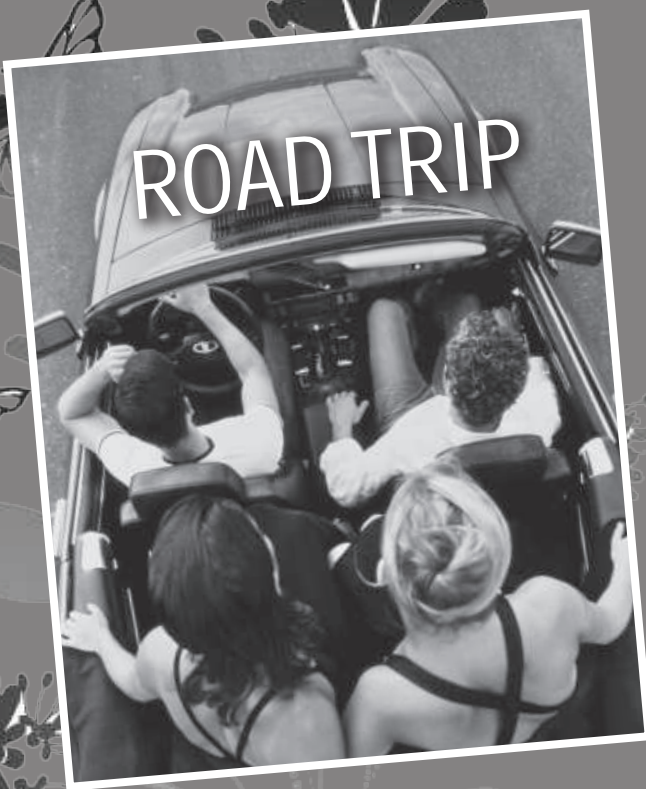
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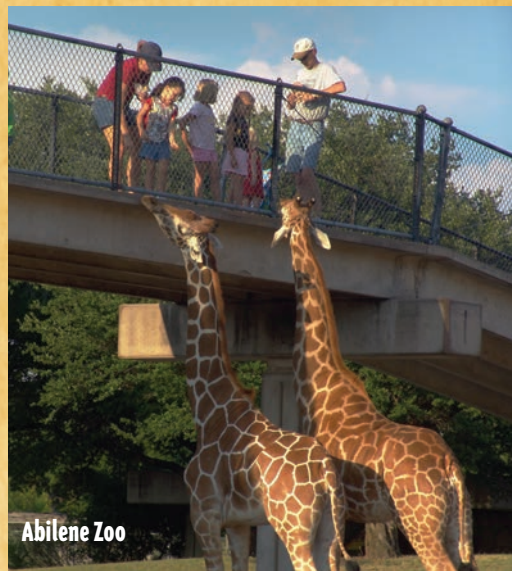
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Empty Nest 101

College orientation for parents

BETH J. HARPAZ

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NEW YORK — Call it Empty Nesting 101: Colleges around the country are holding orientations for families of incoming freshmen. But these are not simple “Meet the Dean” receptions held the day before school starts. These are elaborate two- and three-day events, often held on midsummer weekdays, requiring parents to take time off from work and pay \$70 or \$80 in addition to lodging, food and travel expenses.

They’re packed with workshops, tours and speeches on subjects ranging from letting go to campus safety. Reed College in Portland, Ore., even invites

parents to read “The Odyssey” and attend a lecture and discussion similar to what their kids will experience in a freshman humanities course.

You might think parents facing massive tuition bills would balk at more demands on their budget and time. But many colleges report that well over half their freshmen have family in attendance at these events, and lots of parents think the orientations are the greatest thing since “What To Expect When You’re Expecting.”

“What I’ve heard across the country from parents is that these events are marked on their calendar with a

big red heart,” said Natalie Caine, who counsels parents through her business, Empty Nest Support Services in Los Angeles. “They’ll pay the airfare, they’ll go into debt to attend parent orientation if they have to. They’re worriers. They say, ‘I need to go. I need to see what it’s like. I want to hear what they have to offer, what the security system is like, who’s the contact person if there’s a problem.’”

Joe Mondy said he was skeptical when he saw a long lecture on “letting go” scheduled for the parent orientation at his daughter’s school, Stonehill College in Massachusetts. But he ended up thinking the session was terrific.

“My generation, the Baby Boom generation, wants to over-control and manage things,” said Mondy. “You want to make sure everything goes smoothly, familiarize yourself with the college and what it stands for.”

Kristine Goodwin, associate dean for student life at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., says the orientations try to show parents that the school is on their side: “Don’t we both want to prepare the student for independent living?”

Holy Cross also warns parents that kids may call home in the first few weeks saying they’re unhappy. “They don’t have emotional support yet,” Goodwin said. “Your job is not to overreact. Don’t panic! They’re just venting.”

At Northern Michigan University in Marquette, parents get to hear exactly what those

desperate calls sound like. The school plays tapes during the parent orientation of upperclassmen recreating actual calls they made

what really happened: The parents of the girl with the boyfriend let her go to his house for Thanksgiving, and she ended up marrying

tended an orientation at Tulane University in New Orleans this summer, but mom stayed home. “We had just been to Tulane the third week of April,” said Richards. “We spent two days there and a lot of my questions had already been answered.”

Other parents think the events could be more to the point. “A lot of this letting go business — they could condense that before lunch, and then after lunch do the practical stuff,” as Morgan Roth put it. Roth loves American University, where her daughter will be a student in the fall, but she thought much of the material in the parent orientation could have been covered in a webinar, and she wished they’d included a session on how to understand the tuition bill instead of one on student nutrition.

Still, the number of family members attending these events at Cleveland State University has tripled in the last five years. At Northeastern University in Boston, “at least 85 percent if not 90 percent of students have parents that also attend our programs,” said spokeswoman Katherine Cadwell.

At Indiana State University at Terre Haute, orientations have included “as many as nine family members, including grandparents,” said spokesman John Beacon. “We don’t mind at all and we enjoy having the whole family participate. We recognize there are lots of helicopter parents. Rather than try to limit their involvement, we embrace it.”

