

Our day in Austin

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County residents will get one last chance to take advantage of a chartered bus going to the state capitol Feb. 9 for Howard County Day at

Final opportunity to register is Monday

the State Capitol, as the deadline to sign up has been moved to Monday at 5 p.m.

Area residents wanting to avoid the long drive to Austin have until

the end of the business day Monday to sign up for a special chartered bus making the trip, according to Teresa Darden, executive assistant with the Big Spring Economic Development

Corporation.

"We're asking everyone to register at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, regardless of how they are getting there or when they are

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Chili 101: have fun!

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The secret ingredients at Saturday morning's Eagles Lodge benefit chili cook-off weren't so much meat and spices as they were having fun and helping others.

More than 30 teams entered this year's cook-off, which raises funds for West Texas Center's Children-In-Need Fund, and while while they were all vying for awards, competition wasn't the main force driving their efforts. "We're here because this is a good cause and we want to help out," said Vince Solis, who teamed up with fellow KBYG radio personality Barney Dodd for the event. "We were going to be out here anyway, so we thought, 'What the heck, we might as well participate," and I kind of fancy myself a cook," Dodd added. The division of labor on their team was relatively clear-cut, depending on who vou asked.



Above, Ronald Coatney busies himself at his grill while participating in the ninth annual Eagles Lodge chili cook-off to benefit the West Texas Center's Children-In-Need Fund Saturday morning. At right, Vince Solis stirs a pot of his team's entry. **HERALD** photos/Steve Reagan



City looks to save some cash Bonds eligible to be refinanced at a lower rate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council this week acted on a measure that might help take a small bite out of the

city's bond debt, а move that could save taxpayers between \$5,000 and \$25,000 a year. T h e council met with

"How much the city can save depends solely on the interest rates, and no one really knows what they will

"I'm here for moral support," Solis said.

"Actually, he's the onion chopper," Dodd countered.

Though Solis and Dodd were relative newcomers to the cook-off, Eagle's Lodge member Ronald Coatney was competing for the fifth straight year, and while he is an enthusiastic participant, he's the first to admit enthusiasm doesn't necessarily equal success.

"I try something different every year," he said with a laugh. "And every year, it doesn't make a bit of difference.'

Then again, winning the cook-off

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Macha regarding general obligation bonds that were issued in 2002.

According to Macha, the bonds — which if left on their current course will be paid off in 2014 — are eligible to be refinanced at a lower interest rate that could save the city thousands of dollars during the next three years.

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McClellan named managing editor

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Long-time Big Spring Herald employee Bill Mc-Clellan has been named managing editor, Publisher Ron Midkiff announced Friday.

As managing editor, Mc-Clellan will oversee all aspects of newsroom operations at the Herald.

"We considered several



ity with this area, was the McClellan perfect fit for the job," Mid-

kiff said.

McClellan, a Stamford native, has more than

candidates than 30 years of journalism experience. A graduate of Sam Houston State University, he was sports editor and later managing editor at the Snyder Daily News for many years before joining the Herald staff as news editor in June 1998.

> "Iam very pleased to take on the position of managing editor at the Herald," said McClellan. "We have

a solid, experienced staff and will soon be adding another reporter to help better serve our readers. My door is always open to the public at the Herald."

Bill and his wife, Dixie, have three children.

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Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix and the Rev. Walter Mc-Call officiating. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

Clifford Maynard close to Binger, Okla. She was raised in Plains and attended schools there. She was active at Hillcrest Baptist Church and Midway Baptist Church, working with singles ministry groups. She has been a member of Midway Baptist Church for more than 20 years. She operated within her home "Nana's Nursery" from 1987 to 2001. The children and their parents greatly enriched her life. Today, she would say "Thank you and God Bless You."

She and her husband Drew, have seven children altogether. Survivors are her husband Drew of Big Spring; L.A. Wilson Jr. and wife Margaret of Sand Springs, Vellene Sawyers of Big Spring, David and wife Carole Hobdy of Jacksboro, Laura Gene and husband Charlie Dean of Roulette, Louandra and husband Jeff Jackson of Crosbyton, Jimmy and wife Trisha Hobdy of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two nieces, three great-nieces; three great-nephews; one beloved aunt; numerous precious cousins; and a host of beloved friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her only sister, Naomi Aldrich, and one step-son, Corwin Hobdy.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Metcalf, Andy Metcalf, Casey Kilpatrick, Austin Rinard, Caleb McAdams and Hunter Lowery.

As a memorial to her, reach out and share someone's heavy burden in Jesus' name.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 South Service Road, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Marcie E. Noble

Marcie E. Noble, 69, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



November 12, 1915 - Jan. 25, 2011 Lucille Knox, 95, died peacefully in Big Spring, surrounded by friends and loved ones on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011.

"Lucy" was born outside Lebanon, Tenn., moving to Biloxi, Topeka, and ultimately settling in West Texas with her husband. John B. Knox, who served in World War II. Together, Lucy and John built a home, a business

She was born Sept. 11, 1936, to Bonnie Ruth and and a family life that welcomed neighbors, church members, friends and men stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

Lucy engaged a vital civic life in Big Spring, and is often credited with bringing flowers to town, setting a table for any visitor, actively engaging the Big Spring Methodist Church, and supporting the arts such as the Big Spring Symphony. Anyone who knew Lucy knew that she took great joy in getting things to grow. Arranging flowers for the Methodist Church for more than 50 years, she often brought flowers from the service to the home of a friend or neighbor who was sick or infirm. Her own garden was a place of delight and exotic beauty, and even throughout the last years of her life she would often get up at dawn to water the garden.

Lucy was preceded in death by her husband, John Bunyan Knox, who died in 1993. She is survived by her daughter, Janet Sue (John Stull); granddaughters, Kynda Stull (Troy) and Rebecca Stull (Andrew); beloved sisters and brother; nieces and nephews; great-grandchildren: and an extraordinary circle of friends whose support allowed her to live in her home, near the garden, almost all of her life.

A memorial for Lucille Knox will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Ed Williamson and the Rev. Sharon Wiese, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Another memorial will be held in Lebanon, Tenn., on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011.

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

Paid obituary

Dorothy Newby

Dorothy Newby, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday and early Saturday morning:

• BRANDON CADE MINDLING, 19, 4210 Hamilton, was arrested on a warrant for terroristic threat (two counts).

• CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 24, 2109 Warren, was arrested on a charge of driving while license sus-

• ROBERTO VASQUEZ II, 19, 1425 E. Sixth No. 8 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

 TRAVIS BRANDON SLEMP, 37, 1801 E. Highway 350, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of Mar-

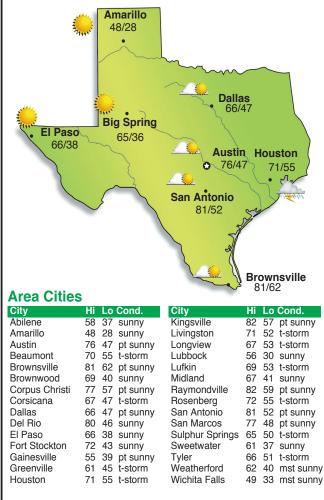
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The winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Cash 5" game were: 13-24-27-28-33.

The winning numbers from Friday's "Daily 4" ing, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles. evening drawing were: 4-3-1-2; Sum It Up: 10.

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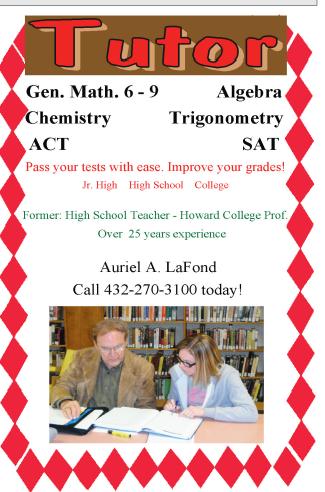
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m.,

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leaving," said Darden. "The deadline to pay for a bus ticket or to order a lunch is Monday. If you're not taking the bus but want to have a box lunch waiting for you, it's \$10.'

According to Darden, the chartered bus will leave the east parking lot at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 4:30 a.m.

"It's \$40 to take the bus, and that includes transportation to and from the capitol and lunch while we're there," Darden said. "Food and drinks on the bus will be the responsibility of those traveling, and on the way back we'll be stopping off at Coopers Barbecue, which will be Dutch treat. We expect to arrive back at Howard College at approximately 11 p.m."

Darden said residents planning to attend are being

asked to follow a dress code while in the capitol.

"We're asking everyone to wear a Big Spring shirt and khaki pants or skirt," Darden said. "If you don't have one of the new, black shirts, the deadline to order them in time for the event has already passed. However, you can just wear a black buttonup shirt with the khakis."

Designed to increase awareness of the Howard County area in the state legislature, the trip - which is made every other year — includes a number of activities area residents won't want to miss out on, according to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring EDC.

"They will read the resolution on the floor of the House and Senate proclaiming Feb. 9 Howard County Day in Austin," said Wegman. "We'll have lunch at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Austin, as well as have a Coke and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception, followed by a group photo on the Capitol steps.'

Darden said Howard County Day at the State Capitol is an excellent way to catch the attention of lawmakers in the Lone Star State and let them know Howard County residents are very interested in how state policy effects the Crossroads community.

"This is a great chance to see first-hand how the legislature works," she said. "They make the laws that effect our lives, day after day. It's very important that we let them know we're interested in how the laws they make impact our lives."

For more information on Howard County Day at the State Capitol, call Big Spring EDC at 264-6032 or the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641.

At right, Howard County residents gather under a canopy on the State Capitol lawn for Big Spring Day in Austin 2007.

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is not high on his list of priorities.

"We're all down here to have a lot of fun," Coatney said. "And we definitely have a lot of that."

Overseeing this notso-serious competition was Landon Sturdivant, Eagles Lodge member

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knows what they will do," Macha told the council members. "They reached an all-time low recently. However, based just on a .01 percent change, that can change the amount saved from the \$25,000 we're looking at now to something much lower."

Macha explained to the council the move which, for reasons of simplicity Mayor Tommy Duncan referred to go-ahead for the refias refinancing — would not effect the pay-off date, a fact many of the

and chief operating officer for West Texas Centers.

"The cooks are just great," Sturdivant said. "We charge them \$10 entry fee and give them an empty cup and a chance to win a plaque and they keep coming out year after year. They're really the ones who make this go."

This is the ninth year local Eagles have held the cook-off to raise

council members were very pleased with.

"To put this in layman's terms, let's say I have a car note that will be paid off in 2014 and the payment is \$350 a month," Duncan said. "By going with the option you're giving us tonight, I would still be able to pay off the note in the same amount of time, but my payments would only be \$320, or something in that ball park."

With only the first reading approved, the ordinance giving the nancing will have to pass final reading during the council's Feb. 7

money for the Children-In-Need Fund, which provides aid to children of families receiving assistance from WTC.

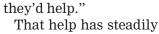
In the past, the fund has been used to purchase various items for the children, including school supplies, shoes and clothing, uniforms and camp fees.

"The state doesn't really help out with those kind of expenses," Sturdivant said. "So the Ea-

meeting. Macha warned the council the amount saved could decrease during that time.

"No one really knows what's going to happen with interest rates between now and then, so it's impossible to project an accurate amount the city will save. All of the costs associated with selling the bonds have been figured in," Macha said.

while saving And money was something everyone on the coun-



gles stepped up and said

increased over the years. The first cook-off raised \$3,000 for the fund, while the 2010 event raked in more than \$10,000, he noted. The Eagles Lodge matches whatever is raised through donations during the cookoff.

"The community has been really great in coming out and supporting

cil agreed on, Duncan asked the members to put a minimum price on the change — which must take place within a six-month time limit — with the city only opting to refinance if the savings were at least \$5,000.

"If we can save just \$5,000 in that threeyear period, I would be happy," Duncan told the council. The measure passed by a unanimous vote.

this," Sturdivant said. "When you think about the \$5 it costs for a meal and a drink, that's really just a token. We've had people come in and donate \$100 or so. That's where most of the money comes from."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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The law school game

ne of the most widely circulated articles in The New York Times of late asks: "Is Law School a Losing Game?" For days, it was the most e-mailed story in the paper, and it is still among the Top 10.

The gist is simple enough: It costs well over

\$40,000 a year just to attend classes at virtually any private law school. Even publicly supported law schools have raised their tuitions dramatically in recent years, on the theory that taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize the education of students who start earning \$160,000 a year as soon as they graduate.

But there's the rub. Not everyone gets one of those jobs. In recent years, an increasing number of law students have not gotten jobs like those, because most large firms (who are the ones paying \$160,000 to start) have cut

back significantly on new hiring. The idea that you can just walk out of law school and into a six-figure job is, for many students at most schools, a painful fantasy.

There's an enormous amount of Wall Street-style accounting that goes into the reports on employment that law schools submit to the increasingly powerful organizations that rank them. So when you look at the numbers, you might think that almost everyone who goes to a half-decent law school is finding a • KAY BAILEY great job after graduation. Spend any time with law HUTCHISON students, and you come to understand that a lot of U.S. Senator those jobs are not of the \$160,000 variety, even if the schools are claiming that as the average income of their employed graduates. My first job out of law school paid \$13,909. Granted, it was a long time ago. But even then, it was substantially less than what my classmates were making in private practice and barely enough to cover my rent, food, gas and, of course, those student loans. But so what? I didn't go to law school to make money. If that were my goal, I would've gone to business school, got a job in investment banking and yearned for one of those eight-figure Goldman partnerships.

n President Barack Obama's State of the Union address, America witnessed a shift in the president's message and tone, and that is a welcome change. But what the president

does is much more important than what the president says.

The key will be whether there is follow-through resulting in meaningful changes to the damaging actions of the past two years.

Since the president took office, the size and scope

of the government has grown and spending has skyrocketed to unsustainable levels. Republicans in Congress are committed to bringing down the debt, reining in spending, and stopping the overregulation of business that is stifling job creation in the private sector.

Recognizing that there are major challenges facing our nation, I hope we can work together with our colleagues to reach real solutions.

If we can agree on anything, it's that we must bring down spending and reduce the deficit. Just one day after the State of the Union, the Congressional Budget Office announced that the government's deficit will hit \$1.5 trillion in 2011. Those same budget experts expect a 1.1 trillion deficit in 2012. That means President Obama would rack up \$2.6 trillion in new debt over the next two years.

In the president's speech, he called for a five-year freeze on non-security discretionary spending. That is not a sufficient response. It is like an over-

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BAILEY **HUTCHISON** weight person deciding he/she won't eat more than they already do, rather than trying to trim their calories, in an effort to lose weight. It won't work! Maintaining the status quo on spending won't work either. We must reduce spending, not freeze it at unsustainably high levels.

Doing means more than saying

Republicans are working to bring down federal spending to 2008 levels, which is a modest but meaningful start to cutting the fat out of our national budget.

We must also be wary of new spending masquerading as "investment." If we look back at President Obama's State of the Union address in 2009, he presented the \$800 billion 'Stimulus' bill, which I did not support, as an "investment." But his choice of spending priorities did not spur job creation in the private sector. Instead, the failed Stimulus merely protected government jobs, and unemployment continues to hover above 9 percent nationally.

