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RIDE 'EM COWKIDS



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Penny Evan's pre-k class at Elbow Elementary held a rodeo Friday. Students participated in a galloping race and took part in a barrel racing event. After the rodeo was completed, they performed a cowboy dance in their classroom.

Minority growth

Census: Texas GOP bastions becoming much more diverse

JAY ROOT
 Associated Press

AUSTIN — Explosive minority growth in Texas has turned a handful of once solidly Republican congressional seats into bastions of ethnic diversity, putting added pressure on GOP leaders to shore up their districts with white voters who traditionally favor the party.

Hispanics have a generally younger population and are less likely to be eligible to vote, but the sheer numbers and future voting strength have not gone unnoticed.

Look no further than the seat held by the once mighty U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Republican of Sugar Land. As currently drawn, his District 22 — now in the hands of U.S. Rep.

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Tax-Aide program staff set for itemized returns Tuesday

□ Tax-Aide assistance is normally held each Monday at the Senior Center. However, because Monday is President's Day and the Center will be closed, Tax-Aide will be conducted on Tuesday.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Officials with the annual AARP Tax-Aide program say tax preparations and filings have gone smoothly so far, with the bulk of itemized returns expected to be filed in the coming weeks.

The Internal Revenue Service began accepting itemized returns this week, a delay that was made necessary to allow for updating of a number of deductions that were

IRS encourages e-file use

Special to the **HERALD**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced this week it has started processing individual tax returns affected by legislation enacted in December and reminded taxpayers that they can begin filing electronically immediately.

On Monday, IRS systems began to accept and process both e-file and paper tax returns claiming itemized deductions on Form 1040, Schedule A, as well as deduc-

tions for state and local sales tax, higher education tuition and fees and educator expenses.

"The IRS is now accepting all the 1040 forms," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "We worked hard to update our systems and get the changes in place as quickly as possible. We appreciate the patience of those impacted by the delay. We urge taxpayers to use e-file with direct deposit, and they can get their refunds within

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approved late in the process by the federal government.

However, volunteers with the AARP Tax Aide program are expected to handle the sudden influx of itemized returns with little difficulty, according to program coordinator Gloria Hopkins.

In addition to extending several older tax deductions for 2010, the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act also extended those

deductions for 2011 and a number of other tax deductions and credits for 2011 and 2012, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the modified Child Tax Credit, which help families pay for college and other child-related expenses.

Hopkins said the program is moving along smoothly for her and her volunteers, and while the itemized returns may be slightly more

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Students raising funds for Fla. trip

Special to the **HERALD**

Ever wanted to get in the water with intelligent and playful dolphins? A handful of Big Spring Junior High students are getting to escape the classroom and head to sunny Florida, the only place where alligators and crocodiles coexist.

They will be able to hike the everglades at night, snorkel among vibrant tropical fish along Florida's barrier reef, and visit the world's only state-certified veterinary hospital dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of sea turtles.

Splash into Science introduces the concepts of environmental science, marine biology, and life science through methods that are meant to be fun and interactive. They will explore the Dolphin Plus Program, Shark Valley, Everglades National Park, Coral Reef State Park, take a Garden Cove kayak trip, visit a turtle hospital and spend time learning at the Island Dolphin Care Center.

The students will head out in June, but are busy now raising the funds for the trip. The educational adventure will cost approximately \$2,000 per student, and is paid for by parents or through many fundraising events. Monday night is an opportunity for the city of Big Spring to chip in and help with the cost of the trip. The students and their parents will be working for tips at Pizza Inn from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is encouraged to support the effort. Additional donations are welcomed.



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• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

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

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

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

- DAVID ISAIAS MIRAMONTES, 22, El Paso, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ROSA MARIA FLORES, 34, 1504 Lincoln, was arrested on a warrant for harassment.
- ANNA MAE WHITE, 23, 1107 S. Goliad, was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- ROBERT ALLEN WRIGHT, 48, 2621 Cha-

nute, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- ANGEL GARCIA, 54, 1300 S. Birdwell, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- TOKA RENEE VAN, 36, 1511 Kentucky, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- JOE GUZMAN, 45, 1313 Mesquite, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEX FRANKLIN MINTER, 18, 2509 Gunt-er, was arrested on a warrant for criminal

mischief.

- TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 37, 1503 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 39, 411 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRYAN JOSEPH GILES, 27, 1300 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- JACEN BRADLEY STOTT, 54, no address given, was arrested on a charge of in the park after hours.
- JORDAN DEAN BARRIOS, 20, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
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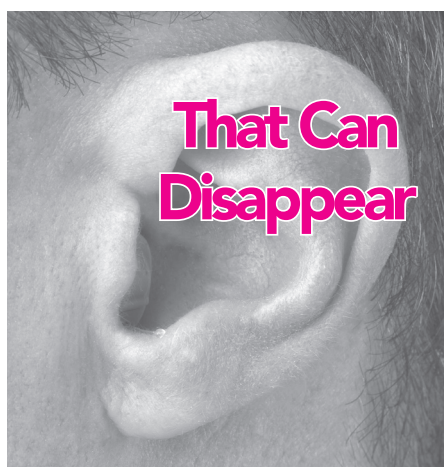
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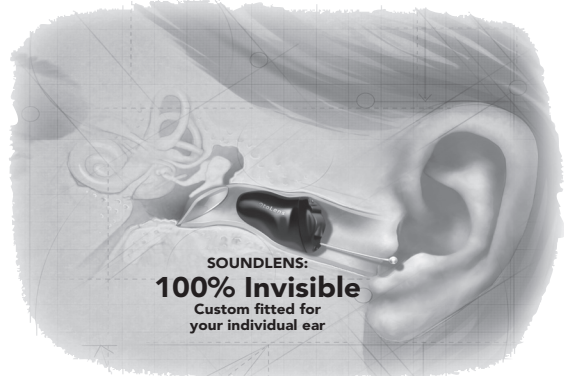
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MINORITY

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Pete Olson and anchored in fast-growing Fort Bend County near Houston — was 61 percent white in 2000, according to figures provided by the Texas Legislative Council. Today, with the new 2010 Census numbers, it's 45.5 percent white. The numbers of blacks, Hispanics and Asians all rose sharply.