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home. One girl tells mom and dad she’ll be spending Thanksgiving with her new boyfriend instead of her family. In another call, a boy confesses that he’s not doing well in school, and P.S., he’s in trouble for alcohol violations. A third call is from a student who’s homesick and lonely.

“The girl’s voice in the homesick tape makes many parents cry every time we do it,” said Christine Greer, dean of students at NMU. The tapes were made some years ago, but “the issues haven’t changed — independence, breaking rules, not doing well in classes, homesickness. They are still things that parents worry about, and students deal with, every year.”

Parents only hear the kid’s side of the call; they’re then asked to imagine their own reactions before being told

him. The boy in trouble became a police officer. And the lonely girl became a resident adviser and later a teacher; she’s now married with three kids.

Steven Hill of Salt Lake City, whose son will be attending NMU this year, said he and his wife Shawn thought the presentations were outstanding. “You can imagine how hard it is for Shawn to see her baby grow up and move so far away from home to go to school,” said Hill. “But the orientation was the best thing we could have done for our son and our family. My wife for now is liking the idea that her son chose to go away to college and she feels that he will be in a place that has taken every step to ensure his success.”

Some parents say they feel OK about skipping the orientations. Lisa Richards’ daughter at-

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The new moon in Cancer and the solar eclipse will stir up intense emotions. On the one hand, it's good to know we care so deeply. On the other hand, there is such a thing as caring too much, especially if it causes us to move beyond our personal boundaries. Don't fly off the handle. Ride out the feelings, and trust life's process.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Small thoughts tend to come as rapid fire. Slow down your thinking, and your thoughts change in nature. Large, loving thoughts float in like big balloons and linger on the breeze of your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Learning all the movements of this dance

will be too hard. Instead, step back and get the overall feeling and flow. Observe for a long time. When you step in, you'll fall into step naturally — more or less.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All is well in your world. Keep believing that even when you look around mid-day and things are a bit of a mess. This is just the kind of mess that happens when you're having fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Yes, it's been done before. But it hasn't been done by you. And you're going to do it like nobody else can. So get in there and do it. No hesitation, explanation or flinching allowed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Repressed emotions don't fade away. They will eventually come back to haunt you. To avoid letting them ruin your sleep, deal with them now. Have a good talking to with your feelings, and send them on their way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your childlike enthusiasm for life is alive and well. Keep expressing yourself, even when the ones around you are overly decorous. Secretly, everyone is waiting for someone like you to break the ice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sharing feelings isn't always easy, but do it anyway. You are

courageous. And you have a way of stating things that makes it easy for others to relate to and understand you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A certain relationship is experiencing a strange seesaw effect. The more calm and detached you become the crazier the other person gets. This is proof of your emotional connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The attention of a special someone has you inwardly skipping and whistling a happy tune. You didn't feel the least bit empty, and yet this person fills you up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The dynamic of "mentorship" is coming into your life. The confidence shared between teacher and student is sacred. It creates a safe place. Truth and wisdom will be discovered there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will behave like an expert emcee, cracking funny jokes but also staying appropriate with the crowd. Someone will recognize your social genius and maybe even fall in love with you.

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(July 11). Your main joy is in your relationships. You'll take care of your loved ones, and they will repay you with kindness, good cheer and generosity. As for work, it is what you make of it. You'll figure out exactly what to put in to get what you want out of a situation. You'll attract support, especially financial. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 25, 39 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week starts off with the kind of astronomical phenomenon that would really upset our ancestors. The moon disappears — it's new in Cancer. And the sun, albeit briefly, vanishes, too. Through the ages, there have been many various interpretations for the disappearance of the sun, and mostly it's not taken as a good omen. For instance, the ancient Chinese believed that the solar eclipse was caused by a dragon devouring the sun. And then, when he was super-hungry, the same winged monster would turn around and eat the moon. The Greeks believed that when the sun disappeared, Zeus was flexing his dominance, which was terrifying for the Greeks. After all, if turning day into night was well within Zeus' realm of power, what might he decide to do if, say, he woke up on the

wrong side of the bed? The current astrological interpretations of a solar eclipse are not quite as fatalistic. Still, with the sun and the moon in Cancer, the new moon and the eclipse are likely to strike an emotional nerve. The need to feel secure and safe is a natural response. And you can create a sense of comfort by simply reminding yourself of who you love and where your home is.

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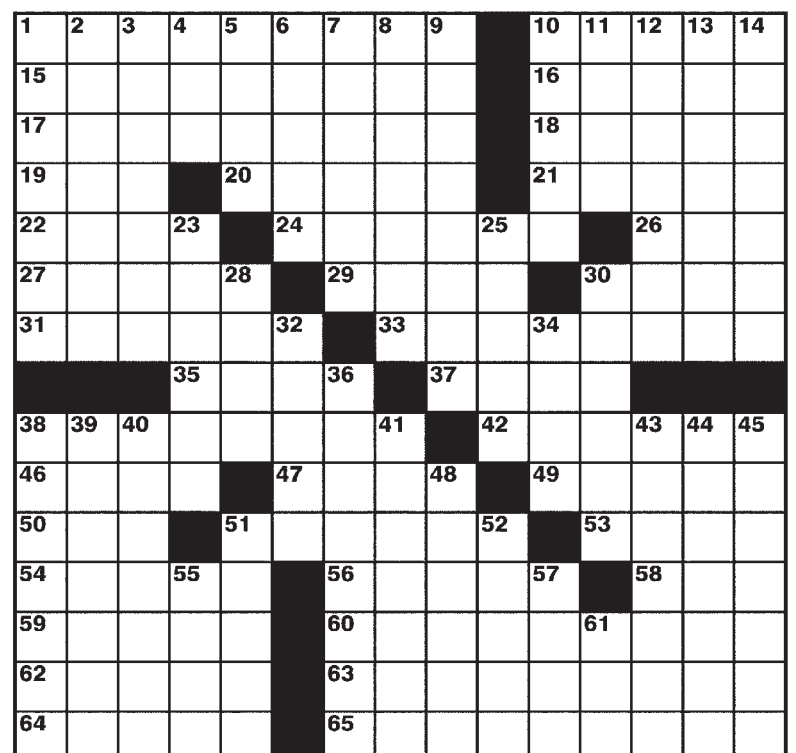
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Houston church rocked by fire, murder

HOUSTON (AP) — The sanctuary at First New Mount Calvary Baptist Church is in shambles from an arson fire. The pastor is charged with murder. The church is embroiled in a nasty lawsuit.