I do believe increased investment in scientific research can trigger innovation, competition, and economic growth. Research related to space exploration has created medical products and satellite technology that have created thousands of jobs and improved quality of life. Scientific research that results in new life-saving medicine and treatments can sustain life with diseases that used to kill people.

America's key contributions to the global economy come in the form of innovation, and that is where we should focus our investments.

Another issue that the president briefly addressed was the health reform law. Although he expressed he could be open to fixing some small aspects of

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the bill, the problems with the health care law are foundational - not cosmetic. And the consequences for American families and businesses are too great for us to settle for a patch-job when a do-over is needed.

I have met with small business owners from across the state of Texas, and they cite the same barriers keeping them from hiring: rising costs to insure their employees and fines if they do not meet the Federal government's new requirements levied by the healthcare bill.

If we are going to really change the direction of our country, we have got to start by eliminating that health care reform bill; then repealing it, and replacing it.

There is no question the Amer ican health care system needs to be fixed, but we have to get the right reform.

I am a cosponsor of a bill to completely repeal the Obama health care law. I will also reintroduce a bill that repeals the harmful provisions in the law that restrict the use of Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts.

With the start of the 112th Congress, our nation is confronted with some of the most pressing challenges I have witnessed dur ing my time in public office. But America is up to the challenge, and I am confident that Congress will rise to the occasion.

I am eager to work alongside my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as with the president, to generate ideas and produce solutions that will put Americans back to work and set the government back on a fiscally responsible course.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

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I went to law school because I believed in the power of law to change people's lives for the better. And I have never been happier, professionally speaking, than when I was making almost no money but believed that what I was doing mattered.

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Law school almost certainly is a losing game if what you care most about is money. In my book, that's probably a good thing. Many of my former students started out in those high-paying jobs and now feel trapped and frustrated. Many who didn't have that option have, through necessity, found careers they enjoy much more.

At a certain point in life, the escalators just stop running. When they do, you have to fend for yourself — decide what you care about, what matters to you, what tradeoffs you are and are not willing to make. That's what being an adult is about. There are no guarantees. We all learn that sooner or later. And learning it in law school does not strike me as a losing game at all.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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Fitness Center looks great

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to Howard College for completing the excellent and beautifully remodeled Harold Davis Fitness Center.

My compliments to Dr. Sparks, Terry Hansen, Stan Feaster, Brandi Tant and all the HC employees who worked so hard to upgrade the facility. Thanks to the board that appropriated the funds for the new equipment and air conditioning system. It is certainly another jewel added to our fine college.

I have been using the fitness center for about 10 years and am proud to recommend it to all my friends. I encourage the citizens of Howard County to go by and get a tour and you will be amazed how nice, clean, affordable and user-friendly it is.

If you still have that New Year's resolution to lose weight and feel better, you need to check out this great place to work out.

> Vaughn Martin BIG SPRING

What happened to Christian attitude?

TO THE EDITOR:

Being a small West Texas town,

most of us pride ourselves on being a good Christian community (there are roughly 14 churches in Big Spring — wikipedia.com). However, today my mother and I ran out of gas in our truck way down on Richie Road (south of town about five miles in the Tubbs addition). I am currently wearing a sling on my arm, as i was in a car accident four days ago. My mom was carrying my 4-month-old puppy Lola and a gas can. As we began our walk, trying to make it to Buffalo Country Fina about seven cars passed us on the road (before we even got onto Highway 87). Not one car stopped to offer help or even slow down to not hit us as we walked along the road.

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Even once we got onto the highway no one stopped to offer assistance. Some people (cars I have seen in town on many occasions) even had the gall to wave at us as they passed. Finally, after about two miles of walking, one man driving an 18-wheeler stopped and gave us a lift to the convenience store, and once we were there one more woman gave us a ride back. I believe her last name was Rose.

I just cannot believe that in a community where everyone is supposedly so Christian and helpful, many of them just drove by apparently too busy to help two women on the side of the road. Also, whenever we were walking down Richie, two cars passed us and just drove by. On the way back we realized it was a team of people searching for missing teen Hailey Dunn. How can someone ask for so much help from the community to find this poor little girl, then see two stranded women (one visibly hurt) on the side of the road and not so much as stop and ask if we are OK? This used to be a town where everyone was neighborly and helped each other but apparently things have changed.

> CHELSEA BARRICK BIG SPRING

ACLU should keep nose out of Bible class

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the letter by Walter L. Shipman, I was very upset.

When I was in high school I took the Bible Class under Mrs. Johanson. It was an elective course and still is. That means if you don't want to be in the class, you don't have to be!

Just who got the ACLU to stick their nose in where it has no business being in the first place?

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They're just a troublemaking organization in my opinion.

The Herald needs to find out who is behind this crap.

If they can't teach the Bible anymore, just what are they supposed to use, the Koran? If so, I'm for shuting the class down altogether.

A lot of people think that we were being preached to, but that was not the case at all. We studied the dimensions of the ark, its measurements, the material it was made of, Solomon's Temple, Mt. Arait, the people, food, clothing, etc.

I wouldn't be a bit surprised if this mess wasn't started by the same guy that gave the Salvation Army lady grief at Christmas time,

or somebody of his ilk. Thank you, LILLIE HENDRICKS

BIG SPRING

Repeating the oldest lies

TO THE EDITOR:

Those few of us who remember World War II know that Nazi Minister of Propoganda Joseph Goebbels stated, "If you tell a big lie and keep repeating it, people will eventually believe it." He also said, "Think of the press as a great keyboard on which the government can play."

Regardless of the reason, many newspapers repeat one of the oldest lies — corporations are bad and CEOs of those corporations are paid way too much. This theme was repeated in a political cartoon and a column by Jim Hightower in the Jan. 2, 2011, Herald.

Why are profession-

al athletes, especially those who play football and basketball, not mentioned for their high salaries? What about highpaid union leaders?

A corporation's money comes mainly from individuals who buy shares in the company. The highly paid football or basketball player receives his or her salary from the franchise owner who, by the way, is usually rich. Like the "evil" corporation, most of the money goes to the franchise owner, with a large portion being passed on to the player, as long as he or she produces.

Now, let's look at the unions, where most of the money comes from members who in many states cannot get work unless they belong to a union. The union has to get raises for its members or its membership diminishes. So, at some point, the "evil" corporation cannot make a profit because of increasing labor costs. So what do they do? They have to manufacture their product overseas, where the cost of labor is not as high.

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With that said, let's look at the biggest corporation of all - the United States government, where most of the money is obtained by forcing, under penalty of law, citizens to pay taxes for the government CEOs, both elected and appointed.

corporation receives \$400,000 per year, plus incidentals. He also has a house for which he pays nothing, as well as eventually become millionaires.

They also voted not to



Art contest winners heading to Capitol

On Thursday, April 27, 2011, the Texas Water The top CEO of this Foundation will host Water Conservation Day at the Capitol. The event is held during the legislative session so that members of the state legislature are exposed to the water conservation programs in our state.

This year, the Permian Basin UWCD hosted an other perks. And many art contest in Grady, Forsan, Stanton and Sands Congress members will for high school juniors and seniors. Representing the Permian Basin UWCD are Joseph Garland and Tony Bradley, both from Sands High School.

The winners will travel to Austin in April, with pay Cost of Living Ad- six other students from surrounding water conserjustments to the people. vation districts. Their artwork will be displayed in CAD WINGERT the halls of the State Capitol during Water Conser-BIG SPRING vation Day.









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After Mubarak's refusal to step down. protesters return to streets

CAIRÓ (AP) — Hundreds of anti-government protesters returned Saturday to the battered streets of central Cairo, shouting for Hosni Mubarak to step down and attacking police even as the Cabinet resigned on the orders of the Egyptian president.

The sight of protesters pouring into Cairo's downtown Tahrir Square and clashing with police for a fifth day indicated Mubarak's pledges of reform and the dismissal of the government had done little to cool the anger over Egypt's crushing poverty, unemployment and corruption. In a nationally televised speech after midnight, Mubarak refused to meet the protesters' ultimate demand — for him to step down.

Over five days of protests — the largest Egypt has experienced in decades — crowds have overwhelmed police forces in Cairo and other cities around the nation with their numbers and in attacks with rocks and firebombs.

Overnight, the government called in military forces and by morning the army had replaced police in guarding government buildings and other key areas around the capital.

Several tanks were parked in the vast Tahrir Square, but soldiers did not intervene in Saturday's protest there. Protesters hurling stones attacked riot police trying to enter the square, and officers responded with a barrage of tear gas and rubber bullets.

Obama tries to win Arab hearts and minds but can't break completely with Mubarak

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama tried the impossible: winning the hearts and minds of Egyptians furious with their autocratic ruler while assuring a vital ally that the United States has his back.

The four-minute speech Friday evening represented a careful balancing act for Obama. He had a lot to lose by choosing between protesters demanding that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak step down from a government violently clinging to its three-decade grip on the country.

"The United States will continue to stand up for the rights of the Egyptian people and work with their government in pursuit of a future that is more just, more free and more hopeful," the president said.

Yet he offered no ultimatum or specific demand, saying instead that Mubarak had a "responsibility to give meaning" to his pledges of better democracy and more economic opportunity.

The U.S. response is challenged by a massive mismatch in the perception and reality of its power. Despite spending billions in Egypt to establish a bulwark of American influence in the Middle East, the U.S. has little capacity to determine whether the 82-year-old Mubarak weathers the protests or is toppled, analysts and past administration officials say.

Suicide bomber kills deputy governor of Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber riding a motorcycle packed with explosives rammed into a car carrying the deputy governor of Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province on Saturday, killing him and wounding three of his bodyguards, the Interior Ministry said.

The attacker struck as the official, Abdul Latif Ashna, was being driven to work in the provincial capital, said a ministry spokesman, Zemeri Bashary.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. In a text message to reporters, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef said the suicide bomber killed the deputy governor as well as three of his body guards and his driver.

The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Karl Eikenberry, condemned the killing and offered his condolences to the official's family.

Kandahar, located in the Taliban's traditional southern stronghold, has been the scene of several attacks recently. Two weeks ago a bicycle bomb targeting police vehicles near the city center wounded at least 10 people — six civilians and four police. Last month, a suicide car bombing in the city center killed three people and wounded 26 others, most of them police.

Obama tries can-do slogan for Part 2 of term, but details TBD for how he'll 'win the future'

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a new slogan in town, and it's a winner.

At least that's what President Barack Obama has in mind.

The president unveiled his "Winning the Future" mantra in his State of the Union address, and now the upbeat but amorphous phrase is part of every speech, policy and pronouncement coming out of the administration. It's also emerged as a fat target for his Republican critics.

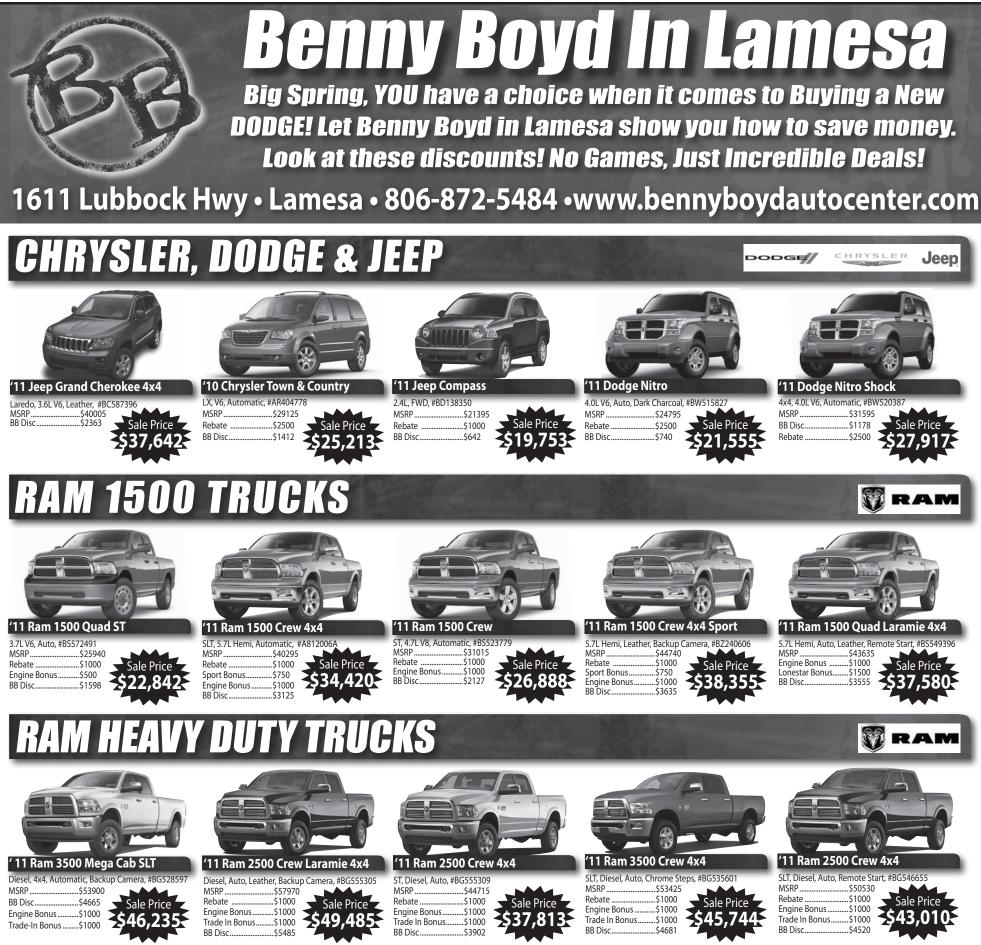
What's next on health care? Where to go on energy and education policy? How to improve the jobs picture? It's all about winning the future through innovation and determination, Obama and his aides have argued over the past few days.

There's no room for losers is the implicit flip side of the message.

It's a juiced-up way for Obama to frame his initiatives after two years in which even some of the president's supporters acknowledge that can-do verve sometimes was lacking.







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Obama, in weekly address, pitches innovation as crucial to long-term competitiveness

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is promoting business innovation as a building block to more jobs, part of a retooled economic message that aims to highlight advances in the private sector over expensive government programs.

With a Wisconsin energy company as a backdrop, Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to prod the business community to help speed up an economic recovery that is still beset by high unemployment.

"That's how America will win the future - by out-innovating, out-educating and outbuilding our competitors," he said.

Obama taped the message Wednesday at Orion Energy Systems, a Manitowoc, Wis., company specializing in solar power and energy-efficient technologies.

The innovation pitch is part of a broader White House effort to move away from the high-dollar spending the administration relied on to pull the economy out of recession to a leaner, business-friendly strategy focused on making the U.S. more competitive in the global marketplace.

Trade ministers try for new impetus toward Doha this year, after boost from Merkel and Cameron

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Thailand's prime minister on Saturday urged more than two dozen senior officials from key economies to try to send a political signal that new global trade can be completed this year.