There's a similar story in the district held by the top Texas Republican fundraiser and organizer in Congress — U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions of Dallas, who chairs the National Republican Congressional Committee. In 2000, the dis-

trict was 50.1 percent white. Now it's a majority minority district, with more than 42 percent of them Hispanic and 9 percent black.

Hispanics have a generally younger population and are less likely to be eligible to vote, but the sheer numbers and future voting strength have not gone unnoticed.

"The Republicans do have to react," said Cal Jillson, political scientist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "I think they will first look at that Pete Sessions district and move him a little bit north, and take some Anglos out of ... the adjoining districts to make him safe."

The new figures that will be used in the congressional

redistricting process were released by the U.S. Census Bureau this week. Operatives on both sides of the political aisle are just now beginning to look at the implications of the data, which showed a dramatic increase in the Hispanic population in Texas.

The Latino growth accounted for two-thirds of the state's population gains between 2000 and 2010, and Latinos now make up 38 percent of the population. Non-Hispanic whites dropped to 45.3 percent and blacks make up 11.5 percent of the population. Hispanics make up 48.3 percent of the under-18 population.

Texas grew more than any other state, and it's also adding more congressional seats

than any other. Where the four new seats will go won't be clear for months, as lawmakers propose maps and certain court action follows.

The racial breakdown suggests that a Hispanic-dominated seat in north Texas could help shore up districts held by Republican incumbents such as Sessions because the minorities could be taken out of the Republican's district and put into a new one. U.S. Rep. Kenny Marchant, also from the Dallas suburbs, had a district that was 64 percent white but has now dropped to 47 percent white.

North Texas Reps. Joe Barton and Michael Burgess also saw significant declines in white voters and large in-

creases in Hispanic clout. Sen. Kel Seliger, chairman of the Senate redistricting panel, told The Associated Press that it "looks like there's going to be a new congressional seat in North Texas. Because civil rights laws generally mandate the protection of minority voting interests Seliger said it's possible that the seat would be a "minority or Hispanic influence district."

Jillson, the political scientist, said the "saving grace" for Republicans is that Hispanics turn out in far fewer numbers than their white counterparts. While whites made up about 45 percent of the population in 2010, they accounted for about 68 percent of the turnout.

IRS

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days."

In late December 2010, the IRS announced it would delay processing of some tax returns in order to update processing systems to accommodate the late tax law changes. These tax law provisions were extended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, which became law on Dec. 17.

For the vast majority

of taxpayers, the filing season this year began on time in January. Most taxpayers claiming itemized deductions and the other delayed forms file later in the year.

The IRS urged taxpayers who haven't filed yet to use e-file instead of paper tax forms to ensure accuracy and to get refunds fast. Taxpayers can do their taxes for free through Free File, which is brand-name software or online fillable forms. Free File is available exclusively at www.irs.gov/freefile. Anyone who makes

\$58,000 or less can use Free File software. There are no income limits to online fillable forms. Both Free File software and Free File Fillable Forms allow taxpayers to prepare and e-file their federal returns for free.

The IRS worked closely with the tax software industry and the tax professional community during the reprogramming process to minimize disruptions for taxpayers and ensure a smooth tax season.

As a result of these efforts, many major software providers and paid

tax preparers started accepting impacted returns before the Feb. 14 start date, which they held and started submitting after the IRS systems opened.

Due to the expected increase in tax return volumes being transmitted this week, the IRS cautioned a small number of taxpayers may experience a brief delay in receiving their e-file acknowledgement, which is normally provided within 24-48 hours. The IRS continues working with the software industry to minimize any impact to taxpayers.

Business taxpayers who use the 1040 series can file now as well. However, the Feb. 14 start date does not apply to non-1040 business tax forms affected by the recent tax law changes. The IRS will announce a specific date in the near future when it can begin processing those impacted business tax forms.

Updated information has been posted on IRS.gov, including Schedule A and updated state and

local sales tax tables. For a complete list of affected individual tax forms and business tax forms visit www.IRS.gov.

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complicated, they are ready for them.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Hopkins said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said the time squeeze to get the changes created by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act Of 2010 into the IRS computers is just one example of challenges faced by tax preparers this year.

"There are a lot of changes to look at this year. The one that is going to impact more filers in the Crossroads is the loss of the non-itemized property taxes," she

said. "Last year, people were able to claim their property taxes without filing an itemized return. Unfortunately, that wasn't renewed this year, so there are going to be a lot of people here that are going to lose that deduction."

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2009 earnings and their 2008 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day — a holiday observed in the District of Columbia — falls this year on Friday, April 15. By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do, therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

The program will

continue each Monday through April 11 at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — from 8 a.m. until noon. For more informa-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How did this happen?

To the Editor:

To the concerned citizens of Big Spring and Howard County:

Many people in Howard County know that a course called "Humanities" has been taught in Big Spring High School for 70 consecutive years. Most of the same folk have heard that this course, taught by Dr. Bill Welch, has been greatly altered. These changes, later disavowed by the superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District, rendered the surviving entity totally different.

Changes include: 1. Removal of Dr. Welch as instructor. The school, rather than the board of the Howard County Bible Class Inc., will pay teachers. 2. A new textbook would be used. The study of the "Effects of Religion's Influence on Civilization" will be used. The Bible will no longer serve as the textbook.