Members of the Baptist congregation believe it's all a message from God: Stop bickering and rebuild the church together.

"We got to have faith — if we got nothing else, we got to have faith," interim pastor Earl Jackson tells his faithful as they swelter under a white tent in a parking lot just west of downtown.

Before them are the charred remains of their beloved church. The odor of a raw sew-

age pipe wafts above them.

Jackson's sermon gets interrupted by the sound of long loud freight trains roaring by about 100 yards away.

The future will be bright, he preaches.

"We can do it," he tells them as they cool themselves with paper fans and sip bottles of ice-cold water. "You can do it. We'll be viable again, more so than ever."

The three dozen or so worshippers — who live in a working-class black community, many of them in their 50s and 60s — cheer.

They needed a reason to.

In the early morning hours of May 12, flames tore through the church cafeteria

and licked at the pews and organ. The building's bricks still stand, but are ringed with thick ash. Houston fire investigators ruled it was arson and are investigating leads and suspects, department spokeswoman Alicia Whitehead said, declining to be more specific.

Six days after the fire, police got a call that the pastor's wife, 56-year-old Pauletta Burlson, was shot in the head while sitting in her driveway in a small subdivision 14 miles away near Lake Houston.

Now, Burlson's husband, Tracy, and stepson, William Fuller, were arrested on June 8 and charged with murder.

Fuller told detectives his pastor-father paid him an unknown amount of money to kill Paulette.

Even before the fire and killing, bickering between factions at Calvary spilled into the courts in a 37-page complaint filed in March 2009 that aimed to get Burlson removed as pastor of the 93-year-old church.

Allegations included financial mismanagement, an extramarital affair between Burlson and a choir member and church leadership disregarding church bylaws. Membership plunged by two-thirds over the last two years, longtime churchgoers said.

A month before the killing,

police responded to a call at the Burlson's home that "a known suspect" tried to assault Paulette with a baseball bat.

"All the cases are being investigated to see if there's any link between them," said Deputy Harris County Sheriff Thomas Gilliland.

A third person, Tyonne Palmer-Pollard, was arrested for helping get rid of the gun. The 31-year-old lives two streets away from the Burlsons and is free on \$50,000 bond. Prosecutors believe Burlson and Fuller both were seeing Palmer-Pollard. Burlson was also caught this spring having sex in a church office with a choir member.

Is human trafficking a punishable crime?

Human trafficking is considered a federal crime in the U.S. under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act was reauthorized in 2003 providing an additional \$200 million to be spent on fighting domestic human trafficking.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 describes "severe forms of trafficking in persons" as:

- 1) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18.
- 2) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Do human trafficking victims qualify For benefits?

A person who is identified by law enforcement as a victim of 'severe forms of trafficking' may be referred for certification from the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement.

They may be eligible for:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Medicaid
- Health Screening
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance
- Refugee Social Services
- Immigration Relief-Protection includes T Visa, U Visa, or Continued Presence Status

For Help and Resources in Texas

Health and Human Services Trafficking Information and Referral
1-888-373-7888

Catholic Social Service Network for Victims
anywhere in US: 202-541-3385

Mosaic Family Services, Inc.
Dallas
214-821-5393
www.mosaicervices.org

YMCA International
Houston
Trafficked Persons Assistance Program
713-339-9015 for victim services
*After 5 p.m. call 713-339-9783
www.ymcahouston.org

Federal Trafficking-Related Links

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000
www.state.gov/documents/organization/10492.pdf

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection and Reauthorization Act of 2003
www.state.gov/documents/organization/28255.pdf

Office of Refugee Resettlement Trafficking Efforts
www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/actvict.html

Office for Victims of Crime Trafficking Effort
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/tip.html

Victim Services of Big Spring 263-3312

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What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking (formerly known as trafficking in persons) is a form of modern-day slavery. It is the illegal trade in human beings through abduction, the use or threat of force, deception, fraud or sale for the purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Victims include women, men and children.



What is the prevalence of human trafficking?

- Between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders annually.¹
- Between 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S annually.²
- Human Trafficking provides organized crime annual profits between \$8-10 billion.³
- The U.S. is ranked as the third largest destination country for Trafficking.⁴
- Hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens are estimated to be trafficked within the U.S.⁵

These are just best estimates. No one really knows the true numbers of trafficking victims.

1 U.S. Department of State. (2004). Trafficking in Person's Report June 2004 (Publication No. 11150), Washington DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

2 Ibid.

3 Ashcroft, 2004

4 The Polaris Project. (2004). National Trafficking Alert System Criminal Justice Briefing Materials (Version 6), Washington, DC: The Polaris Project

5 Ibid.

How To Identify a Trafficking Victim

- Why and how did the person come into the country? Many victims have come willingly when promised a good job.
- How was the person recruited? Many victims are recruited by acquaintances from the same ethnic group or country of origin.
- Does the person have identification papers? Many times the traffickers have custody of the victim's documents and identification papers.
- Does the person owe money to their "employer?"
- When encountering a group, does a "spokesperson" tend to speak on the group's behalf and not allow anyone else to converse with authorities?
- Does the person seem submissive or fearful?
- Can you detect any physical or psychological abuse?



Is there a state law prohibiting trafficking?

- The 78th Texas State Legislature passed H.B. 2096 (Penal Code Ch. 20A.02), which prohibits trafficking.
- The law became effective Sept. 1, 2003.
- The offense is a second-degree felony, with an enhancement to a first degree felony for involving a child younger than 14 years of age, or of any trafficking offense that results in the death of a trafficked person.