Speaking Saturday at the World Economic Forum, Abhisit Vejjajiva said a failure to reach agreement on a global trade deal and climate change would indicated a leadership vacuum on the global stage.

"Despite what global leaders say, they are still very much dictated by domestic politics," he said.

Renewed talk of a deal has won backing from leaders and executives at the World Economic Forum this week.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron cited it as a key test for the international community's ability to cooperate in reviving the world economy.

The trade ministers from the United States, China and other major economies met Saturday in Davos, where China's growth and worries about Europe's debts have been a focus of attention among the 2,500 business and political leaders.

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Woman charged with killing her 2 teens for being 'mouthy'

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — When police responded to a call from a concerned relative and found Julie Schenecker on the back porch of her Tampa home, they said she was covered in blood and made a gut-wrenching admission: She had killed her teenage son and daughter because they were "mouthy."

Police said the military officer's wife, described by her mother as depressed, shot and killed her son on the way to soccer practice, then drove to their upscale home and shot her daughter in the head while the girl studied at her computer.

"I think we will never



understand how or why a mother could take the lives of her children," police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said. "That was the only reason she provided to our detectives."

Schenecker, 50, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Wearing a white jumpsuit, she was led into a county jail on Friday, shaking and being supported by a sheriff's deputy.

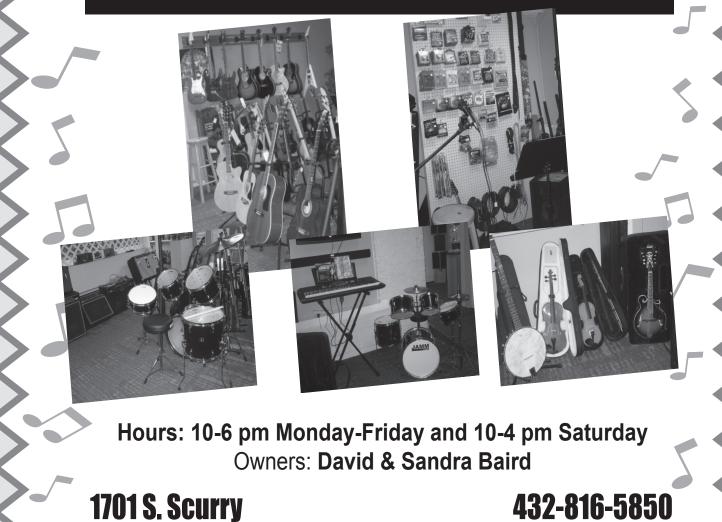
No bodies in kidnapping suspect's car pulled from canal

PATTERSON, Calif. (AP) — Divers are targeting another area of a California canal in their hunt for a missing 4-year-old boy and his alleged kidnapper, after the man's car was lifted from the murky waters with no sign of the pair.

The damaged Toyota Corolla was recovered from the Delta-Mendota canal around sundown Friday, Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson said.

The car belongs to 27-year-old Jose Rodriguez, who is suspected of kidnapping Juliani Cardenas, his ex-girlfriend's son, from the arms of the boy's grandmother on Jan. 18.

Divers were set Saturday to look near a canal siphon in a search that Christianson has said was a recovery, not a rescue. **THE WISH LIST** - has sweet sounding deals for all your musical needs from instruments, to guitars, bass guitars, keyboards, fiddles, banjos, mandolins, violins and special items can be ordered by request.



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Small plane crashes in

backyard near Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston area authorities say a small plane has crashed in a backyard in the northwest corner of Harris County.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says some minor injuries have been reported. It did not have information on how many people were onboard the plane.

The sheriff's office told the *Houston Chronicle* the plane crashed after missing a runway at Weiser Airpark near Huffmeister and Telge and nearly went into a bayou. The aircraft caught on fire, but firefighters extinguished it.

The crashed happened about 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Dozens hold peaceful protest

HOUSTON (AP) — Dozens of people held a peaceful protest outside the Egyptian consulate in Houston Friday chanting, "Free, free Egypt now."

The demonstrators came as protesters in Egypt engulfed the country in chaos and President Hosni Mubarak fired his cabinet. Pouring onto the streets after Friday noon prayers, protesters ignored extreme government measures that included cutting off the Internet and mobile-phone services in Cairo and other areas, calling the army into the streets and imposing a nationwide nighttime curfew.

In Houston on Friday afternoon, on the sidewalk outside the consulate, many waved Egyptian flags or held up signs that read "No Justice No Peace," "Constitutional Reform" and "Democracy."

Leaders appointed to Texas Senate committees

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no surprises Friday when Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced his picks to head Senate committees this legislative session, with the panels largely remaining in Republican hands.

Dewhurst named 12 Republicans six Democrats as committee chairs, and the composition of the 18 committees remained virtually unchanged from Dewhurst's summer 2010 appointments.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, was re-named chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, while Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was again tapped to lead the influential State Affairs Committee.

Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat and the longest-serving member of the Senate, was reappointed chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. Dewhurst shuffled around a few members but otherwise made minimal changes.

Newly elected Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, was named vice-chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, replacing Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston.

Another newcomer, Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, was appointed vice-chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, where longtime Sen. Judith Zaffirini holds the position of chairwoman.

"Texas is fortunate to have 31 hardworking and talented state senators, and the makeup of our Senate committees reflects their considerable leadership skills and depth of experience," Dewhurst said. "From balancing the budget to redistricting, we have a lot to accomplish this session in a relatively short period of time, but I'm confident that our Senators and our Senate Committees are up to the challenge."

2 dead in El Paso house fire

EL PASO (AP) — A 55-year-old woman and her 9-year-old grandson died after an overnight fire in El Paso, and two other grandchildren were critically injured.

Inspector John Concha said the fire also severely burned the woman's 50-year-old husband.

The *El Paso Times* reported that fire crews were called to a home just before 1:30 a.m. Friday and found the house engulfed in flames.

The woman, who suffered smoke inhalation, died while being flown to a Lubbock burn center. The 9-year-old died at the center.

A 14-year-old and 10-year-old were both in critical condition at University Medical Center of El Paso on Friday evening.

The man suffered second-degree burns to his hands and feet.

Man accused in trafficking case

EL PASO (AP) — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and federal prosecutors have announced that a man accused of leading a Mexicobased drug trafficking organization aligned with the Sinaloa Cartel has been extradited by Mexico to the United States to stand trial.

Carlos Mario Gomez-Muro is facing cocaine trafficking charges. He is the subject of a DEA-FBI investigation which claims that the trafficking organization was responsible for importing cocaine to U.S. cities. The government alleges that couriers received bulk cash proceeds from the drug sales, which were smuggled across the border to Gomez and others in Mexico.

The United States sought the extradition of Gomez following his detention in Juarez by Mexican au-

thorities last June.

Texas man gets probation in Mexican oil scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Texas oil company official was sentenced to probation Friday for his role in the sale of petroleum products stolen from Mexico.

Tim Brink, the former president of Continental Fuels in San Antonio, was the last of five executives and oil brokers at Texas-based companies to be sentenced in the case, which resulted from a binational probe into smuggled oil that was stolen from Mexico's state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, transported across the border and sold to U.S. refineries.

Brink had previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to receive stolen goods which carried up to five years in prison. Instead, he received three years of probation, along with six months home confinement, said Angela Dodge, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein also fined Brink \$10,000 and ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service.

Brink's attorney did not immediately return a telephone call or e-mail seeking comment.

The Mexican government has said drug cartel members and other criminals are responsible for many oil thefts. They tap remote pipelines, and sometimes build pipelines of their own, siphoning off hundreds of millions of dollars worth of oil each year.

Teen driver arrested in fatal West Texas crash

ODESSA (AP) — Authorities have arrested an 18-year-old West Texas man accused of leading law officers on a chase that resulted in a fatal car crash.

The Odessa American reports that Saul Benivides Acosta Jr. was arrested by Ector County Sheriff's deputies earlier this week on charges of theft and evading arrest with a motor vehicle causing death. He was released from the Ector County Detention Center Friday after posting \$26,000 bond.

Authorities say Benivides Acosta was evading law officers Jan. 1 when Deputy David Escudero joined the chase and his unmarked patrol car was struck by another car.

Anthony DeWayne Neel died at the scene, and passenger Brenda Sue Madrid died Jan. 13 at a Lubbock hospital.

The deputy suffered a broken leg.

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Texas

State marks secession anniversary

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press HUNTSVILLE — Sam Houston tried to tell Texans secession and joining the Confederacy wouldn't work.

He warned of "rivers of blood," a generation left dead or crippled by war and ultimate defeat of the South at the hands of the industrial superior North.

"After enduring civil war for years, will there be any promise of a better state of things than we now enjoy?" Houston wrote in a November 1860 letter preserved among documents at his namesake museum in Huntsville.

A secession convention that assembled in Austin 150 years ago this weekend rejected the Texas governor's advice.

"I think everybody pretty much knew what was coming," Mac Woodward, curator of collections at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, says.

Stoked by unfounded fears and erroneous reports of slave rebellions that became known as the Texas Troubles, Texans in February 1861 approved secession by a 3-1 margin, sending the state barreling toward the Civil War on the losing side and costing Texas hero Houston his job. The only Unionist governor in the South would be removed when he refused to swear allegiance to the Confederacy.

Texas became the seventh state to secede and the last to join the Confederate States of America before the war officially started that April.

The Texas defection came despite the blocking efforts of Houston, easily the state's most prominent national figure at the time. He was a hero as leader of the Texas forces that won independence from Mexico in 1836, a two-time president of the Republic of Texas, a state legislator, congressman and senator. Before arriving in Texas, he'd also been governor of Tennessee.

"Here you have a governor, Sam Houston, who continues to say the Union must be preserved, that Texas is better off in the Union," said T. Michael Parrish, a Baylor University history professor whose specialties include Texas and Southern history and the Civil War.

"He had always said that from time of the Texas Revolution and founding of the Republic, he said ultimately the goal was to be annexed as a state. He had to take a courageous stand."

Houston suggested U.S. troops should consider driving the French out of Mexico and not fight each other, hoping to deflect sentiment for an American civil war. "The summer and fall of 1860 he stumped the state and uttered phrases: 'Rivers of blood will flow, the South can't win, if we do secede we should become our own nation," Parrish said.

Houston also spoke out against Jefferson Davis, the provisional president of the Confederacy and a man he knew from their days together in the U.S. Senate.

"They did not like one another, they did not trust one another," Parrish said. "Sam Houston predicted Jefferson Davis would lead the Confederacy to disaster."

Houston refused to call the Legislature into special session to consider secession, but backers of the idea circumvented him, picked delegates for a secession convention and assembled Jan. 28 in the House chamber of the Texas Capitol. According to accounts from the Texas State Library, Gov. Houston, working below them in his first-floor office, described them as "the mob upstairs."

On Feb. 1, delegates voted 166-8 to secede.

"That's not the people," Woodward said of Houston's stance that a public vote was needed. "He goes back to that Jacksonian populist belief: The people need to speak.

"My sense is he was trying to hopefully delay the secession by staging this number of roadblocks, or goals he thought needed to be done."

When a Committee of Safety was authorized by the convention to seize all federal property in the state, Houston summoned Texas Rangers loyal to him to intercept a secessionist posse headed to a federal arsenal in San Antonio.

But the commander of U.S. forces in Texas, Gen. David Twiggs, on Feb. 16 surrendered all military property in the state, and a week later the public vote approved the secession convention actions.

"Ultimately, the Legislature said: 'Well, we'll just fix you,'" Woodward said. "We're going to have all the state officials pledge their allegiance to the Confederacy.' That was what he would not do, the one thing he would not do."

On March 15, the governor's office was declared vacant and Lt. Gov. Edward Clark was sworn in as governor of the Confederate state of Texas.

"The momentum got beyond him," Woodward said.

Ironically, Houston eventually supported Texas' move to the Confederacy.

"When the people voted, he had to live with that," Woodward said. "That was his belief."

Texas, then at the western

edge of the nation, avoided much of the devastating battle carnage endured elsewhere in the South. Galveston was blockaded, Corpus Christi was hit by naval cannon, Sabine Pass was the scene of two confrontations, and the last battle of the war occurred in May 1865 at Palmito Ranch near Brownsville, more than a month after Robert E. Lee's surrender.

Records are spotty, but somewhere between 70,000 and 90,000 Texans, more than 10 percent of the state's population, served in the Confederate army.

Among them was Houston's son, Sam Jr., who was wounded badly at Shiloh and wound up in a prisoner of war camp in Illinois. The Houston museum has a bible he carried, featuring a bullet hole that travels halfway through the book.

Documents suggest Houston visited Union POWs held at the state prison in Huntsville, where he eventually returned after his ouster from the governor's office and where he died at age 70 in July 1863.

"The thing you always wonder is how much he suffered, how difficult it was for him personally as the Civil War progressed," Woodward said. "His whole life was built on Texas being part of the union and preserving the union."





10A FEATURE Big Spring Herald Sunday, January 30, 2011 Exchange student embraces challenges

By ZAIN SHAUK

Houston Chronicle HOUSTON — Aun Yousef's foreign exchange experience started off with confusion in an airport parking lot. His new host father had come to a halt outside of his car, digesting the situation: a compact SUV and a 16-year-old in a wheelchair.

"Now what?" Tariq Effendi, Aun's host father, thought.

"In his wheelchair he looked fine, but I said, 'Now I have to put him in my car. How am I going to do that?""

Aun is no stranger to confusion. It started when, at 7, he began losing control of his legs, falling while walking through his primary school in Pakistan.

As he reached 11 and lost most of his strength, his father would put him on the front of his motorcycle, placing his arms on either side of his son, then grabbing the handle bars and zipping through Karachi's rumbling, chaotic streets before placing Aun on a wheelchair at his public school.

Despite the multiple sclerosis that has left Aun dependent on others for nearly every physical task — he has limited strength in his arms and virtually no command of the rest of his body — the 16-year-old applied and underwent a yearlong selection process for a U.S. State Department-funded foreign exchange program.

Now, he is in Houston, living a dream as a student at Westside High School. It's a place where kids in the halls don't stare at him, let alone give him a second look, for being in a wheelchair.

Aun is among the few students with disabilities whose exchange is being funded by the State Department, which began an effort this year to diversify its selections to include such students. Foreign exchange, however, has been a complicated choreography for Aun.

Teachers, administrators and students coordinated a schedule to help him move between classes, reach for pens and notebooks from his backpack, or get food from the cafeteria.

At home, he needs supervision, in case he falls into a slumping position or perhaps out of his chair.

Even bathing has to be appropriately timed to avoid cold days that could affect Aun's weak lungs and leave him susceptible to pneumonia.

For Aun, all of the planning and assistance is a non-issue. As a student pushed him recently through the diverse and crowded halls at Westside, Aun seemed to relish getting lost amid the din of teenage hallway chatter.

"People don't look at me like I am different," Aun said. "They just look at me like I'm a normal person."