These mandates would, of course, neutralize the results of our teachings. It should be noted here: the board paid every cent of the expenses associated with the course.

If this is what we have come to — and that is the case — what can we expect in the future?

After 70 years of successful operation, how did this happen? Any public school superintendent in the state of Texas will tell you — you receive a form questionnaire every year from the ACLU. If you offer any class in the Humanities — Bible history, etc., you will answer up. All of our previous superintendents for years have answered those perfunctory questions and gone on about their business.

Now, a new superintendent, a quick call to the counsel (the lawyers who advise our school) caused an even faster pulling of the plug on our Bible classes at Big Spring High School. I suspect that more than 90 percent of the people in Big Spring would support our classes as previously taught.

As I live out my 85th year in this community, now after 70 years to see this effort neutered in this manner, I can say, "This is torment to my being and anguish to my very soul."

Hayes Stripling Jr.
Finance Chairman
Howard County Bible Class Inc.

A unique, valuable offering

To the Editor:

The Bible class at Big Spring High School has been a unique and valuable offering for the students for close to 70 years. The class has been a positive influence on the students who have taken this elective course. My mother-in-law, Elizabeth Johansen, was the teacher of this class for close to 40 years. Through those years she taught the class from a historical perspective, looking at the lives of the patriarchs and the people who lived in those times.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by **K. Rae Anderson**

May we establish a Heavenly trust between us, Lord. Amen

The bottom of the news

The late Fulton Lewis Jr., a pioneer broadcast journalist featured daily on hundreds of radio stations nationally for three decades, ended his newscasts thusly: "That's the top of the news as it looks from here."

As a youngster, I hung on his words, amazed at his courage, conviction and introspective dissection of the day's news. Millions of others did, too.

My observations on today's news run counter to the adjectives used to describe Mr. Lewis. My meanderings are mere musings, requiring no courage, minimal conviction and optional introspection. I'll admit up front: It's the bottom of the news as it looks from here.

We are in awe of happenings in Egypt. Hopes for freedom soar there with the exit of deposed President Hosni Mubarek. Celebrations seem unending.

What if this had occurred 25 years ago, when the song "Walk Like an Egyptian" was No. 1 on musical charts?

Since dancing assumes participants' ability to stand, some of the celebrants would have had to "sit this one out," or first sleep it off.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, guarding the state's "rainy day fund" like grizzlies shield their cubs, has calls for everything but square dances.

College leaders squirm at his suggestion that they develop \$10,000 baccalaureate degree programs, and there are assorted groans from heads of other state-funded programs gathered en masse at the state budget trough. Most of 'em are ready to

tap the "rainy day fund," fearing — perhaps rightly so — that the governor has a broken rain gauge.

What do they do on a rainy night in Rio? The late Bing Crosby popularized this song in 1946, referencing the big Brazilian city.

But, in tiny Rio Vista, Texas — rainy or dry, day or night — they snicker about pronunciation of their town's name. Generally, folks born and raised there call it "Ryyyy-O Vista." Newcomers are more likely to say "Reee-O Vista."

During a recent TV newscast, an anchor headlined a news story from "Ryyyy-O Vista," then switched to an on-the-scene reporter who claimed to be in "Reeee-O Vista." Old-timers applauded for a few seconds before sitting on their hands.

City brass in Dallas must be grateful that big Super Bowl stories overshadow some of their current "goofs."

First, it was discovered that they "framed" the wrong mayor when they unveiled a photo gallery of former mayors nearly a decade ago. An astute old-timer recently claimed that the picture of the late Mayor Woodall Rodgers wasn't him at all!

And now we learn that there are two kinds of ceremonial "keys to the city" — one for notables upon majority vote of the City Council, and a lesser one for presentation as individual members see fit.

Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway decided to give one of the "minor keys" to Michael Vick, a professional football star destined to be burdened the rest of the way with the baggage of a felony conviction for grizzly dog-fighting operations.

The award presentation was captured on a camera phone. Then, in that brief slippage 'tween cup and lip, the news hit

TV screens, then news racks. The action didn't sit well with the mayor, several council members and a big chunk of citizenry. The brouhaha, now boiling, may cause the "honoree" to enlist lawyers to help him give it back.

Upon hearing the news, Mayor Tom Leppert looked like he'd been hit full in the face with a blivet. (A blivet is 10 gallons of garbage in a five-gallon bucket. The word is not in the dictionary — yet. With so many opportunities for use, it will appear soon "App" made it this year.)

City leaders promise to review the current policy. My prediction? They'll ditch second tier key awards. Future key recipients will be survivors of council votes.

There've been various news slants on this story. Minutia is magnified, of course, because the keys don't open anything. The city won't have to change its locks—at the dog pound or anywhere else.

Besides that, Dallas has always had keyless entry. For some, though, it might take keys to get outt.

Look for the Texas Rangers, defending American League champs, to brag about parking for their games costing only 1 percent of the amount charged for spaces exactly the same size at the Super Bowl.

And they'll offer humongous refunds for bona fide patrons who don't have seats for all innings — even extra ones.

Like the dismissed coach who claimed to be leaving the way he came in — fired with enthusiasm — I sign off. "That's the bottom of the news as it looks from here."

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Heroes in the war on terror

On Nov. 5, 2009, Fort Hood was suddenly thrust onto the front lines of the War on Terror. On that terrible day, 13 U.S. Army soldiers were murdered and dozens of others were grievously wounded in what we now recognize as the single worst act of terrorism on our shores since 9/11.

The shock of the events that day were further compounded for the soldiers and their families when they learned that the man accused of this heinous act was one of their own, a U.S. Army officer who had rejected his oath and embraced Islamic extremism.