Why don't trafficking victims just go to the police?

1. Most victims do not speak English and do not understand American culture.
2. Most victims do not know what city or state they are in because they are often forced to move.
3. Most victims have a strong sense of distrust of authorities for fear of deportation or from prior experiences with corruption within the system.
4. Most do not identify themselves as a victim.
5. Confidentiality is vital for victims of human trafficking.

Legals

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

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

N/18 2/3' of Lt 12 and S/18 2/3' of Lt 13, Bk 12, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed value-\$1,775.00 Amt. owed-\$1,113.43

Lt 16, Bk 11, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed value-\$2,350.00 Amt. owed-\$1,622.22

Being a 0.20 acre tract of land out of a 2.0 acre tract in Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; Assessed value-\$8,489.00 Amt. owed-\$818.30

Lts 4, 5 & 6, Bk H, Earle's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed value-\$22,603.00 Amt. owed-\$1,007.31

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,561.56, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOE ARISPE AND JIM BROWN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on March 27, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE ARISPE AND JIM BROWN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5341 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of August, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6605 July 11 & 18, 2010

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dallas MTA, LP doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower approximately 650 feet west-northwest of the I20 frontage road exit/entrance to Cauble Bates Road in Howard County, Texas. The proposed tower will be approximately 370-foot total height guyed tower. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, any interested party wishing to comment regarding any effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to B. Hanford at Aarcher, Inc. 200 Rufe Snow N., Suite 103, Keller, TX 76248 or call (817)431-1593. Refer to number 555-2887.
#6609 July 11, 2010

Legals

Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host the second series of open-house style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems. The purpose of this second series of meetings is to present project updates and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings, including exhibits and videos about the status and results of the study to-date. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene, Texas.

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at TPP_txdotplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore at 325/676-6806 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.
#6604 July 11 & August 1, 2010

Legals

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TO: Dallas Nursing Homes, Inc. Defendant Lienholder and Amerivest Mortgage Services, Inc., Defendant Lienholder

the unknown heirs of said above named defendant lienholders, and the unknown defendant lienholder of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named defendant lienholders, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Three tracts of land comprising approximately 6.05 acres, as follows:

TRACT ONE:
a 4.140 acre tract of land out of Section Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "A";

TRACT TWO:
a 1.28 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B";

TRACT THREE:
a 0.63 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "C"; Said parcel sometimes alternatively described as three tracts comprising approximately 6.043 acres, as follows:

TRACT ONE:
a 3.44 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "D";

TRACT TWO:
a 1.77 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "E";

TRACT THREE:
a 0.833 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "F".

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$614,619.80, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

Dear Annie: I'm a 15-year-old girl, dating an 18-year-old who just graduated.

We've been together for eight months, and at first, it was great. Then, as our relationship progressed, he started getting really jealous.

He made me delete all the guys from my Facebook page and my cell phone.

At first it was a big deal, but now I'm used to it. He's kind of controlling in all situations, everything has to go his way, and he makes me feel bad all the time.

He tells me most of my physical features are unattractive and constantly disrespects me.

He makes me stop speaking to anyone who doesn't like him, including my brother.

As you can tell, this isn't a very healthy relationship, but I love him with all my heart and can't leave him no matter how much I try.

I've broken up with him so many times, hoping he would change, but he hasn't. I feel as though he has stopped caring about me. What should I do? — *Heartbroken in Michigan*

Dear Heartbroken: Get out immediately. Your boyfriend has all the earmarks of an abuser.

He controls everything about you, finds ways to isolate you from family and friends, and will continue to demean and insult you until you feel worthless — and grateful that he still wants to be with you.

The next step is physical harm. And he'll make you believe you deserve it.

He doesn't take your

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breakups seriously because you always come back for more.

If he thought you would truly move on, he might beg you to come back — and the cycle would start all over.

You are smart to see that this isn't a healthy relationship, but you cannot make it better.

Talk to your parents about him so they are aware of what is going on. And please get away from this manipulative man while you still can.

Dear Annie: I am a 49-year-old recovered alcoholic, and everyone in my office knows it.

Today, a co-worker gave me a piece of candy laced with a small amount of alcohol. He thought it was hilarious and "no big deal."

Annie, I consider this to be serious. I quickly spit the candy out, rinsed my mouth with salt water and called my AA sponsor. The co-worker was reprimanded by my boss.

Non-alcoholics, or "normies," as we call them, should respect that we are dealing with a serious problem on a day-to-day basis.

It took me more than 12 years with AA to get sober, and I've been clean for four years. I am a much happier, saner person, but it took a lot of work.

All we ask is that others recognize this. — *Still Sober*

Dear Sober: People who have never had an alcohol problem do not understand the severity of the issue and think a little bit of booze won't matter.

They do not realize that "a little bit" can tip the scales for an alcoholic and send them on a binge.

And if your co-worker thought destroying your sobriety would be amusing, he's a malicious idiot.

Good for your boss for making it clear that such practical jokes are neither funny nor harmless, and kudos to you for maintaining your sobriety.

Dear Annie: You recently printed some letters regarding whether or not to call 911 when a terminal patient has a DNR order.

I went through this with my father. I was called from hospice and was advised that his condition had worsened.

They asked if I wanted him transported to the hospital. I called my wife, who had been through a similar situation with her dad a couple of years earlier.

In her usual clarity, she said, "Of course you need to send him to the hospital. It's a 'Do Not Resuscitate,' not a 'Do Not Treat.'"

It was the right call. My father died two days later, but I know he had privacy and dignity. He felt no pain, and I feel no guilt. — *Carolina Son*

Dear Annie: I have not had a real relationship with my 42-year-old daughter for years. "Susan" claims I was



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

never supportive, and that no matter what she did, I was never proud of her.

She says I always put her down. I told her I tried to do my best bringing her up, but that isn't enough for her. I don't know what she wants from me.

Susan has a 14-year-old son and is married for the second time. Her first husband was her childhood sweetheart.

When we were on the outs eight years ago and she didn't let me contact my grandson, I e-mailed my ex-son-in-law to ask him to please tell my grandson that we love him.