His exchange has landed him in a distinctly American school, where teenagers kiss against lockers ("That's definitely weird, coming from a Muslim society," he said with a smile), and athletes with faux mohawks proudly sport their varsity jackets ("Nobody knows about cricket here," he observed).

It also has made him the focal point of his family and friends, with whom he speaks regularly and updates with photos and comments on Facebook.

When he first arrived at the school in September, Aun approached librarian Steve Harrison, asking if he could volunteer.

Harrison and other staff members feared that Aun would have trouble at the school, with the double challenge of being a foreign exchange student and having a disability.

But Aun has found a place for himself, regularly manning a library information desk, where students approach him with questions.

That wasn't the case in Pakistan, where Aun couldn't leave the house without feeling bystanders' critical stares and hearing their disapproving commentary. "How could they bring him here? Are they mad?" people would say when he visited the zoo or market.

Regard for people with disabilities in Pakistan, as in other developing countries, is not high. But through movies, Aun discovered a place where powered wheelchairs and access ramps tore down the barriers that disabilities might otherwise present.

Scenes from the movie X-Men involving a character in a wheelchair stood out in Aun's mind as representative of a culture of equality in America.







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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton Valerie Ross powers past Abilene Wylie defenders for a layup in the Big Spring Lady Steers' 50-46 loss to the Lady Bulldogs Friday in Steer Gym.



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Tristian Clay is fouled as he drives to the basket in the Big Spring Steers'55-52 loss to Abilene Wylie Friday in Steer Gym

Top Dog Both Wylie teams steal wins in Big Spring

BY ADAM COLEMAN

til the very end against the No. 1 team in the district and probably the best player in the district and one of the best in the area in Little." Little had 31 points in the win as Wylie clinched the District 5-3A crown. Big Spring's Cerbi Ritchey got a lot of attention, being double teamed often. The junior still came up with 22 points.

and had a chance to win the game un- 21-17, Big Spring's largest lead of the that hump in the closing minutes of the game.

Sports Editor

Big Spring girls

The Big Spring Lady Steers might be thinking about what could've happened in their matchup against No. 18 Abilene Wylie Friday in Steer Gym for a long time.

Big Spring had the District 5-3A favorites on the ropes numerous times, a far cry form the first meeting between these two teams on Jan. 7 in Abilene. On Friday, the Lady Steers went into halftime and the fourth quarter with the lead, but Peyton Little and company were to much in the 50-46 loss.

"We didn't score over there," BSHS head coach Mike Warren said. "Tonight we scored 46 and had some opportunities to get over the hump and win the game. We were in the game

The first quarter wasn't any indication this game was going to be close. Wylie's full-court press disrupted the Lady Steers, who couldn't get the ball up the court half the time.

But the Lady Steers found a way to break through the press, tying it at 15 with 4:30 left in the second. Then Ritchey's layup gave Big Spring an 18-17 lead, its first since 2-0 in the first. Mackenzie Stone's 3-pointer made it game.

The third quarter was just as encouraging for Big Spring. Wylie opened up with a 12-0 run, but the Lady Steers crawled back into the game after a LaShaunte Anderson 3-pointer made it 33-32 with 2:38 left. Two free throws from Ritchey and another basket from Anderson gave Big Spring a 36-35 lead heading into the fourth.

"The girls thought we were going to win," Warren said. "I thought at the start of the third quarter - I don't know why — we came out flat just for a few minutes. That allowed them to get the lead and I think we might've just ran out of gas. You're spending all your energy just to catch up. You have to have a little bit more to get over the hump."

The Lady Steers couldn't get over See STEERS, Page 2B

Stone fouled out with 6:17 left in the game, weakening Big Spring's ability to shoot the three. Wylie had a slim 43-41 lead with 1:31 left and kept possession of the ball, allowing time to run off the clock. Little was sent to the line and made one free throw.

Big Spring had a chance to tie the game after that free throw, but Valerie Ross' 3-pointer was off the mark and the Lady Steers were forced to foul with 48 seconds left.

Warren said not having Stone late in the fourth hurt, considering her ability to shoot the three and she was replacing an injured Diamond Mayes in the post. Having Mayes would've helped, too, giving the Lady Steers

Clijsters tops China's Li Na, wins Australian Open

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters finally won her first Australian Open title and the fourth major of her career, wiping tears from her eyes after she beat Li Na 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 Saturday.

The loss ended an outstanding run through the tournament by Li, who became the first Chinese player to reach a Grand Slam singles final.

Li appeared to become upset with some of the Chinese spectators in the crowd in the third set

Sports in brief

Big Spring Little League Baseball

Sign-ups for little league baseball for ages 4-15 take place from 10 a.m.to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall every Saturday until Feb. 12. They also will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 at the mall.

Participants can also sign up at Gartman Refrigeration on 3206 East FM 700 from 8 a.m.to 5 p.m. today through Feb.11. Registration is \$80 and it includes jersey, pants, socks and belt. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate.

For more information, contact Paige at 213-2062

and asked the chair umpire to intervene. She later complained about the flashes from photographers at center court.

However, Clijsters kept her composure all night.

The win for the reigning U.S. Open champion came in what could be her last appearance at Melbourne Park — she had said 2011 might be her last full year on the tour.

After the match, though, she appeared to qualify that statement. She may go with a restricted schedule for 2012, when she wants to compete in the London Olympics.

"Yes, I hope so," she said when asked if she would be back to defend her title next year.

Clijsters, who has three U.S. Open titles, lost the 2004 Australian Open final to Justine Henin and has reached the semifinals here four other times.

"I finally feel like you guys can call me Aussie

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or Robert at 816-8161.

Garden City football

The 2010 Six-Man Football Division I state champions and their families will host a meal today, at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 2400 FM 2401, near Garden City. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will include country style ribs, beans, potatoes, salad and dessert, followed by a 2011 highlights video. Proceeds will help the team members pay for their state champion rings. Everyone is invited. For more information please contact Carol at 432-354-2654.

2011 MAYB River City Shootout

Registration is ongoing for the 2011 MAYB River City Shootout Basketball Tournament to take place on Feb. 19-20. The tournament is for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8. Please e-mail wardca@yahoo. com or call (979) 417-3721 for additional information. Online registration is available at www.otcybc.com.

Area basketball results from Jan. 28

Coahoma girls

STEERS

besides Ritchey.

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another option in the paint

Big Spring guard Bridgette

Tuitt said the Lady Steers will

look back on the 21-19 lead

heading into halftime and the

36-35 lead heading into the

fourth as something they can

be proud of. But it's unfortu-

"We got a little too confi-

dent," she said. "We started

playing lazy and slacking

off. We could've done a little

bit better on defense, but I'm

No.18 Abilene Wylie 50, Big

proud of my team."

Wylie 15 4 16 15 - 50

2, Little 31, Davis 4

Big Spring 6 15 15 10 – 46

Abilene Wylie - Brown 3,

Jenkins 8, McPherson 2, Turner

Big Spring — Logan Yarbar 6,

Mackenzie Stone 5, LaShaunte

Anderson 5, Bridgette Tuitt 6,

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- Coahoma Hilario 2, Gonzales 2, Ferrel 2, Clanton 8, Neff 2, Morgan 2, Pace 8, Castilaw 16

Stanton — Ashton Snellgrove 11, Tara Patterson 8, Selah Ramsey 12, Jennifer Beasley 6, Kendra Graham 2, Bailey Bryan 2, Jamie Hale 3

- Free throws Coahoma 12-17, Stanton 6-13.
- 3-point goals Coahoma 4 (Castilaw 4), Stanton 6 (Snellgrove 3, Ramsey 2, Beasley).
- Total fouls Coahoma 11, Stanton 13

Records: Coahoma (11-12, 3-6) Stanton (13-15, 3-8) Next: Stanton at Post, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton at Coahoma at 6 p.m. Tuesday

Coahoma boys

stop."

Stanton 64, Coahoma 35 Coahoma 9 8 6 12 -35 Stanton 20 13 19 12 -64

Coahoma - Sheigh Cravens 9, Jacob Echavarria 6, Hunter Williams 6, Martin 5, Tanner Ruiz 7, Aaron

Acevedo 2.

Stanton - Tyler Fulton 19, Trace Sidle 15, Grayson Gray 15, Blake Evans 8, Nate Koonce 5, Jorge Reyna

Cliff Thompson. "It's funny,

the first half he missed two or

three and no one was on him

then finally we guard and he

hits one. He's a great player,

very intelligent. He's hard to

Big Spring had two chanc-

Adams

es to answer Lindley's late

missed a 3-pointer afterward

and Big Spring had to send

Down 55-52, the Steers had

the last shot with a few sec-

onds left, but Adams' half-

The loss puts a dent into the

frenzy surrounding the Steers

leading up to Friday's game.

The Steers fought their way

into the rankings and started

district play with three con-

secutive wins. A win Friday

would have given them a leg

"Everyone looks at the loss

and says 'Oh they must have

had a bad game," Thompson

said. "I don't think we had

a bad game. We were down

court heave came up short.

3-pointer. Luke

Wylie to the line.

See AREA, Page 3B to a good team." Big Spring could never really sustain any rhythm in Friday's game and Wylie had

Forsan Girls

Forsan 44, Post 33

a hard time putting the Steers away. A big blow to the Steers was losing Chazzell Robinson to injury at the 7:15 mark in the fourth, but Seth Pearson eased the pain when his big shots got Big Spring back into the game late.

Wylie was up 50-44 in the fourth, but a technical foul on Wylie's Spencer LaBrie sent Adams to the line for two free throws and Pearson made two shots to tie the game at 50.

Wylie head coach Russell Perkins said the plan was to get Lindley a shot on the next possession, but if that didn't happen, there were other options

"We wanted him to at least get a touch. Of course we're pretty balanced most of the time offensively. We're going to look at a lot of different people but we were able to get him the ball. ... Tonight, they kind of stumbled, fell, left him wide open, he knocked it down when he had the

> ing room before the match. Li seemed uncharacteristically nervous in her pre-match TV interview, and it seemed to translate to the court.

Clijsters opened the match with an ace, winning the first game on four straight points, then breaking Li the same way for a 2-0 lead. But Li found her range and appeared to steady her nerves in the third game, breaking Clijsters and holding for 2-2. The turnaround continued when Li saved two big break points, then broke Clijsters in the final game of the set. She set up two set points with a stinging forehand that Cliisters didn't bother to run for, then two points later stunned Clijsters with a crosscourt forehand to close out the first set in 38 minutes. There were four straight service breaks to open the second set before Li held to lead 3-2. Then Clijsters held for the first time in four games to tie the set at 3.

chance."

Free throws - CHS 5-11, SHS 6-15. 3-point goals -

Records: Coahoma (9-15, 3-7), Stanton (19-3, 7-2) Next game: Stanton at Post, 7:30 p.m., Slaton at Coa-

CHS 2 (Cravens 2), SHS 7 (Sidle 4, Fulton 2, Koonce).

Total fouls — CHS 12, SHS 11.

Post 5 8 8 12 -33 Forsan 7 9 11 17 -44

homa at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Thompson said Robinson's injury doesn't appear to be serious. The sophomore sprained his ankle, but he can walk on it, which Thompson said is good news.

Abilene Wylie 55, No.21 Big Spring 52

Wylie 11 13 9 19 - 55

Big Spring 9 12 16 18 - 52 Abilene Wylie - Harrison 6, Lindley 21, Furman 9, Labrie 2,

Sherman 2, D. Davis 9, Tilley 6 Big Spring — Marc Segundo

5, Dayvion Young 2, Tristian Clay 9, Luke Adams 26, Chazzell Robinson 4, Seth Pearson 6

3-point field goals - Wylie 5 (Lindley 5), Big Spring 4 (Segundo 1, Clay 1, Adams 2)

Free throws - Wylie 10-12, Big Spring 10-12

Total Fouls - Wylie 15, Big Spring 14. Technical fouls -Wylie, Spencer LaBrie. Big Spring, Cliff Thompson

Records: Wylie (19-7, 4-0), Big Spring (19-7, 3-1)

Next: Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

> Clijsters, with a backhand winner to the open court, broke Li in the next game to go up 4-3.

> After that service break, Li went up to chair umpire Alison Lang of Britain and asked: "Can you tell the Chinese don't teach me how to play tennis?" That was in reference to some in the crowd yelling. They were saying "finish her" and "beat her" and later "calm down" in Chinese. which seemed to bother Li.

Valerie Ross 2, Cerbi Ritchey 22

3-point field goals - Wylie 2 (Brown, Little), Big Spring 2 (Stone, Anderson)

Free throws - Wylie 20-24, Big Spring 10-15.

Total fouls - Wylie 16, Big Spring 17. Fouled out – Wylie, Davis. Big Spring, Stone Records: Wylie (18-13, 6-0 in

District 5-3A), Big Spring (17-7, 1-4)

Next: Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Big Spring boys

Abilene Wylie guard Lance Lindley consistently came up big when his team needed it the most and there wasn't too much the No. 21 Big Spring Steers could do about it.

With the game tied at 50, Lindley's 3-pointer with 28 seconds left quieted Big Spring fans as Wylie escaped with a 55-52 win Friday in Steer Gym.

Lindley had 21 points and 5 3-pointers, his last one, of course, being the biggest.

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ANSWERS

during the trophy appreciate it.'

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"He started off kind of rusty," BSHS head coach

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Continued from Page 1B Kim because I won the title," said Clijsters

presentations, referring to her popularity after dating Australian star Lleyton Hewitt. "Even when things weren't going good, you guys were really supportive of me and I really

a chance to tie it up. We didn't have a bad game. We just lost

up in District 5-3A.

eight or nine in the fourth quarter, fought back and had

herself to fans in Melbourne and around the

"The Chinese fans were prepared to express their feelings and shed their tears of excitement. We were just one step from victory," China Central Televi-

world. Back home, she was a huge hit.

sion announcer Tong Kexin said Saturday. CCTV predicted that



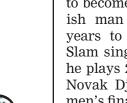
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a lot more tough battles to come. Hopefully, a few more Grand Slam finals would be nice." Andy Murray will try to become the first British man in almost 75 years to win a Grand Slam singles title when

Looking at Li, Clijsters

said: "I think we'll have

he plays 2008 champion Novak Djokovic in the men's final on Sunday. Li, with her courtside humor and bubbly personality, endeared

live on its sports chan nel.

about 15 million people

would watch the match

Li maintained her sense of humor even after the loss, saying she joked in the locker room that tennis matches should only last one set.

"I think I played great tennis, but she played better than me," Li said.

Clijsters led 4-2 in head-to-head meetings before the match, but Li beat Clijsters in the Sydney International final two weeks ago after the Belgian player had led 5-0 in the opening set.

Li and Clijsters joked and smiled with each other outside the dress-

Li also snapped at her husband and coach, "Stop shouting at me."

Clijsters, who lost her serve in four straight games from the end of the first set, staged a remarkable turnaround, holding serve to open the deciding set and breaking Li's serve to take a 2-0 lead, just as she had in the opening set.

The Belgian player went up 3-1 when Li again lost her service for the seventh time in the match, then held in the next to go up 4-1.