The recent release of a bipartisan Senate report revealed that the events at Fort Hood were both predictable and preventable. This renews our sense of loss and outrage. Indeed, in the months preceding the attack there were strong warning signs that Nidal Hasan posed a clear and present danger to his fellow soldiers.

Unfortunately the culture of political correctness seems to have overshadowed Hasan's increasingly dangerous behavior observed by his colleagues and

supervisors who failed to put the pieces together before it was too late. Although Hasan may have worn the uniform of a U.S. Army officer, he openly embraced the beliefs and convictions of our adversaries.

The committee's report provides valuable insight, helping to deepen our understanding of how and why the horrible events at Fort Hood took place. Specifically, the report reveals that leading up to the attack, the FBI and the Department of Defense had sufficient information between both agencies to have prevented Hasan from committing that act of terrorism against his fellow soldiers.

Additionally, the Committee's findings make clear that military leaders did not adequately address the growing threat of homegrown Islamic terrorism within their own ranks. Hopefully, both the Army and the FBI will embrace the Senate's recommendations and findings.

Congress also has the responsibility to recognize that what occurred at Fort Hood was indeed an act of wartime aggression and to honor these fallen heroes and their families in the manner worthy of the sacrifices they made. As we saw from the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the battlefields of the War on Terror extend well beyond the borders of any one nation.

For more than half a century,

the soldiers stationed at Fort Hood have made great sacrifices to protect and defend our nation, and those killed or wounded on Nov. 5, 2009, were no different. It is clear that the victims of Fort Hood were engaged in enemy combat when they were attacked, and their service and sacrifice in this war must be acknowledged appropriately.

Those who lost their lives, along with their families, should receive the benefits and status afforded to their fellow servicemen and women fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan who are wounded or killed in the same War on Terror. The U.S. government awarded combat status to casualties from the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, and the victims of Fort Hood should not be treated any differently.

Together with Sen. John Cornyn and Rep. John Carter (R-Texas), I recently introduced the Fort Hood Victims and Families Benefits Protection Act, which would indeed grant the victims of the Fort Hood attack and the families of the deceased soldiers the appropriate legal recognition of combat casualties.

It is my hope that my colleagues in the Senate will join me in honoring these fallen heroes and their families in the manner they so rightly deserve.

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



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

LETTERS

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She led the students to look at those lives and see the positive and the negative and in that process, those students learned that actions have consequences. The students could take those lessons and apply them to their lives.

There was study of the Bible through the use of workbooks and projects. The students were required to read and write about what they had learned. Mrs. Johansen even got the students involved in other ways, such as making movies and re-enacting scenes from the stories they studied. Mrs. Johansen left a legacy of love and respect for those students she had. We still have men and women who come to us and tell us that she had been their teacher and that they learned so much. They also tell us that she was the most caring teacher they had through all of their education experience. She made a difference in student's lives and that difference influences lives today.

I was one of those students who learned so much from that class. It is a class that by its very nature has a different "feel" to it. The students are more unified in their studies, helping one another and learning respect for one another. It is a challenging class and is not an empty elective. Electives are to teach and enrich the lives of the students and this class has done this in so many ways! Students learn to study and take tests and work together. They also learn from the Bible about how history matters in their lives today.

BSISD and the Bible Class Board have partnered together for almost 70 years to bring a unique experience to the students of BSHS. The teacher has always been paid from private donations and the school district has provided a classroom and credits for the students. It has been a positive influence for the students, and therefore, the school.

My prayer is that the Bible class be reinstated, to be taught from the perspective that worked so well for so many years. I hope the superintendent and school board work together with the Bible class board to do this.

Terri Johansen
Big Spring

A disappointing action

Dear Editor,
As a member of the Howard County Bible Class Inc. board, I am very disappointed in Big Spring ISD as well as the school board. The reason being, they bowed to the ACLU. They contacted their attorney and made a decision to make the change, removed the teacher, Dr. Bill Welsh, who is one of the finest teachers you will find. They then placed new

curriculum as well as another teacher in the classroom. This was all done before contacting the Howard County Bible Class Inc., Yes, we were informed after the fact. Shame on you!

The Howard County Bible Class Inc. has been active in presenting a study of the Bible at Big Spring High School for more than 70 years. It was first offered in January 1939. I was a student of the Bible Class in 1944. The Bible Class Board has, for all these years, raised funds to pay the teachers' salaries, purchase Bibles and other material needed yearly. In 2002 we reached out to include Forsan, and then in 2003 we included Coahoma.

If the Bible was ever needed it is now! The students need some good Godly instructions from the Bible. The way the world is going, we all need to daily contact our Lord for spiritual guidance and uplifting.

To all of our supporters over all these years of these Bible classes, the Bible Board say "thanks." Will you join us in praying for BSISD and the school board that at the end of this term, they said they would review this issue. Pray that they can see this to be a course that has impacted students' lives for more than 70 years, and give them Godly wisdom in their decision making.

Pat Simmons
Big Spring

Keep the right priorities

To the editor:
The newspaper recently had an article concerning the restrictions that may be placed on the use of water because CRMWD will be reducing the amount of water that Big Spring will receive. If we cannot water our yards, wash our clothes and even be restricted on how much water we can use for doing laundry and bathing, I would like to know if these restrictions will be applied to the golf courses, the new water park and the country club.

I have been informed that the city will either reduce or cut out the flushing of water where the water is rusty. I live at the end of the city water line and all the rust filters down to me and the other residents of the Country Club Mobile Home Park. Will the city open the pool which loses gallons of water a day to evaporation and splashing and water the golf courses while we deal with rusty water and restrictions?

I believe that the recreational use of water should not come before the use of water for household necessities, such as bathing and laundry. How do the other citizens of Big Spring feel about this?