When Susan found out I e-mailed the ex-husband, she went crazy. She said we are not allowed to keep in touch with her ex — that as part of a divorce, you also divorce your in-laws.

We had a fight a couple of months ago, and now, once again, I am not allowed to get in touch with my grandson. I admit some of the things she accuses me of may be true, but I would not deliberately hurt her. I told her no one is perfect.

We both agree too much

has been said on both sides to move forward, but I can't seem to let go. I move around in a daze and have lost my appetite. My husband keeps everything in, but I know he is hurting, too.

How do I get on with my life? I am 68 years old and want to enjoy the years I have left. — *Arizona*

Dear Arizona: Some children are more sensitive to slights than others, and a few, like Susan, find it difficult to deal in a productive way with the slings and arrows of life. Please ask Susan if she will come with you for family counseling. It could help all of you have a more positive relationship. If she won't go, counseling can still help you come to terms with the situation and move on with your life.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Diabolical Deception

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ A J 5 4
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J 10 6

EAST
♠ Q J 8 2
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A K 9

SOUTH
♠ A 4
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 4 3

The bidding:
North 1♠ Pass
East 2♥ Pass
South 2♣ Pass
West 2♦ Pass
Opening lead — ten of spades.

There are times when declarer can lure an opponent into a mistake by taking advantage of the fact that the defenders cannot see through the backs of his cards. Today's deal from a pairs tournament provides a case in point.

At virtually all tables, South wound up as declarer in four hearts. When West led the jack of clubs or a diamond, the contract invariably went down one, with the defenders collecting three clubs and a diamond. At several tables, however, West

led a spade, giving declarer an opportunity for a bit of chicanery. At the table where the bidding went as shown, South knew where the missing high cards were located, thanks to East's takeout double on the second round.

Declarer won the spade lead with the ace and drew trumps in two rounds. He then crossed to the king of spades and led the deuce of clubs toward his hand!

This placed East squarely on the horns of a dilemma. If South had the singleton or doubleton jack of clubs, playing low would cost a trick — an important consideration at match-point scoring. After much soul-searching, East decided to go up with the king, and from that point on he was a dead duck.

In practice, East returned a diamond to declarer's queen, whereupon South played the ace and another diamond, putting East back on lead. East had to return a spade or a diamond — yielding a ruff-and-discard — or cash the ace of clubs. Whatever he chose to do, declarer could not lose more than two clubs and a diamond, and the contract was home.

Note that East would have done no better by returning a club or a spade after rising with the club king. Once he fell into South's trap, all roads led to 10 tricks for declarer.

Tomorrow: Famous 11-hand.
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News in brief

Galveston man OK after shark bite last month

GALVESTON (AP) — Officials say a 20-year-old Texas man survived a shark bite last month that left him with at least 50 stitches in his foot.

Galveston Island Beach Patrol Chief Peter Davis told the Houston Chronicle that the man was surfing June 28 when the shark bit his foot. The man told officials he believed he was bitten by a 5-foot bull shark.

Davis said the surfer kicked the shark and then paddled over the top of it to get back to the shore. He had to hop nearly a quarter mile to his car and then called a friend for a ride to the hospital.

Davis said it was the eighth reported shark bite in his nearly three decades with the beach patrol.

Education chief may end policy that boosts ratings

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Education Agency commissioner said he may eliminate a criticized policy that boosts school ratings by factoring in a projection of students' future performances on the state's standardized test, according to a letter released Friday.

Education chief Robert Scott said in a letter to school administrators that he may suspend the Texas Projection Measure before school ratings are released in 2011.

Critics have argued that the projection measure artificially inflates ratings by allowing schools to count as passing some students who fail the

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills if projection measures show they could pass in a future year.

Scott said the hard work of students and teachers "is being overshadowed by criticism of the use of the (projection measure) for state accountability purposes," The Dallas Morning News reported on its website Friday.

Two years ago, the number of school districts rated "exemplary" rose from 43 last year to 117. About 62 percent of the exemplary school districts were elevated as a result of the projection model and not because of the actual performance of their students.

Last year, the Texas Education Agency reported that 78 school districts and 355 campuses would have been rated academically unacceptable based on actual test results. Instead, they received acceptable ratings after using the projection measure.

Dallas jail guard arrested, faces deportation

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jail guard is facing deportation for allegedly being in the country illegally.

Officials say federal immigration officers arrested 34-year-old Maria Elvia Ross on Friday after a background check revealed her status.

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price says Ross has been working for the department since 2001 and was trying to become a sheriff's deputy. He says a background check revealed her status.

He says finding out was a "shock" and the department should have caught it when she was first hired.

Sheriff spokeswoman Kim Leach says the matter is under investigation.

The Associated Press could not find a phone listing for Ross, and no attorney information was available from authorities.

Escaped inmate's body found in N.M. landfill

EL PASO (AP) — The body of a man who authorities say may have escaped from federal detention by hiding in a trash bin has been found at a local landfill.

El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Tovar said the body of 30-year-old Carlos Roberto Medina Bailon was found at a landfill in Sunland Park, N.M., on Friday afternoon. The body was discovered in the landfill used by the jail's trash collector.

El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles said Medina, who has an arrest history for immigration violations and property crimes, went to work in the jail's basement kitchen about 12:45 a.m. Friday and vanished sometime after about 2:30 a.m.

Ex-Cowboy facing fraud trial taken into custody

DALLAS (AP) — Ex-Dallas Cowboys linebacker Eugene Lockhart will continue to remain free on supervised release while he waits for his mortgage fraud trial to begin.

Lockhart attorney Jay Ethington said Friday that the court tightened restrictions on Lockhart's travel. He must now clear all trips ahead of time with authorities rather than check in from the road.

Ethington says Lockhart continues to make appearances at football camps around Texas.

The 49-year-old has been free on bond since September. The indictment charges him with one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud and one count of wire fraud in what authorities say was a \$20 million mortgage scheme.

Lockhart played for the Cowboys from 1984 through 1990 and for New England in 1991-92.