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Sports

Garnett's blow mars Phoenix's win

The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Blue boxing gloves draped over Channing Frye's locker door as Jared Dudley roamed the room conducting interviews with his teammates. A chant of "Rocky! Rocky!" rang out as Frye exited the shower, followed by a version of the movie's theme song as he grabbed the gloves and smiled.

If the Phoenix Suns were bothered by those blows from the Boston Celtics, even that one below the belt, they sure weren't showing it.

A team long considered soft, the

Suns didn't back down against mighty Boston, dominating inside early and weathering a below-the-belt shot by Kevin Garnett to run over the Celtics 88-71 Friday night.

"We're not a physical team, but we're obviously strong mentally," said guard Steve Nash, who orchestrated Phoenix's offense with 13 points and 10 assists. "We continued to apply pressure and didn't let them push us around."

Phoenix overpowered Boston early behind Marcin Gortat and Robin Lopez while building an 18-point lead, and didn't back down late when Garnett was involved in a pair of altercations.

The first came early in the fourth quarter, when he and Mickael Pietrus had to be separated after a hard screen.

Boston went on a little run after that, but Garnett's second run-in ended any hopes.

It happened with 4:07 left, when Garnett went out to challenge a 3-point attempt by Frve. Just like he did early in the game. Garnett got a little too close and was called for a foul when Frye came down on his foot.

This time, though, Garnett also reached out, striking Frye in the groin area. Frye grimaced and reached down as he went to the floor, but jumped up quickly and bumped faces with Garnett.

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The two had to be separated and, after a long video review by the officials. Garnett was hit with two technical fouls — neither one for the initial blow — and was ejected. The 13-time All-Star was surprised by the call, but

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AREA

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- Post Berry 1, Araiza 5, Blair 5, Jones 3, Short 4, Cravy 13, Wilson 2
- Forsan Ambra Hill 14, Shelby Roemer 11, Kayla Tilley 4, Stevie Wilson 2, Morgan Forshee 10, Casey Stanley 1, Cheyenne Galloway 2
- Free throws Post 5-10, Forsan 13-26 3-point goals Post 2 (Blair, Cravey), Forsan 3 (Hill, Roemer, Forshee)
- Total fouls Post 24, Forsan 13. Fouled out Post, Berry.
- Records: Forsan (14-11, 6-5 in 3-2A) Next: Forsan at Denver City, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Forsan boys

Forsan 58, Post 50

- Post 10 9 11 20 -50
- Forsan 19 6 17 16 -58
- Forsan Robles 23, Self 16, Bagnall 6, Johnson 4,
- Schreiner 4, Phillips 4, Roman 1 Post — McDonald 18, Blair 8, Holly 8, Osborn 5, Per-
- ez 4, Soto 4, Apolinar 3
- Free throws Forsan 15-26, Post 11-17
- 3-point goals Forsan 7, Post 5

Grady girls Grady 48, O'Donnell 40 Grady 9 11 12 16 -48 O'Donnell 9 6 15 10 -40

Total fouls - Forsan 16, Post 15

Records: Forsan (10-14, 4-5 in District 3-2A)

Next: Forsan at Denver City, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

- Grady Cayley Oppegard 10, Sarah Clay 3, Savannah Sawyer 4, Charmynee Arnold 11, Julia Scheulke 1,
- Katie Meeks 2, Kelly Cook 17
- O'Donnell Connell 2, Portales 6, Ramirez 11, Seely 5, Hancock 12, Cepeda 2, Proctor 2

Free throws — Grady 7-16, O'Donnell 11-16 3-point goals — Grady 1 (Clay), O'Donnell 1 (Seely) Total fouls — Grady 17, O'Donnell 17. Fouled out —

O'Donnell, Ramirez. Technical fouls — O'Donnell Records: Grady (16-9, 7-4 in District 8-A, D-II) Next: Dawson at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Garden City boys

Garden City 54, Veribest 29 Garden City 13 16 18 7 -54Veribest 9 4 9 7 -29 Garden City - Brett Chudej 14, Aaron Long 8, Hayden Halfmann 9, Sam Miller 8, Corbin Davis 6, Josh Colunga 5, Reggie Halfmann 2

Veribest - Holik 12, Johnson 7, Hurt 4, Lankford 4, Broz 1, Fernandez 1

Free throws — GC 6-14, Veribest 7-12

3-point goals - GC 4 (Davis 2, Miller 2), Veribest 3 (Holik 2, Johnson)

Total fouls — GC 14, Veribest 10. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — Veribest, Lara.

Records: Garden City (10-4, 8-1 in District 12-A, D-II) Next: Garden City at Blackwell, 8 p.m. Tuesday

Grady boys

No. 10 Grady 66, O'Donnell 43

- Grady 20 20 20 6 -66 O'Donnell 8 12 14 9 -43

Grady — Shane Teague 22, Johan Wiebe 2, Carston Russell 4, Bryley Pinkerton 17, Jacob Rodriguez 17, Zane Robinson 2, Auden Perez 2

O'Donnell — Barton 9, Vasquez 4, Hunter 4, Gardner 2, Gruben 17, Ramirez 5, Villareal 2

Free throws — Grady 4-5, O'Donnell 12-17

3-point goals — Grady 4 (Teague 2, Pinkerton, Rodriguez), O'Donnell 3 (Barton 2, Ramirez)

Total fouls — Grady 14, O'Donnell 6 Records: Grady (22-3, 9-2 in District 8-A, D-II) Next: Dawson at Grady, 8 p.m. Tuesday

Melo, Nuggets pound Cavs 117-103

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Every word Byron Scott uttered was soaked with dejection.

As Cleveland's first-year coach analyzed yet another loss by the lowly Cavaliers, Scott was asked if he could identify one positive on another dreary night.

"Yeah," he said. "It's over."

Sadly for the Cavs, their losing streak isn't done. Carmelo Anthony scored 33 points, Arron Afflalo added 23 and the Denver Nuggets avoided any embarrassment by beating Cleveland 117-103 on Friday night, handing the pathetic Cavaliers their team record-tying 19th straight loss.

Still winless in 2011, the Cavs have also dropped 29 of 30 and are now just five losses away from breaking the NBA record of 23 consecutive defeats in one

Although they've tasted victory just once since Nov. 27, the Cavs never stopped fighting. Down by 22 midway through the third quarter, they reeled off 10 straight points and closed the period with a 12-3 spurt to pull within 93-83.

The burst kept Cleveland's crowd from bolting early, and when Hickson scored with 6:13 left, the Cavs were within 101-95 and Quicken Loans Arena sounded like it did when LeBron James was still around.

But Anthony restored order. After resting to start the quarter, he returned and hit a quick jumper before Ty Lawson blazed down the lane for an easy layup to put the Nuggets ahead 108-99 with 4:22 to g0.

The Cavs missed at the other end and Chauncey Billups drained a long 3-pointer to make it 111-99 and kill Cleveland's comeback. Anthony made 15 free throws — equaling the Cavs' total — and Lawson added 15 points as the Nuggets won their fourth in a row. Denver has played well amid the swirling rumors about Anthony's future. But what once seemed a distraction is bonding the Nuggets. "We get tired of being asked that question," coach George Karl said of the Melo-drama. "We have kept it away from the basketball court. There is an energy that is drained from press conferences, going to different cities and being asked the same questions and reading the same stories.

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season, an inglorious mark shared by the Vancouver (1995-96) and Denver (1997-98).

"Disappointing," said Scott, who played for the expansion Grizzlies when they lost 23 straight. "We continue to spot teams 20-point leads and then we're fighting up hill all game long. We were on our heels the whole night. But I'm not going to throw my hands up. That's not me."

Melo and the Nuggets showed little compassion for the Cavs, who cut a 23-point deficit down to six in the fourth but couldn't get any closer.

J.J. Hickson had 24 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland, which lost its final 19 games in 1981-82 and its next five the following season to set the mark for the longest losing streak spanning two seasons.

Cleveland's current losing streak is the league's longest since Orlando dropped 19 in a row in 2003.

The Cavs' slide has continued through the incessant Anthony trade rumors, which have quieted in recent weeks but are certain to pick up as the Feb. 24 deadline approaches. Who knows, maybe the Cavs (8-38) will have won their ninth game by then.

"We had a bad stretch in early January, but we have bounced back. We're starting to play as good as we've played all year."

Anthony said it was strange coming to Cleveland and not facing James, a close friend and Olympic teammate.

"It felt weird coming here and not playing against him," he said. "We had some great matchups here. We always talk about that."

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The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — American twins Bob and Mike Bryan won their fifth Australian Open doubles title and 10th Grand Slam championship, beating India's Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday.

The Bryans have held the No. 1 ranking in doubles for the past eight years. They have also won the U.S Open three times and the French Open and Wimbledon once.

The Bryan brothers, won the Australian title in 2006, '07, '09 and last year, didn't lose their serve and twice broke the Indian team. They

celebrated the win with their familiar leaping chest bump.

The twins already hold the record for the most tournament titles of any men's doubles team in the Open Era, which they stretched to 68, seven better than retired Australians Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge.

They are also closing in on the "Woodies" collection of 11 Grand Slam trophies. They are within two of the Open Era record of 12 majors, held by another Australian pair of John Newcombe and Tony Roche.

Bhupathi and Paes were seeking a career Grand Slam.



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By Steve Becker Smart Play Defeats Contract

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Partscore hands may not be as dramatic as game or slam hands, but they frequently provide opportunity for good play. For example, take this deal from a team-of-four match where the final contract at both tables was three spades

At the first table, West cashed the A-K-Q of hearts and played a fourth round of hearts. Declarer ruffed high in dummy, led a low trump to the ten and returned the eight of clubs. West

couldn't afford to play the ace, which would have given declarer two club tricks instead of one, so he played the nine.

Declarer won with dummy's queen and played three more rounds of trumps, producing this position: North

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Declarer played his last trump, and West had no escape. If he discarded the jack of diamonds, South would score two diamond tricks; if he discarded the jack of clubs, South would lead the king of clubs and force West to lead from the king of diamonds. So declarer made exactly three spades

The play started the same way at the second table, with West leading the A-K-Q of hearts. But here East smartly ruffed the third round of hearts and returned a diamond, after which declarer had to go down one, losing three hearts, a diamond and a club.

Sometimes it pays to trump your partner's trick.

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GARNETT

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left the court after a short, relatively calm discussion with the officials.

Frye was hit for a technical for the bump, and Boston players Nate Robinson and Kendrick Perkins also were T'd up.

"I just didn't think it was an appropriate play to make," Frye said. "I don't want to make a bigger deal than it is — the league will take care of that."

Garnett, who had 18 points and nine rebounds, left without speaking to reporters, but his coach didn't see anything wrong with the contact.

"That would only be the 20th time that it probably happened in the game," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who was ejected in the second quarter for arguing with official Steve Javie. "You see it all the time, guys poking at your stomach. If that is what happened, then he is really a tough guy."

The late-game low blow marred what was a dominating performance by the Suns and a disappointing one by the Celtics.

The Suns got career highs of 19 points and 17 re-

bounds from Gortat and an 11-point night from Lopez. Vince Carter added 17 points and Pietrus gave Phoenix a boost off the bench with 11 points and a never-back-down attitude, going after Garnett after those two tangled in the fourth quarter.

The scoring is expected from the Suns. Playing rugged defense and refusing to get pushed around? That's almost unheard of on Planet Orange.

"I've heard about how the Suns are soft," Pietrus said after the Suns allowed their fewest points since 2001. "That's not going to happen this year. We're not going to be soft. I'm going to make sure when we come out on the floor, we're going to come out hard."

Boston was soft at the start.

Coming off a sometimes-rough win over Portland the night before, the NBA's top-shooting team never found a rhythm offensively, scoring just 16 points in the first quarter to fall into a big hole. They couldn't shoot their way out of it, either, hitting 34 percent and making just two of its 18 3-point attempts on their way to a season-low in points.

The Celtics were worse defensively, at least early, relegated to fouling Lopez and Gortat inside while giving the rest of the Suns one open shot after another. Gortat, who averages 5.9 points, scored 11 in 5 minutes and dropped in his second career 3-pointer at the buzzer to put the Suns up 14 after the first quarter.

It never really got better.

The Celtics trailed 49-35 at halftime and got more bad news when forward Glen Davis, who averages 12.3 points and 5.3 rebounds as a reserve, sat out the second half with a strained right hamstring.

Phoenix, which trailed just 22 seconds during the game, dominated the third quarter and Boston managed a short run in the fourth before Garnett's ejection put an ugly exclamation on an ugly night.

"We kind of lost our composure when we tried to get back into the game," said Boston's Paul Pierce, who played through a sore ankle and knee to score 14 points. "Shots weren't falling for us tonight. I don't know if that was because of fatigue or not."

Notes: The Suns have won three straight over Boston after sweeping the series last season. ... The trampoline dunk show between the third and fourth quarters went off without a hitch after a member of the Sun's 'Soul Patrol' put his entire body through the basket Wednesday night against Charlotte. ... Phoenix has held three teams below 75 points three times in a season for the first time since 2002-03.

MELO

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Antawn Jamison had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which will likely go 0-for-January with upcoming games at Orlando on Sunday and in Miami on Monday to close the month. The Cavs' next best chance to end their losing streak will be next

Wednesday at home against Indiana.

Denver center Nene returned after missing Wednesday's game with a strained right calf, but played only nine minutes. He sat out the second half as a precautionary measure, the team said.

Ramon Sessions had a season-high 13 assists for the Cavs.

As a former Cleveland coach, Karl has sympathy for the Cavs, who haven't won since Dec. 18. He's sure they'll snap out of their funk at some point.

"I feel sorry for them," he said. "But they're going to win again. They're going to have a stretch where they will get their confidence going in a good direction and they'll win some games. It will probably happen on their home court before it happens on the road court."

Notes: Nuggets F Al Harrington left the arena on crutches and in a walking boot after aggravating a foot injury in the fourth quarter. Karl said he's day to day. ... Karl's high school coach, Dick Misenhelter, addressed the Nuggets following their morning shootaround.

Misenhelter, 80, shared a story about a young Karl being held to a season-low nine points in a loss during the

Pennsylvania state playoffs. "He brings up the one bad game I had that year," Karl said, laughing. "I was a cocky dude." Misenhelter knew way back then that Karl would one day become a coach. "George would always come up with ideas in the huddle," he said. "He was always on top of his game." ... Scott reiterated he doesn't believe it will take long for the Cavs to return to winning.

Dallas-Fort Worth welcomes first Super Bowl Howdy:

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers will really know they're in Texas when they get to their hotels and see the handmade saddles waiting for them, made especially to mark their visit.

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and have Super Bowls," said Mark Dunlap, general manager of M.L. Leddy's, the saddle maker. "What, if any, object speaks about those communities any better than a saddle that represents Fort Worth and Texas? I can't think of a better thing to put up."

The two saddles — an AFC one and another for the NFC

— will be just one of the Texas touches evident when the teams, fans and media arrive for the NFL championship being played in the Dallas Cowboys' new \$1.3 billion home next Sunday.