Nancy Tinsman



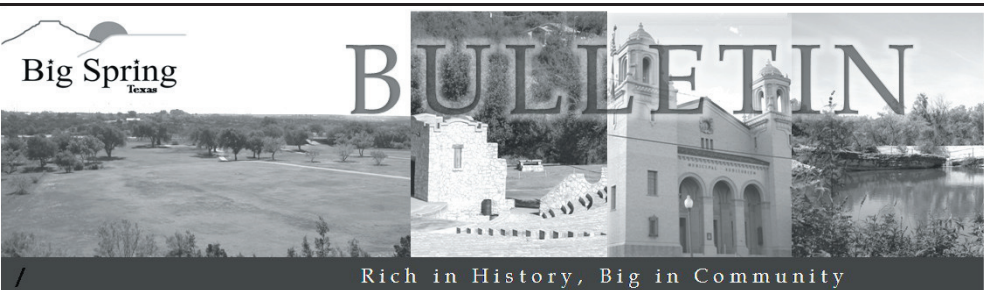
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These Coahoma High School students recently earned excellent and superior ratings at the Region 6 Solo and Ensemble Contest at Odessa College: (standing left to right) Cole Sneed and Zach Crabtree; (seated left to right) Jessi Morgan, Kenzie Moore, Heather Kirby and Emilea Brumley. Not pictured is Shayla Martin. Sneed, Moore and Morgan earned superior ratings on their Class I solos and will advance to Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May.

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New fire truck for the BSFD

The Big Spring Fire Department has gained a new addition this week, a brand new fire truck.

The fire department has found itself with a 2011 Ford F550 fire truck. It has the most advanced green diesel engine made to be environmentally friendly. It carries 400 gallons of water and 20 gallons of foam. The truck is equipped with all new equipment including new hoses, axes, nozzles, and radios. It is a specialty piece of equipment whose uses are to fight wild land fires, grass, and brush fires.

The fire truck was obtained through Texas Forest Services. The Big Spring Fire Department filled out a Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Grant application and was selected to receive one of the 16 trucks awarded in Texas. Big Spring is the farthest west city that was awarded. The TIFMAS grant is funded through the State of Texas.

The truck will be stationed at the 11th and Birdwell fire station and will serve the entire city and county. It was picked up from San Antonio, February 15, was ready for service as of February 16, 2011. It will go to wherever it is called to serve.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at 432-264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

There will be a special joint meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, located at 300 Main Street, Third Floor Commissioners' Court, to discuss a joint law enforcement center between the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office. Meeting is open to the public.

City of Big Spring offices and the Big Spring Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011, in observance of President's Day. Also, trash pick-up will not be running that day.

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News in brief

Bodies found in condo

DALLAS (AP) — Police say two bodies found inside a Dallas condominium may have been there for weeks.

KXAS-TV in Dallas reported Friday that maintenance supervisor Joe Elizondo, who helped police get inside the condo, found the bodies. Elizondo said he saw the body of a woman and another body next to her.

A mother and her son live in the condo, but police say they do not know the identities of the bodies found.

Police entered the condo after being called by a neighbor to do a welfare check at the residence.

Authorities say the bodies were badly decomposed and that it will take time to determine who they are and how they died.

Houston police chief revives photographer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland is being credited with helping revive a photographer who collapsed during a news conference.

McClelland and other city officials

were at Houston city hall on Friday to announce the creation of two new independent panels to review policies and procedures with the city's Police Department.

Halfway through the news conference, freelance photographer Anthony Morris collapsed onto the floor.

McClelland and other officials rushed to Morris, who had apparently stopped breathing. The police chief performed CPR on Morris and helped to revive him.

Morris waved his arms and smiled as he was led away by paramedics. Officials said he was expected to be fine.

Houston-area man arrested in wife's attack

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man has been arrested on charges that he brutally attacked his estranged common law wife, who survived a 17-hour ordeal in which she was tortured and mutilated while tied down to a bed, Harris County sheriff's officials said Friday.

Gregory Longoria Jr. is accused

of kidnapping his wife on Wednesday and holding her against her will until the next morning. He has been charged with aggravated sexual assault and aggravated assault of a family member and was being held without bond in the Harris County Jail.

Court records did not list a lawyer for him. He was set to appear in court on Monday.

Investigators said that during the ordeal Longoria tied her to a bed, hit her, burned her breasts and then pulled off one of her nipples. The 39-year-old man then used a cigarette lighter to turn a can of hairspray into a torch that burned her between her legs, authorities said.

According to a probable cause affidavit, when the 33-year-old woman began to scream, her attacker stuffed a rag in her mouth and then covered her face with a pillow until she lost consciousness. She was also choked with a belt tightened around her neck.

"It is a horrendous, horribly masochistic type of act that many of these deputies have never seen," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said.

Garcia, who was emotional during a news conference, compared Longoria to a "rabid dog" that had "to be put down."

2 sentenced to life terms

WACO (AP) — Federal officials say two men have been sentenced to life in prison on drug and money-laundering charges.

U.S. Senior District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. on Friday pronounced the sentences on 33-year-old Robbie Steve Padilla and 35-year-old of Jeremias Hernandez. They were assessed life for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, and each received a 20-year prison term for conspiracy to commit money laundering. Smith also ordered each to pay a \$4,000 fine.

A news release says that evidence presented during their trial in November revealed that the men conspired with others to distribute more than 500 pounds of methamphetamine and

80 kilograms of cocaine in North and Central Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. The jury heard evidence at sentencing linking two homicides to the drug-trafficking activities.

Parole board rejects plea from man to die

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously rejected a clemency petition Friday from a convicted killer set to die next week for the shooting death of his 19-month-old son.