Federal court upholds boy's religious rights

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Friday that a Texas school district cannot punish an American Indian kindergartner for wearing his hair in traditional braids to express his family's religious beliefs.

The ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upholds a Houston lower court ruling.

The 5-year-old boy's parents, Kenney Arocha and Michelle Betenbaugh, argued their son, identified in

court papers as A.A., has a constitutional right to wear a hairstyle that conforms to his Native American religious beliefs. Arocha hasn't cut his hair in 11 years, believing the long braids have religious meaning. His son's hair has never been cut.

The boy wears his 13-inch-long hair in two braids outside his shirt.

The Needville Independent School District argued its grooming policy requires a boy's hair to not cover his ears or touch the top of his shirt collar. The policy is designed to teach proper hygiene, promote discipline and avoid disruptions in school, according to Roger Hepworth, a lawyer for the district.

School officials initially refused to exempt the boy but later allowed him to wear a single braid tucked into his shirt. His parents challenged that proposal.

Last year, a federal judge barred the district from disciplining the boy.

Former county official gets federal prison time

McALLEN (AP) — A south Texas county's first elected female commissioner has been sentenced to prison on federal charges of harboring illegal immigrants and tax fraud.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa sentenced former Hidalgo County Commissioner Sylvia Handy to 2½ years in prison for a scheme in which she put illegal immigrants who did domestic work in her home on the county payroll, The McAllen Monitor reported in its online edition Friday.

Handy will also remain under court supervision for two years after her release, pay a \$7,500 fine and pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. Prosecutors alleged Handy defrauded the county of more than \$300,000.

Coast Guard: Most Texas tar balls not from spill

HOUSTON (AP) — New laboratory test results released Friday showed that most of the tar balls that washed up on Texas shores during the past week were not from the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the Coast Guard said.

Officials had initially said on Monday that the tar balls that were rolling up over the weekend on Galveston and other Texas Gulf shorelines were from the BP-operated Deepwater Horizon rig that blew up April 20, killing 11 people and causing an oil spill that has yet to be controlled. Now, the Coast Guard said only tar balls found Monday were from the rig.

The tar ball sightings in Texas, and the news that it had originated from the BP well, created a stir because it had been the only Gulf state untouched by the oil spill.

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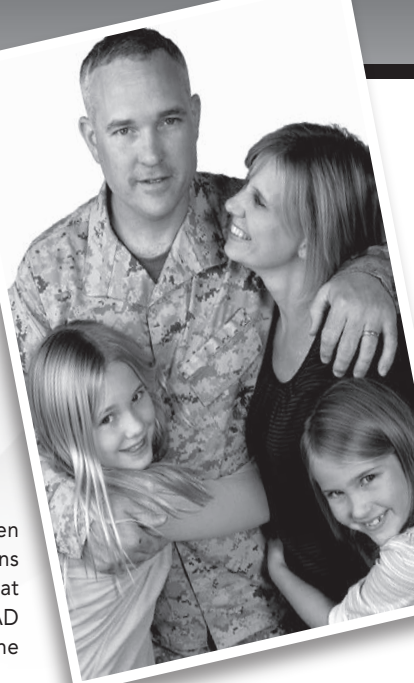
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LOS ANGELES — It's an alien warrior that can turn invisible, bleeds glowing green and mercilessly stalks its human prey using heat-seeking vision, only to turn its victims into trophies.

But are the predators of "Predators" the most frightening — or even the most memorable — movie creatures ever conceived?

With this weekend's opening of the sequel to the 1987 sci-fi action thriller "Predator," here's a look at some other beings, both deadly and do-gooders, who've stood out on

A master of the Force, Yoda was a hit in the Star Wars movies.

screen. And for the record, we're not talking about monsters like Dracula, the Mummy or even Godzilla. We're also not talking about Heidi Montag — she gets her own category.

— Yoda: List him first, I will. He's so formidable for such a little guy, how can you do anything but place him at the top of the heap? (Yoda himself said it best: "Size matters not.") Besides, even if you didn't, he'd levitate up there using his prodigious mastery of the Force. Nine hundred years old when he dies in "Return of the Jedi," he's one of the most powerful Jedi masters in the "Star Wars" universe. Plus, as voiced by puppeteer Frank Oz, he's just too darn cute.

— Gollum: Andy Serkis was so fantastically fiendish in his portrayal of the villainous "Lord of the Rings" hobbit, there was talk he should have received an Oscar nomination. A mix of human performance and digitized effects, Gollum often stole the show in the last two films of Peter Jackson's epic trilogy. Smeagol, the sweet side of this twisted, wiry creature, comes out from time to time. But it's the duplicitous, manipulative personality that takes over and craves his "precious," the ring.

— Queen from "Aliens": She lays eggs, scads of them, which will grow up to become charming little face-huggers and, eventually, chestbursters. She stands about 15 feet high, making her significantly taller than the regular warrior aliens, and she has two sets of arms. But the queen's also got a protective instinct, as any mom would have. Famously, this is what inspired her climactic showdown with Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in 1986's "Aliens," James Cameron's second film in the franchise. But the queen would also go on to do battle against this week's baddie in 2004's "Alien vs. Predator."

— Creature From the

Black Lagoon: He's kind of human and kind of amphibious, but mostly he just needs a hug like the rest of us. Standing upright with his gills and his giant webbed hands, the dude in the suit wasn't all that high-tech — this was 1954, after all — but the movie itself was in 3-D, which has unfortunately returned as the preferred format these days. The creature was such a physically demanding character, though, it took two actors to play him: one on land (Ben Chapman) and one in the water (Ricou Browning).

— E.T.: Just you try to watch "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" without crying. It's pretty much impossible. Sure, you've seen this 1982 Steven Spielberg classic a million times, so you know the little alien is going to be just fine, that he'll phone home and end up back with his family again.

But his face is so expressive with those enormous, inquisitive blue eyes, and watching him say good-bye to Elliott is so tough, he gets to you every time. Then that sweeping John Williams score kicks in and forget it — you're a puddle. Even though he's a creature, he connects deeply with our humanity.