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size of Rhode Island. Well, not really, but it seems like it.

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Tasty Ways to Your Heart

FAMILY FEATURES

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Watermelon Oat Crumble





Grilled Scallops and Watermelon Mini Kebabs



Watermelon S'mores

Use heart-shaped and circular cookie cutters to shape a variety of watermelon treats.

Watermelon Oat Crumble Serves 6 to 8

- 2 cups rolled or quick cook
- oats
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar 1/8 cup honey
- teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 6 cups watermelon balls

Toss the oats, sugar, honey, cinnamon and pecans until mixed well. Spread into an even layer on a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated 300°F oven until golden brown. Turn off oven leaving the tray in for an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Remove and cool. Break into crumbles. Arrange the watermelon balls in 6 to 8 small bowls or wide stemmed glasses and top with the oat crumble.

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Watermelon S'mores

- Serves 4 1 cup graham cracker
 - crumbs 1/2
 - cup melted dark chocolate chips
 - 4 2 x 4 x 1-inch-thick rectangles of seedless watermelon
 - 1 cup mini marshmallows

Sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs over the center of 4 plates. Drizzle 1/3 of the dark chocolate over the crumbs. Place a watermelon rectangle over the crumbs and chocolate on each plate. Drizzle 1/3 of the dark chocolate over the watermelon. Sprinkle the marshmallows over the watermelon and drizzle the remaining chocolate over the marshmallows.

Grilled Scallops and Watermelon Mini Kebabs

- 12 sea scallops
- 4 cups boiling vegetable or chicken broth
- 24 1 x 1-inch watermelon cubes
- 1/4 cup soy sauce 1 tablespoon sesame oil
 - tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced ginger

Cut the scallops into halves across the diameter to create half-moon shapes. Place them in a heatproof casserole dish in a single layer. Pour the boiling clear broth over the scallops and let them poach for 5 minutes. Drain and cool the scallops. On each skewer alternate 1 half-moon scallop, then 2 watermelon cubes, then another halfmoon scallop. Mix together the soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and ginger and brush the kebabs as they are grilled over a medium hot grill for about 90 seconds per side turning once. Serve warm. Serves 12 as an appetizer.

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Tuesday: Breakfast – Sausage biscuit, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, corn, apricots, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch – Beef taco, border beans, lettuce and tomatos, orange smiles, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - PBJ uncrustable, juice, milk; Lunch – Hot dog on a bun, mac and cheese, fruit cocktail, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast – Honey Bun, juice, milk; Lunch – Barbecue beef, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, strawberries, fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Honey bun, juice, milk; Lunch - Cheeseburger, veggies, Funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch – Fish, mac & cheese, cooked carrots, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Pizza, seasoned corn, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – Breakfast Pocket, juice, milk; Lunch – Burrito, spanish rice, pinto beans, rosie applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast – Cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken spaghetti, green beans, hot roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

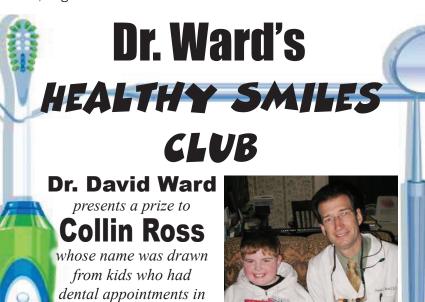
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Monday: Breakfast - Donuts, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – French toast, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken patty, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, pears, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Pop Tarts, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch – Grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, apples, milk. Corndogs.

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Christina LeAnn Helsley and Jonathon Kirk Lennon

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Christina LeAnn Helsley of Big Spring and Jonathon Kirk Lennon of Muleshoe plan to exchange wedding vows in June.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bruce and Beccie Helsley of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late Gene and Anna Helms of Big Spring and the late George and Leona Helsley of Inwood, Va.

Christina is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School and will graduate with her bachelor's degree in education in May from Wayland Baptist University.

The prospective groom is the son of Jack and Jayna Lennon of Muleshoe and the grandson of John and Carolyn Harris of Muleshoe.

He is a 2008 graduate of Sudan High School and is a theatre/music major at Wayland Baptist University. He will graduate with his bachelor's degree in December 2012 and proceed to work on his master's degree.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring.

Who's Who

Callie Paige and Christopher Weihert of Big Spring have been named to the Dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown for the fall 2010 semester.

To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university.

h the university

Axel Lewis of Colorado City graduated from Hardin-Simmons University during commencement ceremonies held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in HSU's Behrens Auditorium.

Lewis graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the HSU Kelley College of Busi-

ness during one of two commencement ceremonies.

••• Spring

Big Spring native James Bowen has been named to the fall 2010 Dean's honor list at The University of Texas at Dallas.

To be eligible, students must complete at least 12 credit hours during that semester with a grade-point average among the top 10 percent within their respective schools. •••

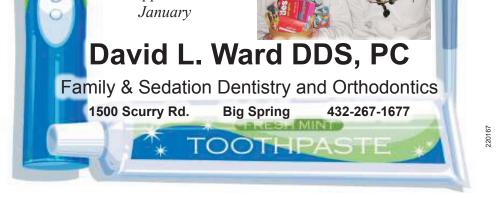
Tammy Allen of Big Spring has been named to Grand Canyon University's Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester.

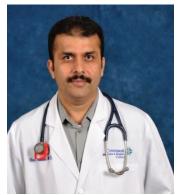
Allen graduated from Big Spring High School. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Jean Moore of Big Spring and the wife of Mark Allen of Big Spring.

She is employed with Big Spring Independent School District and oversees the Marcy Elementary computer lab.

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But what about other countries

that produce the glorious brown stuff millions of us chug down every morning? I've been drinking coffee since roughly the age of 10 (mine and grandpa's little secret), so when I first went to Panama many years later I was ecstatic to try some of the beans the country had to offer.

Panamanian coffee has been severely underrated and overlooked in the past; however, in recent years many more coffee lovers, connoisseurs and distributors have heard the good word on the amazing coffee Panama has to offer. While you can find seriously select coffees like Café Geisha that can go for up to \$125 a pound at specialty coffee auctions in Panama, they aren't very practical for the everyday Joe. After trying nearly every brand of coffee that I could get my hands on in Panama City (none were disappointing in the least). I came up with two brands that I thoroughly enjoyed and return to time after time.

My first choice in Panamanian coffee is Café

bag will only set you back around \$5-6 in a Panamanian market and it's more than worth it in my opinion. You can order it online (at \$7.95 a bag) and have it shipped to the U.S. or e-mail them for information on shipping to other countries.

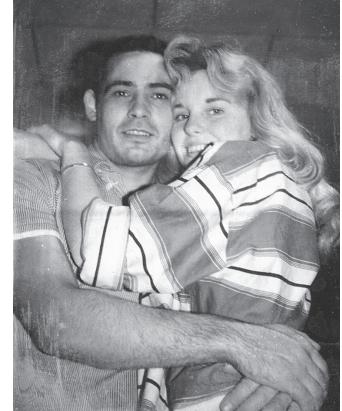
What I really like about Café Duran is that they have established a reforestation program on 2,000 acres in Chiriqui where numerous exotic mahoganv and cedar trees have been planted. They also implement their own recycling program for raw materials by using coffee cherries as natural fertilizer and grain husks as combustion in their roasting ovens. They also use an advanced purifying system which eliminates any pollutants from entering the environment.

My other top pick would be Café Ruiz. Café Ruiz is slightly more expensive than Café Duran, but is also well worth the \$11-12 per 16-ounce bag. Café Ruiz is also grown in the Chiriqui province of Continued from Page 2C Panama in Boquete and produces a rich, flavorful blend that is popular with countless Panamanians and coffee drinkers worldwide. You can check them out at www. ruizcoffee.com for full details on the brand and ordering.

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► Anniversary

John and Dewey Marler



The Marlers on their honeymoon, Oct. 23, 1960

50th anniversary

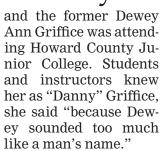
John Henry and Dewey Ann Marler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small dinner party on Oct. 23, 2010.

The two met while John was stationed at Webb Air Force Base

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Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch - Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, peach cups, milk. Burritos.

Friday: Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch - Green enchiladas, ranch beans, orange smiles, milk. Hot Pockets.



More Who's Who

The Dean's List for the 2011 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

Honorees from the Big Spring area include Jamie L. Bonner, Harrison B. Chevalier, Judson C. Chevalier, Amanda S. Cooper, Sloan B. Davis, Joshua M. Duenes, Michael J. Fernandez, Tyler J. Fowler, Danielle A. Free-



John and Dewey Marler today

John was born in Yuba City, Calif., and Dewey was born in Stanton. He is a retired farmer and PCA. Dewey is a retired registered nurse, having received her BSN at Sacramento State College.

They have four children. The oldest, Kay McMullen, was born at Webb Air Force Base Hospital. The others are Terri Helwig, Gregg Marler and Glenn Marler. John and Dewey have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

of their married life in Yuba City, but hope to return to Big Spring.

"We currently have two homes. One is in Big Spring and the other is in Yuba City. Because of the economy, we have not been able to sell our home in California, so until we can, we try to spend half our time in each place," said Dewey. "It is our desire to return permanently to Big Spring."

While in their West Texas home, they attend They have spent most Trinity Baptist Church.

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like a man's name."

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Board members of the Broughton Foundation and West Side Community Day Care Center pose for a picture during the dedication for the center's renovated playground. Pictured from left to right are West Side Day Care Center board members Marva Forman; Elaine Talbot, president; Sherri Key; Melinda Hernandez, director; Broughton Foundation members, Jim Weaver; Glen Filligim; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Debbye ValVerde; and West Side board member Margarita Palmer.

Charity funds facelift

G.C. Broughton Foundation gives West Side Community Day Care Center a financial — and physical — leg up with playground project

By LYNDEL MOODY

Features Writer

Ready, set, swing.

A recent dedication to a new playground culminates a twoyear project for West Side Community Day Care Center to provide a much-needed facelift to the children's play area.

"This has for a long time been one of my favorite places," said Jean Broughton-Powell, president of the G.C. Broughton Foundation, which funded the renovation project. "I think the center provides an excellent start for



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.



Barron's magazine ran a quote this past weekend commenting on the remarkable events since 2007:

"Who would have imagined it two years ago? Treasury official invited the CEOs of banks rescued with public funds to compete to lead the offering of the government's stake in American International Group (AIG) whose need for a federal bailout helped necessitate the bank's rescue in the first place. Coming weeks after some banks underwrote the profitable GM offering, it seems the government's investment spree of 2008 and 2009 is the gift that keeps giving - to the government and the banks." And that's just part of the irony.

The government's stake in AIG is so large and likely profitable to the winning underwriters that it made for further irony. In typical public offerings, there are "pitch persons" or investment banking personnel, not the CEOs, who present the merits of their firm undertaking the services being requested by the companies offering the stock. But this was exactly the scene last week as CNBC's cameras caught CEOs of several banks arriving at AIG headquarters. These were the same banks whose CEOs testified before congressional panels not all that long ago about alleged subpar business practices that, in part, led up to the worst of the 2007-2008 financial crisis.

Perhaps the greatest irony is how far the economy, banks and financial markets have come since the period when many investors thought the world was ending. The major stock market averages made it seven in a row to the upside last week. Economic news was a little more mixed, but on balance, the news showed an economy chugging along in a slow recovery with benign inflation. The monthly poll of 50 economists in Blue Chip Economic Indicators released last week painted a picture of increased growth expectations, even to the point that fourth quarter 2010 growth, expected to average +3.2 percent, could exceed the 2007 prerecession peak. Another important factor is the forecaster's bias that risk to inflation is to the upside of the consensus

little children."

West Side Community Day Care Center is a non-profit, year-round pre-kindergarden education and day care that serves children from newborns to 12 years old. Licensed to care for a maximum of 85 children, the center averages about 70 children a day and provides meals and transportation to and from the facility, said Melinda Hernandez, the center's director.

In order to qualify for the program, parents are required to have employment or be pursuing educational courses. Payment for the service is based on a sliding scale.

Renovation of the playground area is one of several improvements to the program funded by the Broughton Foundation, HerHERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

West Side Community Day Care Center board president Elaine Talbot, left, Broughton Foundation president Jean Broughton-Powell and West Side director Melinda Hernandez pose for a picture in the center's recently renovated playground area. The project was funded through the Broughton Foundation.

nandez noted, including the purchase of new vans for transportation and facility enhancements.

"We're a non-profit organization, so our money is very limited. We spend our pennies very wisely," she said. "If it wasn't for the Broughton Foundation, along with the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation, United Way and other contributors, we wouldn't be able to be here."

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Augie Fernandes, executive director of West Texas Food Bank, accepts a check for \$660 from Maria Diaz, branch manager for Woodforest Bank, as other Woodforest employees look on. According to Fernandes, the funds will be used to help local charity Isaiah 58 provide nourishing food to local residents in need.

2011 forecast of +2.0. That brings us to interest rates.

The 10-year Treasury note rose nearly 1.25 percent between mid October and mid December, which spooked investors at that point. Since then however, rates have churned in a very narrow range and are below the December level. This, in turn, has yields off the front page as serious current threat for investor's dollars. Corporate profits continue to rise after early returns from fourth quarter figures. The banks and other financial are taking a leadership role, which bodes well for the life of the rally. One newspaper account last week said the major banks may begin paying dividend again after a three year gap.

The stock market's performance has been remarkable, to say the least, since the March 2009 low, which we have described as an absolute panic low based upon a high probability at the time that the major financial institutions would never exist again as we know them. The S&P 500 has nearly doubled since then, and more recent performance is equally impressive. Since the July 2010 lows, the S&P 500 has risen 26 percent, and with the 10 percent rally just since Dec. 1, 2010, the major averages have increased what, based on 84 years of history, it normally takes a year to accomplish.

We do not believe it is prudent to call a top on the stock market at this time, but we are sounding more caution about the same theme mentioned in the last several weeks in this piece. Corrections are inevitable, and the stock market is still a two-way street. It is not a question of whether a correction will occur, but it's a question of when. So let's not be surprised when it comes.

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Taco Bell takes its beef with lawsuit to public **FUND**

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AP Business Writers

Taco Bell says a legal beef over the meat in its tacos is bull.

The fast-food chain took out fullpage ads in at least nine major newspapers and launched a YouTube campaign featuring its president Friday to proclaim its taco filling is 88 percent beef.

A false-advertising lawsuit filed last week that caused an online stir alleges the company's filling doesn't have enough beef to be called that. The lawsuit seeks to make the company stop calling it "beef," and pay the suing law firm's bill.

Taco Bell trumpeted "Thank you for suing us. Here's the truth about our seasoned beef," in the ads in Friday's editions of the Wall Street Journal, USA Today and other papers.

The ads go on to say the rest of the filling is a mixture of spices and common food additives.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in California, alleges the meat mixture has binders and extenders and does not meet federal requirements to be labeled beef.