More than 90 clergy members from around the state had signed a letter to Gov. Rick Perry and the parole board appealing for clemency for Timothy Wayne Adams.

The seven-member board voted 7-0 twice — first against a 120-day reprieve and then against a recommendation to commute the sentence to life in prison.

Adams, 42, was set to die Tuesday evening in Huntsville for the slaying of his son, Timothy Adams Jr., in 2002 at the family's southwest Houston apartment.

Evidence showed the shooting was in retaliation for Adams' wife leaving him.

In an appeal Friday to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, the inmate's lawyers contended his death sentence was unconstitutional because a 2007 ruling from the court said a mother with no criminal history who murders her child because of stress and depression was not a future danger for purposes of sentencing.

The appeal argued Adams was not a future danger, that his stress and depression were similar to the case of the woman in 2007 and that under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment the only difference was that he was a man. Also, the prediction of future danger, a question Texas jurors must consider when deciding on a death sentence, is "inherently unreliable," according to the appeal.



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Obituaries

Joy Fortenberry



Joy Fortenberry of Big Spring passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, to be with her Heavenly Father. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Joy was born Nov. 25, 1931, to Archie and Susie Spence in Elmore City, Okla. Joy was the second oldest of seven children and helped raise her younger brothers and sisters. Joy graduated high school from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, Okla., in 1950. The same year, she moved to Big Spring and married Luke Fortenberry on Aug. 19, 1950. They were married for 43 years until his death in 1993. Luke and Joy had one daughter, Sue. Joy was self-employed as the owner of Newcomer's Greeting Service of Big Spring. She served her community well, making all newcomers feel welcome in their new home while acquainting them with their community. Joy made many friends from all over the world, welcoming families arriving at Webb Air Force Base. She later started Newcomers Greeting Service Club to help others connect and help each other acclimate to their new home. Joy remained in close contact to many of those she

greeted until her death. Joy's many friends in Big Spring were dear and precious to her.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and had been a member of the ABWA for a number of years. She was proudly a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, United Daughters of the Union and Daughters of The Republic of Texas.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike Robertson of Midland; three sisters, Yvonne Arney and husband Al of Russellville, Ky., Lucille Dobbs of Geronimo, Okla., and Billie Patterson of Terre Haute, Ind.; one brother, Loyd Spence and wife Priscilla of Headrick, Okla.; two grandchildren, Justin Robertson of Midland and Linsey Hyatt and husband Todd of Midland; and three great-grandchildren, Preston, Kade and Tucker Beau.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Rayford Spence and Roy Spence.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Lung Association, 7475 Callaghan Rd., Suite 140, San Antonio 78230.

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

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James Leonard Wilson



James "Jim" Leonard Wilson of Lexington, S.C., formally of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at Lexington Medical Hospital. A funeral mass was held at St. Francis Xavier, Mount Washington, Ky., on Feb. 10, with interment following at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Louisville, Ky.

He was born Sept. 28, 1949, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School and was in business in Big Spring prior to moving to Peru, Ind., where he operated Roberts Package Store until 2008. In Peru, he was active in the Chamber of Commerce and community golf groups. Jim was a resident of Peru for more than 18 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Roberts-Wilson of Peru, Ind.; two children: Andrea and Bobby Masten of Lexington, S.C. and Pete Roberts of Peru, Ind.; one brother: Billy Bob Wilson of Granbury; one sister, Caroline Wilson of Tyler; two grandchildren; and several, nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by parents Jack and Jacqueline Wilson of Big Spring.

Mary B. Hogg

Mary B. Hogg, 96, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

She was born Nov. 20, 1914, in Howard County and married Jim Hogg in 1938 in Tahoka. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1997.

Mary was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and Howard County. She worked in the meat market at Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store for more than 26 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Raymond Hogg and wife Patricia of Big Spring; and two step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 2213, Big Spring 79721-2213.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tommie Cooper

Tommie Cooper, 88, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 2/20	Mon 2/21	Tue 2/22	Wed 2/23	Thu 2/24
85/48 A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Very warm. High near 85F.	74/37 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	75/43 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	80/48 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	80/42 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM

Texas At A Glance



Benjamin Brumit

SNYDER — Benjamin Grover Brumit of Snyder died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

A private family service for Mr. Brumit, 58, will be held to celebrate his life. As per Mr. Brumit's wishes, his body will be donated to science.

Born Oct. 19, 1952, in Sweetwater to Garland and Janie Westberry Brumit, he was a truck driver in the oil field for several years before retiring because of health reasons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Lisa Brumit; four brothers, Buddy Brumit, John Brumit, Carl Wayne Brumit and A.J. Brumit; and three sisters, Doris Eubanks, Faye Mitchell and Marybelle Brumit.

Survivors include a sister, Debbie "Sue" Whiteside of Big Spring; a niece; and two nephews.

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News in brief

Libyan forces storm protest camp, police off the street in major city

CAIRO (AP) — Libyans set up neighborhood patrols in the shaken eastern city of Benghazi on Saturday as police disappeared from the streets following an attack by government forces on a two-day-old encampment of protesters demanding an end to Moammar Gadhafi's regime, eyewitnesses said.

The situation in the North African nation has become increasingly chaotic, with a human rights group estimating 84 people have died in a harsh crackdown on anti-Gadhafi demonstrations and the U.S.-based Arbor Networks security company saying Internet service was cut off around 2 a.m. Saturday, eliminating a critical link to the outside world.

"We don't see a single policeman in the streets, not even traffic police," a lawyer in Benghazi said. Residents feared that pro-government forces would soon follow up the raid on the protest encampment with house-to-house attacks.

"Residents formed neighborhood watches ... guarding their houses and neighborhoods," he said. The man and other people inside Libya spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

Switzerland-based Libyan activist Fathi al-Warfalli said that several other activists had been detained, including Abdel Hafez Gougha, a well-known organizer who was being held after security forces stormed his house in a night raid.