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Evening Planetary Show

For the past several months, Saturn, Mars and Venus have been gracing our evening sky, although they have been widely spaced. But now, as they are closing in on one another, they're in the early stages of an evening sky show you won't want to miss.

Venus, the dazzling "evening star" in the west, is hard to miss, but Mars and Saturn can easily be confused with stars — so let's see how to figure out what's what.

First, we'll identify some other nearby ob-

jects that are part of the show. Two bright 1st magnitude stars in the area are Leo's Regulus and Virgo's Spica. Planet Mercury makes an appearance near the horizon, and the crescent Moon glides by over several nights. Making it easier to find and sort out all the objects is the fact that they are generally diagonally with Venus and Regulus at the lower right and Spica at the upper left with all the rest between them except Mercury.

Venus, of course, is the star of the show, becoming visible soon after sunset well before any of the other players. As the sky darkens, watch as for Regulus to become visible a little to Venus' lower right. Regulus is a bright star, yet much dimmer than Venus. Then each night thereafter Venus gradually moves toward the upper left, pulling further away from the star.

To find Mars, make a fist with your left hand and hold it at arm's

length. Mars is about one and a half fist-widths to Venus' upper left appearing slightly reddish and as bright as Regulus.

Now go one more fist-width to the upper left and you'll Saturn, looking like a creamy-colored star a bit brighter than Mars. Finally, another two and a half fist-widths to the upper left is Spica, a white star about the brightness of Saturn.

While those are the main characters, they're not the entire cast as the crescent Moon makes a cameo appearance. Early Tuesday (July 13) evening a thin crescent is near the western horizon a fist-width below Venus and Regulus. Then over the next several evenings, as its crescent thickens, it passes by the others.

Wednesday evening it is to Venus's lower left, making for a beautiful pairing. Then Thursday evening it forms a triangle with Mars (upper right) and Saturn

(above). Friday evening, it is a fist-width to the left of Saturn and Mars. And July 17, nearly at its 1st quarter phase, the Moon is half a fist-width below Spica.

The shy and elusive little Mercury is easy to miss. Orbiting near the Sun, it is never seen far from our star's glare. When in the morning sky, Mercury appears low in the east a little before sunrise, and when in the evening sky, as it is now, it is low in the west for a short while after the Sun goes below the horizon.

About 15 minutes after sunset, start looking for a surprisingly bright star-like object just above the west northwestern horizon two and a half fist-widths to Venus' lower left. It creeps slightly higher each evening over the next couple of weeks, edging closer to Regulus which it finally catches July 27.

As you watch Venus, Mars, and Saturn

over the next couple of weeks note that they are closing in on one another, preparing for some dramatic pairings which we'll talk about next time.

Sky Calendar

- July 11, Saturday: The new Moon produces a total eclipse of the Sun that won't be visible from the northern hemisphere.
- 18, Sunday: The Moon is at 1st quarter.
- 25, Sunday: The full Moon is called Hay Moon and Thunder Moon.
- 31, Saturday morning: The Moon is above Jupiter high in the south.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: (above). Morning: Bright Jupiter, rising after midnight, is in the southeast.

Astro Milestone. July 20, 1969, U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin were the first humans to land and walk on the moon. (Bet you remember where you were.)

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FDA: Diabetes pill carries heart risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health scientists have panned a GlaxoSmithKline study that the company used to defend the safety of its embattled diabetes drug Avandia, a once blockbuster-seller that has fallen out of favor because of potential ties

to heart attacks. The Food and Drug Administration posted an exhaustive 700-page review of Avandia on Friday ahead of a meeting next week to decide whether the drug should stay on the market. The FDA finds itself in a difficult position that's

all too familiar: reviewing a drug approved a decade ago that now appears tied to deadly side effects. Experts say the FDA's predicament is a result of shifting standards for the agency: increased scrutiny on safety and stepped-up pressure from Capitol

Hill. The FDA reviewed dozens of studies of Avandia, including one Glaxo has pointed to as proof of the drug's safety. But an FDA reviewer said the study was plagued by "serious flaws" and actually supports the case against Avandia.

The drug works by increasing the body's sensitivity to insulin, a key protein needed for digestion that diabetics don't adequately produce. People with diabetes are unable to properly break down carbohydrates, either because their bodies do not produce enough insulin or because of resistance to insulin.

They are at higher risk for heart attacks, kidney problems, blindness and other serious complications. Avandia was Glaxo's third best-selling drug in 2006 with U.S. revenue of \$2.2 billion, according to health care statistics firm IMS Health. But safety concerns swirling around the drug have pummeled sales over the last three years, with sales falling 75 percent to \$520 million last year.

In 2007 an analysis of dozens of studies first linked the drug to heart attacks. The FDA responded by adding a warning label to the drug later that year. Glaxo, based in London, has argued for years that Avandia's safety should be assessed only based on clinical trials, considered the gold standard of medical research.

But the FDA reviewer said Glaxo's chief trial "was inadequately designed and conducted to provide any reassurance" about the heart safety of Avandia.

The FDA holds a special two-day meeting starting Tuesday to help decide what course of action to take.

A panel of outside physicians will consider a range of recommendations including:

- Adding more warning labels.
- Limiting which doctors can prescribe the drug.
- Pulling the drug from the market.

The FDA is not required to follow the advice of its outside panels, though it usually does. The agency has been down this road before. In 2007 the FDA assembled the same group of experts to vote on the same drug. The group voted 22-1 in favor of keeping Avandia on the market.

New data on Avandia's risks and pressure from politicians have prompted the agency to re-examine the drug's safety.

Avandia, like many other drugs of the 1990s, was approved based on relatively small studies in several thousand patients. While those

studies were sufficient to show the drug helped control blood sugar levels — the key measure for diabetes drugs — they were not large enough to detect all of the drug's potential side effects.

"The problem is the drug wasn't studied in enough patients up front to know whether it causes serious cardiovascular events," said Dr. David Kessler, former FDA commissioner and now a professor at University of California at San Francisco. "And chasing that question after millions of prescriptions have been written leads to a lot of confusion."