Taco Bell denied those claims earlier this week but turned up the volume after a week in which the story spread like wildfire, making national headlines, creating an internet stir and even prompting a bit by comedian Steven Colbert.

Experts say similar cases show the tempest in a tortilla is unlikely to hurt Taco Bell's business, but the aggressive counter-attack is drawing some attention.

"It is unusual for a company to take this on and challenge the allegations so boldly," said Gene Grabowski, chair of the crisis and litigation pracat Strategic tice Levick Communications in Washington. "A

lot of companies are going to be watching how this turns out."

The tone and scope of the campaign indicates Taco Bell is confident in its facts, Grabowski said. Companies typically shy away from taking facts in a legal dispute public.

The lawsuit, filed by the Alabama law firm Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, doesn't specify what percentage of the mixture is meat. The lawyer on the case, Dee Miles, said the firm had the filling tested and found it contained 35 percent beef. The firm would not say who tested the meat or give any other specifics of the analysis.

Taco Bell says the filling contains 88 percent USDA-inspected beef and the rest is water, spices and a mixture of oats, starch and other ingredients that contribute to what it calls the "quality of its product."

The company said it uses no extenders to add volume to the filling.

Customers at a Taco Bell in parent company Yum Brands' hometown of Louisville, Ky., were unruffled.

"I've eaten it for years," said Greg Long as he grabbed a Beefy 5 Layer burrito Friday in Louisville, Ky. "I don't care."

"It tastes like ground beef from any fast-food restaurant to me," said David Carey, who mostly cared it was quick enough to fit into his lunch break.

The plaintiffs would have to prove that most diners believe they are getting something other than what Taco Bell serves. Most customers realize taco meat has ingredients besides beef, Williams said.

In addition, the lawsuit cites U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for labeling ground beef. The problem? They don't apply to restaurants. The USDA's rules apply to meat processors — the companies Taco Bell buys its meat from.

Tyson Foods Inc., the company's largest meat supplier, said it mixes and cooks the meat at three USDAinspected plants.

So what's in the meat, anyway?

Fast food often contains additives. That "isolated oat product," for example, is usually used to help processed meat hang onto moisture and flavor. Other chains use them, too. McDonald's, for example, says its hamburgers are all beef, but the hamburger chain's ingredients list also includes additives and preservatives in many items.

Experts say similar ingredients are used in many processed foods sold in stores.

"There is nothing really frankenfood in here," said Karen Ansel, a registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

Nutrition experts say foods in their most basic, fresh form are healthiest. But Ansel said taco fans should be more concerned about salt than ingredients with long, complicated names.

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The G.C. Broughton Foundation was established in 2001 by Jean Broughton-Powell's late husband, G.C. and focuses on child care and welfare through college, Broughton-Powell said.

"For 35 years I was in education and that was my first love," said Broughton-Powell, who served as a West Side Community Day Care Center board member for several years before resigning to head up the foundation.

"If we can give them a start here and even when they go to college, we can give them a scholarship - that is what is important," she continued "When I was in education, the first five years were the most impressive, formative years of a child's life. When they are here (at West Side Community Day Care Center), I feel like they have good role models, are in a nice place, are taken care of and have good meals. That's really important. West Side does an excellent job."



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CITY OF BIG SPRING Communications Officer Inventory Specialist Water Treatment-Plant Operator Animal Control Warden Police Records Technician Human Resources Technician Streets Heavy Equipment-Operator Parks Maintenance Worker Part-Time Administrative-Technician For more information go to www.mybigspring.com, or apply in person in the Human Resources Office located at 310 Nolan. (432)264-2346.

COASTAL TRANSPORT is seeking Owner-operators with a Class A CDL. Must be 23 years, X endorsement with 1 year experience. For More Information, Call 888-527-7221 between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

COASTAL TRANSPORT

263-7331

Help Wanted



EZMONEY **CUSTOMER** Representative Service Immediate Opening. Go to www.ezmoneyjobs.com and apply. Drug Test and Background Test required.

FARM HAND Wanted! Experience only apply. \$550.00 Weekly plus Bonus. Call after 7:00p.m. (432)684-5418.

FOR SALE 2008 Bobcat S250 75HP, Heat Air. \$4,800.00 details and more pics shpp72tm@msn.com (682)292-2758.

FRED LOYA INSURANCE Immediate openings for CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. In Big Spring Must be able to work M-F 8a-7p & Sat. 9a-2p Bilingual a plus Computer Skills Required Outgoing personality and self motivated We offer: Competitive pay starting at \$7.25/hour to \$8/hour Opportunity to make up to \$12/hour within 6 months Excellent benefits and opportunitites for growth Paid Training NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY Apply in person at: 1001 Gregg St. Big Spring, TX. 79720

Or email resume to west-tx-csr@fredloya.com HEALTH/NURSE AIDE needed. Greater Opportunities

of the Permian Basin, Inc.-Project Head Start has an opening for a Heath/Nurse Aide. Duties include assisting the nurse with providing health services to Head Start students as well as assisting in all other areas as needed. Applications be downloaded can at: www.gopb.org or apply at

Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Medical Assistant. Send resume to: P.O. Box 150, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

IMMEDIATE POSITION Open for BOOKKEEPER. Must have experience invoicing in accounts payable, payroll and general office duties. Strong computer skills a must. Salary Based on Experience. Mail resume to Cline Construction Company, PO Box 2649, Big Spring, Tx 79721.

Join BUSY BEE'S professional home cleaning team! Enjoy an independent work environment and \$10/hr compensation. We provide paid training, all necessary supplies and uniform. Must have own transportation and speak English (bilingual a plus). All cleaners are drug background tested and checked. Bonded and insured. call Jessi Williams, Please owner, at 432-816-3732 for an application.

M & M General Contractors, Inc. has an immediate opening for Mechanic. Come by 4205 North Hwy. 87.



NOW HIRING Experienced Equipment Operator. Must be able to pass a drug test. Apply in person @ Erath Iron and Metal. For more information call (432)268-1512.

PALACIOS ROOFING and Home Improvements is seeking: 5 temporary full time positions. 4/01/11 to 12/31/11. The starting pay is \$7.25, and for overtime \$10.87. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: To lift, carry and hold building materials, tools and supplies; cleans tools, equipment, materials and work areas. Employer will provide transportation. Tools, supplies and equipment will be provided by employer at no extra cost to employee. Work hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm. Palacios Roofing and Home Improvements is an "EQUAL **OPPORTUNITY** only persons EMPLOYER", with authorization to work in U.S. need apply. All the applicants should fax resume to: (432)263-1612.

www.bigspringherald.com

Help Wanted

(TURSES UNLIMITED.

Pediatrics **Pediatric Private Duty Nurse** needed in Big Spring!! *Benefits *Mileage paid

*Competitive Wages *Sign-On Bonus!! RN or LVN license required.

Full-time position available. Call Kristi Young, RN 432-550-1721 or fax resume to 432-550-1717 today!

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NOW HIRING WAIT STAFF. GOOD PERSONALITY MUST. MUST BE AVAILABLE TO WORK DAYS, NIGHTS, & WEEKENDS. APPLY IN PER-SON AT 1702 GREGG.

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sales personnel for Hirina CASEIH dealerships in Seminole and Lamesa. Responsible for Sales of CASEIH tractors, planters, tillage equipment, harvesting equipment and Spray equipment. Wvlie Salary/commission, vehicle. major medical, 401k. Company is expanding, room for advancement. Send resume to Scot Wylie, Wylie & Son, Inc., 702 E 40th St., Lubbock, TX 79404; Fax 806-763-1082; swylie8377@yahoo.com

SECURITY **OFFICERS** Needed for Hospital Federal Inmate Protection detail. All positions are Part-time and PRN.

Physical Requirements: Must be in general good health and vision must be correctable to 20/30 (SNELLEN) in one eye. The ability to distinguish basic colors is required. Emotional and mental stability is required. Other Requirements: Must be able to pass State and Federal Backgrounds and Credit Checks.

Requirements: Experience

Help Wanted



SYSTEM DISPATCHER (212) - Stanton, TX

Sharyland Utilities, an electric utility, is seeking qualified applicants for the position of System Dispatcher in our Stanton Division. This position is responsible for maintaining the Operations Control Center on a 24 hours a day/7 days a week basis with constant monitoring of the radio, phone and SCADA System. The System Dispatcher will answer incoming service and outage calls and dispatch crews as required, document service orders and updates to the computer database in a timely manner, and maintain an accurate and legible set of records at all times.

Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to observe all applicable safety and regulations and rules possess a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for the position, please complete the online application by clicking on the Career Opportunities link at

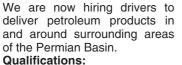
http:// www.sharylandutilities.com For further information, please contact Human Resources at (432)684-0317 or

(432)684-0339. No resumes accepted.

This position will be open until filled. Sharyland Utilities is an equal opportunity employer.

TEACHER AIDE needed. Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc.- Project Head Start has an opening for Teacher Aide. Duties include assisting the teacher and act as an assistant teacher in guiding Head Start children. Will also serve as a bus monitor. Requires High Diploma or GED. Applications can be downloaded at: www.gopb.org or apply at GOPB's HR Department, 206 W. 5th St, Odessa TX 79760. GOPB is an equal opportunity employer.

Assistant Manager/Collector Security Finance is now taking applications. We offer benefits, competitive pay, and advancement opportunities. Apply in person at 501 E. 3rd.



*Class A CDL drivers w/hazmat and tanker endorsements *23 years of age or older *1 year verifiable tractor/trailer experience *Clean driving record *Sign on bonus *Home Everyday Please contact our office M-F 8am/5pm for more information 1-888-527-7221.

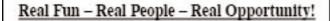
EXPERIENCED WAIT-STAFF needed for day and evening shift. Apply in person at Big Spring Country Club. No phone calls please.



West Texas Centers

MR Direct Care: Responsible for training clients in work and social related skills. Required to work varied hours as necessary to meet individual needs/schedules. May perform homemaking and respite services. May Provide Residential Support Services. Support Housing Living, or Respite Services in compliance with HCS or ICF standards and in compliance with Texas Department of Health Standards part-time and full time positions. \$8.20 an hr (\$655.85 bi weekly \$17,052 annually) Salary Dependent on experience.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE 219042





Looking For A Great Job? Apply Today! Management Position Available at Kwik Chek 800 IH 20 West - Big Spring. Seeking Individual With Retail/Convenience Store Experience or Individual With College Degree. Great Benefits-Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Etc. Apply Online At www.pleaseapplyonline.com Or Call The Job Hot Line At 866-583-6009.

GOPB's HR Department, 206 W. 5th St, Odessa TX 79760. GOPB is an equal opportunity employer.



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growing electrical com-Fast pany is seeking good people with experience in the Line, Electrical and Automation Department. Competitive pay. Insurance provided with 401K Please send resume to

jobs@jwpwr.com or call (432)425-0871 or you may send resume c/o P.O. Box 1431/192, Big Spring, TX 79721-1431.

HIRING Class A CDL drivers w/Tanker endorsement, vacuum pump and some heavy equipment experience preferred. Pick up application @ 4205 N. Hwy. 87.

PARKVIEW NURSING and Rehab now hiring charge Nurse for 10pm-6am shift. Competitive pay plus benefits. Great family working environment. Apply in person at 3200 Parkway or on-line at www.parkviewnursing.net

DRIVERS **BIG SPRING Dedicated Truck Stop Haul** CDL/Hazmat, 2 yrs exp (tanker preferred), good MVR. Full Benefit Package. Griffin Transportation Fax: 806-785-4182 Call: 806-744-2067 Ask for Transportation Dept.



West Texas Centers

West Texas Centers has an opportunity for a Medicaid billing specialist position. Successful applicant will enjoy challenging work with an excellent benefit package. Requirements include a high school diploma, GED or higher education, medical/health billing experience is preferred. Excellent organization skills and comprehension ability required. Applicant must have ability to perform work in Word, Excel and/or other software applications. Salary begins at 10.00 per hour but may be negotiable depending upon experience.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE 219056

PUBLIC AUCTION

SALE TIME 10:00 AM SAT. FEB. 5, 2011 Bobbye J. Greene Estate

2108 KSNY Drive

SNYDER, TX

Directions: From the NW Corner of the Square in Downtown Snyder, (Intersection of Hwy. 180 & Hwy. 350) go West on Hwy. 180 approx. 1.2 miles, turn right on KSNY Drive to 1st. Brick House on right. Watch for Auction Sign

PARTIAL LISTING ONLY!!

Tell City, Sprague Carleton, Ayers & Stanley Bedroom & Dining Room Furniture, Pride Lift Chair, Nice Tall Sewing Cabinet w/fold up table & Singer Sewing Machine, Wurlitzer Organ w/bench, Tall Mirror back Doll Display, Large Bird Cage, Wrought iron swing on stand, metal patio table w/4 chairs, Iron Baby Bed, Nice Halltree, Nice 37" wall hung flat screen TV +2 other Color TV's, Primitive Quilt Box, Approx. 40 Dolls, Doll Patterns, Gorgeous appliqued Quilt, Embroidery crochet, Scarves, 'Gone with the Wind' type lamps, 3-1970's Coca Cola trays, Old Stoneware Blue Salt Crock, Old Kerosene glass jug, Manhattan, Fenton, Cranberry, Carnival, Amberina, Occupied Japan & Limoge Glass, Approx. 21 pcs. of American Fostoria, Plus So Much More. Inspection Time Sat. 8:30 A.M. THROUGHOUT AUCTION. FOR MORE INFORMATION or a SALE BILL PLASE CALL 1.535-242-0172

INFORMATION or a SALE BILL PLEASE CALL 1-325-242-0172. Bring Your Own Lawn Chair. Food On Site. 219707

AUCTIONEER: GRADY W. MORRIS 6785

One year (2040) nours of expe rience in the armed forces or coast guard which involved significant performance of guard duty of detainees or prisoners; or the equivalent experience in a federal, state, or local government, or private organization which involved protecting/police duties, or college level training in courses such as corrections or police science may be substituted for experience at the ratio of two

hours of instructions for one hour of experience. Apply at Workforce Center (in

the Post Office), KEYWORD: PARAGON. EOE.

SEEKING EXPERIENCED heavy equipment operators and Class A CDL drivers. Minimum 3-5 years experience required. Medical, vision, and dental 100% paid! Apply in person: Cowboy Construction - 9400 South Service Road, Coahoma, TX.



Seeking Sitters/CNA's to work for Private Duty Clients. Hourly Rate. Call 1-800-201-5904 All Shifts Available Office hrs. M-Th 8-5, Fri 8-12. E.O.E.

Steamcleaner, Sandblasters, Car Detailers wanted and some misc. work. MUST HAVE VALID DRIVERS LICENSE and Own Transportation to work. Call (432)213-5233.

TEACHER NEEDED. Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc.- Project Head Start has an opening for Teacher. Duties include provide the Head Start child with experiences that are age appropriate directing by classroom activities in a healthy, clean and safe environment which promotes the development of self-esteem and independence. Requires a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or closely related field. Applications can be downloaded at: www.gopb.org or apply at GOPB's HR Department, 206 W. 5th St, Odessa TX 79760. GOPB is an equal opportunity employer.

WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are background check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 19 years old. Starting pay \$8.50 per hour. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

WANTED: Class A CDL drivers wanted for oilfield work. Immediate openings Day & Night Shifts. Call David and leave а message. (719)252-8480.



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Help Wanted

TEXAS BOOK company is currently seeking candidates for the position of Entry Level Account Clerk at the Howard College-Big Spring Bookstore. Minimum Qualifications: 1 yr. exp. or College accounting classes, proficient in Excel and Word, excellent team building, communication, cashier experience and organizational skills with attention to details. Salary dependent on experience with \$15,000-\$18,000 а year Qualified candidates must apply on line at www.texasbook.com

<http://www.texasbook.com>. Click on "Join Our Winning

Team".

TRUCK DRIVERS wanted, 2 years, recent OTR. Insurance and Benefits. Call Jim Reed (432)661-6271

Items for Sale

12X20 BARN Storage Building. Price Reduced. (432)563-3108.

SATURDAY, February 5th Opening 9am

American Limestone has stone panels, Edges & pieces at a great price. Corner of 1st Ave and Wright Ave. Southeast side of Air Park.

SEASONED OAK Firewood. \$325.00 Full Cord & \$180.00 Cord. Delivered and Half Stacked. Call 325-648-2818 or 512-913-7406.

Lost and Found

\$100 REWARD !!! 7 Week old Blue Brindle Pit. Missing on Callahan Road. Call (432)213-6647 or 213-1049.

Miscellaneous

HOT- ITEMS

Bellydance Show! Sat. January 29. MCM Grande Fundome, Odessa. Doors 7:30pm/Curtain 8:00pm. Tickets \$10 advance/ \$15 at door. Family friendly. Victoria 432-230-5456.

On the Farm

TACK & SADDLE AUCTION Sat. Feb 5th 2:00pm Preview at 1:00pm

State of the economy forces liquidation- Murphy Auctioneers has been asked to sell at public auction a complete inventory of western saddles & horse equipment from a Giant Wholesale Saddle Distributor. This business is liquidating a verv nice collection of top saddles & tack. quality

On the Farm

10% Buyers Premium. Everybody is welcome. Elks Lodge #1257 518 Avenger Field Rd Sweetwater, TX 79556 (541)592-6660 TX Auctioneer #10151 Mike Murphy

Real Estate for Rent



Bdrm. \$500. each. Call Diane 951-797-3752.

511 EAST 18th. 2 bedroom, stove & refrigerator furnished, fenced yard. Good Location. \$500. Month, \$200. deposit. 432-267-1543 Call or 270-5543.

BARCELONA APTS 2 bdr/1bath, All bills paid including cable, \$749.00 month call 432-263-1252.

BUY or RENT 1 Thru 6 bdrm Homes. 24 Hour maintenance, Central Heat and Air, Pool with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Washer/ dryer connections. (432)263-3461 -Rosa.

3-BED/1-BATH, \$675 plus \$500 deposit, 2605 Chanute, washer/dryer included. Com-Remodeled. Call pletely 770-906-0672.

Real Estate for Rent

Remodeled LAST ONE. Runnels). 605 (Example Vintage 2/1 Cottage Style, walk-in-shower, private, patio, fenced. \$450.00 month. Non-Broker smoke/pets. Qualify. (432)270-0707.

PONDEROSA APARTMENT Now Leasing 1 & 2 Bdrms Pools & covered parking No application fees Senior Discounts

1425 East 6th Street (432)263-6319 TANGLEWOOD GROVE APT.

January Special 2 bedroom apts. available upstairs only \$399 a month for 6 months

FREE FITNESS CENTER WIFI COMMUNITY GARDEN

PETS WELCOMED 3304 W. Hwy 80 (432)714-4840.

THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath, Ceramic tile in kitchen and dinning area. Storage building. Near College. Call (432)652-8201.

TWO BEDROOM Unfurnished house. Near High school, \$385. month plus deposit, Call (432)264-0872

Real Estate for Sale

JOHNSON-2011 2/1. \$25,000.. Call (432)212-3646. 900 ACRES 1.5 miles of Colorado River, Highly improved. Saba County. Beautiful Game Ranch. \$4,500,000.00. OBO. Must Sell. Call 903-326-4851, 903-872-2022 325-623-5651.

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homes.com

MUST SELL: 4 Bedroom House in Big Spring. Excellent Owner Condition. No Financeing. \$48,000. CASH. Call (432)457-0167 for more information.

OWNER FINANCE- 3307 Maple. 3 bedroom, 2 bath C/A, fenced yard. New paint and carpet. Move in ready \$36k. Call 325-277-4923.

OWNER FINANCE. Great remodeled 2-3 bedroom. Please call for details: 858-449-1645.

RENT to OWN- 1111 Mulberry 2/1. \$5000 Down, Under remodel. Call (432)212-3646.

Real Estate for Sale

RENT to OWN- 633 Settles 2 bdrm, 1 bath. \$5000.00 Down. Recently Remodeled. Call (432)212-3646.

RENT to OWN- 1204 Stanford 3/1, \$5000.00 Down. Under Remodel. Call (432)212-3646.

Vehicles

2008 YAMAHA VStar 650 4600 miles, lots of extra motor guard, Tbag, Kyriakian Grips, Windshield, bag rear luggage rack, highway pegs. Asking \$6,600.00. Call 432-264-7103.

FOR SALE: Yamaha TTR125, 4-stroke motorcycle. Just Like Yamaha New!! \$1250.00. PW50 motorcycle \$400.00. Call (432)213-3207 to see! GET HERE fast! Won't last Dodge Grand Caravan long. SE. Loaded with all accesso-7 seats (removable if ries. needed) V-6 engine. \$7980.00. See at Texas Auto 1108 E. 4th, Big Sales, Spring, Texas.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be considered from banking corporations incorporated under the laws of this state or the United States or a savings and Loan Association in this state, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, desiring to serve as depository for public funds for the calendar years of 2011 and 2012. The Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 5.15 P.M in the District Board Room, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas to open and consider awarding bids.

Applications submitted should be in accordance with Section 6.09, State Property Tax Code, and it is desired that same stipulate the percent of interest to be paid on time deposits.

The Appraisal District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. BON BAKER, CHAIRMAN

#6864 January 25 & 30, 2011



Free! Call Today!

2011.

C.E. (Mike) Thomas III

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Russell Witt were issued on January 20, 2011, in Cause No. G197, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Covenant Outreach, LLC, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Russell Witt.

The mailing address of the Guardian is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

Covenant Outreach, LLC c/o S. Clinton Nix P.O. Box 59

Abilene, Texas 79604 All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED January 24, 2011 **BRADBURY & NIX** P.O. Box 59 Abilene, Texas 79604 (325)673-7317 phone (325)673-3833 fax By: S. Clinton Nix State Bar No. 15043300 #6866 January 30, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LINUS MCMURRAY TUCKER, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Person and Estate of Linus McMurray Tucker, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on January 4, 2011, in Cause No. G-185, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Pamela J. Pope.

All persons having claims against said Estate being administered are hereby requested to present the same within the time prescribed by law to:

Paul H. Millican Gossett, Harrison,

Millican & Stipanovic, P.C.

P.O. Drawer 911

San Angelo, TX 76902 DATED the 25th day of January, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Paul H. Millican; State Bar No. 14146700. #6869 January 30, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DORIS PREVO VIEREGGE, Deceased, were issued in Cause No. P-13926, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: Curtis Lynn Bruns. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to pre-sent them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Curtis Lvnn Bruns

P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2117

DATED the 26th day of January,

LEGAL NOTICE: This Texas Lottery Commission

Legals

Scratch-Off game will close on February 10, 2011. You have until August 9, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1251 Triple Cash (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.85. These Texas Lottery Com-mission Scratch-Off games will close on February 24, 2011. You have until August 23, 2011, to redeem any tickets for these games: #1289 Candy Cane Cash (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.20, #1234 Cool Cash Tripler (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.90. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 25, 2011. You have until August 24, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1246 Gold Fever (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.98. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 28, 2011. You have until August 27, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1292 Season's Gold (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.82. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on April 6, 2011. You have until October 3, 2011, to redeem any tickets for these games: #1226 Totally Topaz 7's (\$7) overall odds are 1 in 3.56, **#1247 Flying Aces** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.49, **#1252 Cash** Vault (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.88, #1254 Houston Texans (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.82, #1273 Match & Win (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.88, #1281 Super 7's (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.38. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY **RESPONSIBLY.** The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. #6868 January 30, 2011

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE Coahoma ISD will receive proposals for the purchase/installation of Air Conditioning units. Proposal forms may be received by the interested parties Business Office or from ffice or PO Box 110



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Capricorn moon is new challenge as a game Your kind smile will go a with terrific results. You associate with bunnies. acting like a complete nudge. It's getting to you where can't effectively goof off! You get the slightest bit off task and the Capricorn moon sternly points to the clock with a "tsk-tsk." which takes all the fun out of slacking. Well, at

least don't have to buckle down work to alone - the friendly Aquarius sun makes sure of that.

you

HOLIDAY

MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-

April 19). It's fun to have romantic notions, but letting them rule your life is dangerous, with a high potential for personal pain. Shun ideas of love that come straight from romance novels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be given new tasks precisely because you do things with a flourish and the person a handing out the duties likes to watch you. With you, and you don't mind great style comes great a bit. Others might be responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are enterprising and courageous and will happen upon new ways to express these qualities. You'll do particularly well in business and finance, as you see each



you can win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have some big goals, and you will only be able to achieve them if you stay focused. Avoid distraction. Beware of a relationship that is like a shooting star, dazzling but impermanent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a unique slant on the news and goingson today, and your commentary is both humorous and memorable. You will get infraction or when there people thinking about is clearly no one to you long after you've left blame, especially not you. the scene.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will consider going back to something that you quit long ago. Feb. 18). Get over your Maybe it's a gym or a different kind of club membership. Perhaps it's a relationship. Resist the offering your talents, impulse, and see if it knowledge, expertise and persists tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You take your job as trendsetter quite seriously. People follow annoyed by copycats, but you know imitation is a sign that you're on the right track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone fears rejection to some degree. new people approach you.

long way toward setting have a new ally in Mercury enters Aquarius others at ease — a worthy cause, indeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have strong networking mojo and will add several people to your list of potential friends, dates, clients or business associates. Your secret is to keep moving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop apologizing. Sometimes you do this for the smallest social Affirm that you have a right to take up space and be heard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20fear of sales. You're not asking anyone to do you a favor. You're just energy to anyone who might need them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be a tribal aspect to your dealings, and there really will be strength in numbers. It will feel right to move together and contribute to the causes of the whole group.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30). This year shows you setting one small goal Keep this in mind when after another in many different areas of life and one

March. You'll knowledge into dollars in April. You are rewarded handsomely for being a There will be a focus on terrific friend in June. There will be sparks and romance in August. You have a strong bond with Scorpio and Sagittarius people. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 12, 50 and 31.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: If you have a dream, you won't have to chase it this week — it will chase you. Aquarius, the zodiac sign ruled by Neptune, the planet of fanciful thinking, throws a party this week, and the guest list is strictly VIP. The sun, the moon, Mercury, Mars and Neptune all hobnob in this eclectic, artistic, freedom-loving, future-thinking sign. On Wednesday, the moon is new and so is our sense of social responsibility. If you do not already volunteer a portion of your time and/or money in a completely selfless way, starting that habit on Wednesday will be both life changing and fantastically lucky. Thursday rings in the Chinese New Year and celebrates the year of the Rabbit. This promises to be less dramatic than the preceding year of the Tiger and is filled with the felicitous levity that would usually

turn on Thursday, as well, adding bandwidth to our communication systems. using technology to connect people for the common good during this transit, which lasts through February 21. Venus enters Capricorn on Thursday, lending stability to love lives everywhere.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Oprah Winfrey celebrates unprecedented success, as her OWN network is expected to make a profit in its very first year. This Aquarian superstar mogul was born with her sun, Mercury and Venus all in the futuristic station. Aquarian energy is unconventional, opinionated and philanthropic. Her natal Jupiter in Gemini indicates strong luck in connection with any and all communication media.

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12(What to do when good cruises go bad

NEW YORK (AP) — Rogue waves, norovirus, mechanical problems, bad weather. Not every cruise is perfect. And when things go wrong, passengers are sometimes surprised that they are no more likely to get a refund than if they went to the beach for a week and it rained every day.

The only difference is you can drive away from the beach. But once you're on a ship, you're stuck there until the cruise is over.

"There are things that can happen on a ship, like rogue waves, that don't happen on a land-based vacation," said Brad Hatry, cruise consultant at Pisa Brothers Travel in New York. "The biggest unknowns to most first-time cruisers are weather-related

problems. The cruise companies are likely to be very unsympathetic if you're complaining about rough weather, and if you read the fine print, they have no liability to refund your money."

Passengers were so angry about a December cruise on the Norwegian Sun that one of them created a website, MyBadCruise.com, to air their grievances. The ship lost power in one engine and skipped scheduled port calls in St. Thomas and St. Martin as it limped back to Florida, stopping instead at two tiny islands. As compensation, Norwegian Cruise Line gave every stateroom \$100 onboard credit and passengers also got credit toward a future cruise of 30 percent of the price of the original cruise.

N.C., was one of many passengers who felt the compensation was inadequate. "We finally got a letter from NCL, but it basically said, 'If you read the fine print, we did more than we had to, so that's too bad," said Werdin, who missed a business meeting in St. Martin because of the changed itinerary. She also said the credit she received — 30 percent of the \$399 she paid for the seven-night cruise – does not go very far toward rebooking. On the other hand, she added, "nobody died, nobody lost a finger. We had nice weather and good cruise food."

Anthony Klang, an American Express Travel Services representative and cruise planner, says "it is extremely

Pat Werdin, of Hayesville, rare to get a full refund and a free cruise" as compensation for cruise trouble.

Passengers aboard Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas received a full refund after the ship listed several times in rough weather in the Mediterranean last year, resulting in passenger injuries, broken furniture and damage to public areas of the ship.

Douglas Ward, author of "Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising & Cruise Ships 2011," says you're more likely to get help with a cruise problem if you booked through a travel agency and ask your agent to plead your case. "If you book your cruise online, it may be difficult to get compensation when things go wrong," he added.

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travel insurance. Cruise com panies typically offer cancellation insurance when you book, but examine the policy carefully: It may not offer much more than a future cruise with the same line if you cancel for a covered reason.

In contrast, a policy from a third-party insurer will typically give you cash back rather than credit, according to Carol Mueller, spokeswoman for Travel Guard insurance. Among other things, such policies typically compensate you if you cancel your trip because of illness or a death in the family; or if an airline delay causes you to miss your cruise departure and you have to book a new flight to catch the ship in the next port.

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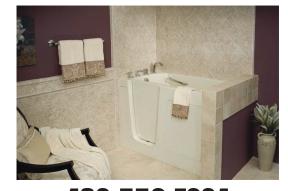
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