GOP-controlled House passes sweeping cuts to domestic programs, curbs new regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jolted to action by deficit-conscious newcomers, the Republican-controlled House passed sweeping legislation early Saturday to cut \$61 billion from hundreds of federal programs and shelter coal companies, oil refiners and farmers from new government regulations.

The 235-189 vote to send the bill to the Senate was largely along party lines and defied a veto threat from President Barack Obama. It marked the most striking victory to date for the 87-member class of freshmen Republicans elected last fall on a promise to attack the deficit and reduce the reach of government. Three Republicans joined Democrats in opposing the measure.

"The American people have spoken. They demand that Washington stop its out-of-control spending now, not some time in the future," declared freshman Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

The \$1.2 trillion bill covers every Cabinet agency through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year, imposing severe spending cuts aimed at domestic programs and foreign aid, including aid for schools, nutrition programs, environmental protection, and heating and housing subsidies for the poor.

The measure faces a rough ride in the Democratic-controlled Senate, even before the GOP amendments adopted Thursday, Friday and early Saturday morning pushed the bill further and further to the right on health care and environmental policy. Senate Democrats promise higher spending levels

and are poised to defend Obama's health care bill, environmental policies and new efforts to overhaul regulation of the financial services industry.

Yemen police fatally shoot protester

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni riot police shot dead a protester and injured five others when they opened fire on a march of thousands of demonstrators in the capital Sanaa on Saturday.

Protesters in Sanaa marched early in the morning from the University of Sanaa to the Ministry of Justice while chanting, "the people want the fall of the regime."

Riot police backed by plainclothes officers confronted the rioters, opening fire and throwing stones.

A medical official said one man was shot in the neck and killed. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Meanwhile residents of Yemen's port city Aden said security forces have disappeared from the streets, threatening to send the city into chaos.

Bahrain government orders military off streets of capital

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The deputy chief of Bahrain's armed forces has ordered the military to withdraw from the streets of the capital.

Saturday's decision comes after the military opened fire on protesters trying to reach the site that was once the centerpiece of their uprising against the Gulf nation's rulers.

Army tanks are moving out of Manama's Pearl Square as Bahrain's monarchy seeks to open negotiations with protesters.

G-20 chiefs optimistic on deal to track economic imbalances

PARIS (AP) — Finance chiefs of the world's dominant economies on Saturday pressured China to drop its resistance to a deal on tracking dangerous imbalances in the global economy, in an effort to revive the Group of 20 rich and developing nations as the forum to prevent further financial crises.

"I have the impression that China is aware of its responsibility in the world," German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble said Saturday morning after holding late-night talks with his Chinese counterpart Xie Xuren. "China is also greatly affected by global developments."

France, which holds the G-20 presidency this year, asked finance ministers and central bank governors in their first meeting in 2011 to come up with a list of indicators to measure economic imbalances. Talks Friday and Saturday revolved around five specific measures: current accounts, real effective exchange rates and currency reserves, as well as public and private debt levels.

Beijing — watching over the world's second largest economy — has emerged as the power to convince to take even this first step in targeting imbalances, which most economists say not only were central to the recent financial crisis but also have been a big obstacle to getting the global economy back on track.

China has so far opposed targeting current account surpluses — which show that a country sends much more goods and capital abroad than it receives — and exchange rates, as it has resisted letting its own currency, the yuan, appreciate more quickly against the dollar.

Rallies over union rights swell by thousands a day in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A birthplace of the progressive movement is crackling with a fervor not seen in decades, as students from the famously liberal University of Wisconsin team up with unionized state workers for demonstrations against collective bargaining rights pushed by the state's new Republican governor. The biggest rally yet is expected Saturday, along with an influx of conservative counter-protesters.

As many as 40,000 people swarmed the Capitol on Friday, raising the noise in its rotunda to earsplitting levels as they rallied to block Republican Gov. Scott Walker's efforts to ease Wisconsin's budget

woes by cutting many government workers' pay, benefits and bargaining rights.

No stranger to political unrest, Madison has seen activists take to the streets to protest the Vietnam war, support civil rights and oppose cuts in social services. Riots ensued 15 years ago when police clamped down on an annual block party that began as an anti-war protest in 1969.

Some say this week's rallies are unmatched in their sustained, impassioned energy — bolstered by Senate Democrats who fled the state to delay action on Walker's proposal and threatened to stay in hiding for weeks if calls for negotiation go unheeded. State troopers were sent to retrieve the Democratic minority leader from his home Friday, but their knocks went unanswered.

"That's jaw-dropping. This is uncharted," said Mordecai Lee, a UW-Milwaukee political scientist and former state lawmaker who said he's been reminded this week of when motorcycle riders' protest of a helmet law in the late 1970s persuaded legislators to overturn the measure.

Ousted Madagascar president barred from returning

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Madagascar's ousted president has been barred by officials in his homeland from returning from exile in South Africa Saturday, the politician told reporters at Johannesburg's airport.

Marc Ravalomanana said aviation authorities in Madagascar had written to South African Airways to say he was not welcome. Ravalomanana had been booked on the carrier's regular Saturday flight to Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital.

"I'm very, very upset," Ravalomanana told reporters shortly after South African Airways said he could not board the plane. "I'm very disappointed right now because many Malagasy people are at the airport right now waiting for my arrival. But I'm still here — I'm stuck here."

The democratically elected Ravalomanana has been in exile in South Africa since being ousted in a 2009 military-backed takeover led by Andry Rajoelina, a former disc jockey turned Antananarivo mayor. Rajoelina has been shunned by the international community and has so far rejected attempts by South Africa and other neighbors to mediate a solution that would restore democracy. Rajoelina has refused to allow Ravalomanana to return.