Since 2009 the FDA has required longer, larger studies of diabetes drugs that include more high-risk patients.

Scientists have tried to get an accurate picture of Avandia's risks by pooling hundreds of thousands of data points from various sources. The most recent such analysis was published last month and suggested Avandia is more likely to cause strokes and heart-related death than a rival drug, Actos, made by Japan-based Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

The paper's chief author, Dr. David Graham, an FDA scientist who wants the pill banned, estimated as many as 100,000 heart-related problems may have been caused by Avandia.

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Emmys back Conan O'Brien over Jay Leno

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NEW YORK — The Emmys are standing with Team Coco, snubbing Jay Leno.

O'Brien's short-lived reign at NBC's "Tonight" show earned him an Emmy nod for best variety, music or comedy series. Leno, who returned to "Tonight" following the failure of his prime-time show, was not nominated on Thursday.

But if it makes Leno feel any better, David Letterman was snubbed in the same category — for the first time in 17 years.

NBC submitted both versions of "Tonight" for Emmys consideration, letting the TV academy decide what to include in the category. They went with O'Brien, who was nominated alongside "Saturday Night Live" and shows hosted by Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert and Bill Maher. O'Brien's final "Tonight" show was also nominated for best writing in a variety, music or comedy series.

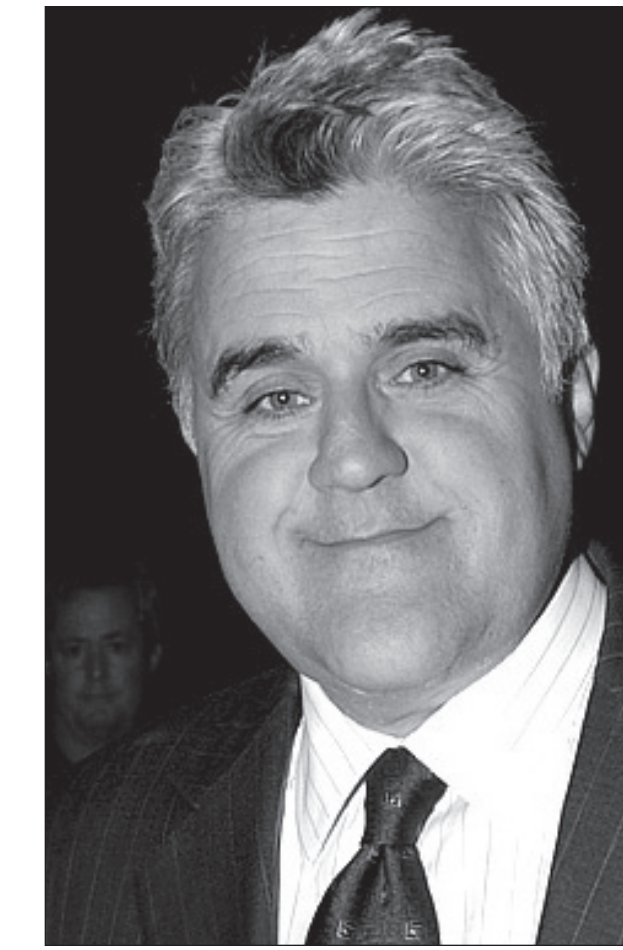
"Congrats to my staff on 4 Emmy nominations," O'Brien said in a message posted on Twitter. "This bodes well for the future of the 'Tonight' show with Conan O'Brien."

It may bode well for his future: O'Brien gets back to television with a TBS late-night show this fall, and he has some critical wind at his back.

"Everybody understands what happened," said Don Mischer, executive producer of the Emmy Awards telecast, scheduled to air on NBC next month. "And it was an opportunity

for Emmy voters to like give him some support, you know. And he deserved it."

NBC issued a statement congratulating O'Brien "and all of our nominees."



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Anyone who questions whether the TV academy is letting moral judgments influence creative ones would have ammunition for their arguments

in Letterman and Charlie Sheen.

Letterman's "Late Show" on CBS has been nominated every year since it began in 1993. Not this time, when his eligibility period coincided with a well-publicized extortion attempt and Letterman's admission that he had relationships with some of his

sixth member, and perhaps the best-known actor in the cast, Ed O'Neill, was not nominated.

Burrell, who plays O'Neill's son-in-law, said O'Neill "is the heart and soul of our show."

"But in an interesting way, I think this may actually bring some attention to the fact that he really is the core of our cast," Burrell said of the snub. "So I'm simultaneously starting a campaign for Ed O'Neill for either write-in or next year."



Fully half of the supporting actor nominees for a comedy are on "Modern Family." Stonestreet and Ferguson play the gay couple on the show. "We're a family," Stonestreet said. "Jesse was the first person I called. I just told him this is amazing because this is a validation that people have embraced and accepted and

members.

Charlie Sheen, star of television's most popular comedy, "Two and a Half Men," was not among the six nominees for best actor in a comedy after he had received nominations in the category for the previous four years. Sheen has been involved in his own messy, personal incident, an alleged domestic violence case against his wife on Christmas Day. The CBS show was not among the nominees for best comedy.

After being an Emmy darling last year for scoring the first best comedy nomination for an animated series in nearly 50 years, Fox's "Family Guy" this year was only nominated for music included in one episode.

One Emmy snub may make for delicate moments on the set of ABC's freshman comedy "Modern Family." Five members of the show's ensemble — Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Ty Burrell, Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson — earned supporting actor or actress nominations. The

believed the couples on our show."

NBC's critically acclaimed but audience-starved drama "Friday Night Lights" broke through this year, with Kyle Chandler and Connie Britton both getting nominations for best actor and actress. Both were considered surprises.

For all the attention paid to O'Brien, Leno and Letterman in late-night, HBO's Bill Maher has a chance to extend a dubious streak. He received four nominations Thursday for his talk show and an HBO special, giving him a career total of 26.

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Associated Press Television Writer Lynn Elber and Entertainment Writer Sandy Cohen in Los Angeles, and Entertainment Writer Jake Coyle in New York contributed to this report.



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