In a letter to South African Airways, Madagascar civil aviation authorities said Ravalomanana and his crew were "non grata persons" in Madagascar.

Can a social network bring social change?

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Lassiter is no longer "in a relationship."

Let's clarify that: Lassiter, a media adviser for political campaigns who lives in Cherry Hill, N.J., is still with his partner of nearly eight years, Greg Lehmkuho. But since Thursday, when Facebook expanded its romantic-status options, Lassiter's profile there echoes his relationship's legal status: "Domestic partnership."

It may not be a life-altering change. After all, you can call yourself anything you want on a social network. And Facebook is merely that.

But, Lassiter notes: "I'm no different from all those other Facebook users whose identity is tied up with their Facebook pages, for better or for worse."

And so, he says: "It's high time. It's an affirming gesture. It's sort of one tiny step for gays, but a giant leap for gay rights."

Condoms, sickbags, and ashtrays: Royal wedding brings out spate of tasteless merchandise

LONDON (AP) — Fancy a royal wedding condom? Or maybe a commemorative sickbag?

The April wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton has spawned a cottage industry of inappropriate souvenirs.

For ladies and gentlemen who wouldn't dare touch anything that hadn't personally been approved by the princely couple, the Royal Collection sells handmade tankards, plates and pill boxes in English fine bone china, complete with William and Middleton's entwined initials in gold and silver.

But online and in stores, entrepreneurs are cashing in on the inevitable popular backlash against royal wedding mania.

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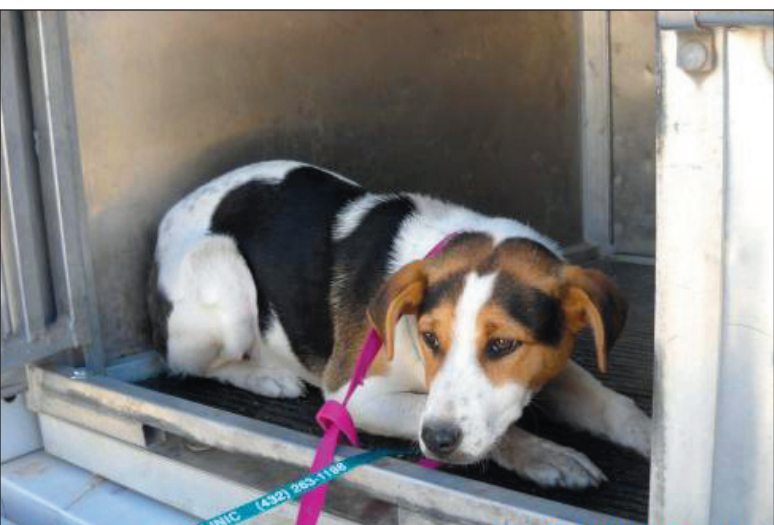
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 The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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



Big Spring High School Choir Director Anna Castaneda O'Brien, front row far left, and choir pianist Linda Lindell, front row far right, are shown with BSBS students who earned Division I ratings at the recent UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo. The students are (front row left to right): Alicia Douglas, Ashley Pike, Teresa Turner, Shelby Cruz, Laticia Balzadua, Brianna Kight and Baylee Howell; (second row left to right) Santana DeLeon, Andrea Cervantes, Jasmine Martinez, Toby Shubert, Aron Rios, Ricky Shubert, Alesha Yanez, Carl Friddle, Eric Fierro and Mindy Ralston; (third row left to right) Julia Wilson, Jonathan Martinez, Devante Lloyd, Bridgette Tuitt, Diamond Mayes, Jason Golleher and Krystal Soto.

Choir excels at contest

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Choir had quite a medal haul at the recent University Inter-scholastic League Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo.

Thirty BSBS students earned Division I ratings (the highest possible) during the contest, which was held at Angelo State University Feb. 5.

BSBS Choir Director Anna Castaneda O'Brien said 28 of those students qualified to compete in the State UIL Solo and Ensemble

Contest, which will be held at the University of Texas in Austin later this school year.

"I'm very proud of our kids' performances," O'Brien said. "A judge told me they were the most exceptional students he'd seen all day."

This is the largest number of students who qualified for the state contest in decades, she added.

"It's been a long time since we've had so many advance to state," O'Brien said. "It's been at least 30 years since we've had that many."

Students who earned

Division I ratings at the contest were: Alicia Douglas, Ashley Pike, Teresa Turner, Shelby Cruz, Laticia Balzadua, Brianna Kight, Baylee Howell, Santana DeLeon, Andrea Cervantes, Jasmine Martinez, Toby Shubert, Aron Rios, Ricky Shubert, Alesha Yanez, Carl Friddle, Eric Fierro, Mindy Ralston, Julia Wilson, Jonathan Martinez, Devante Lloyd, Bridgette Tuitt, Diamond Mayes, Jason Golleher and Krystal Soto.

Aside from praising the students, O'Brien said others had a great

deal to do with the choir's success.

"Randall Capshaw and Linda Lindell were a big help to our students and we couldn't have done as well without them," she said. "Also, our administration at the high school and Big Spring ISD has been incredibly supportive since I've been here. I know their support is a reflection of our students continued success."

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Playoffs 2011

Paducah's quick start ousts Grady girls

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

POST — Youth and inexperience caught up with the Grady Lady Wildcats when they met No.14 Paducah in the girls' Class A, Division II area championship Friday.

"We shot ourselves in the foot a lot," Grady head coach Ken Hefner said. "But it's not a lack of effort. The kids played hard all year long. They did some great things. It's just disappointing to finish on a night like this."

Paducah handed a 58-35 loss to the Lady Cats, whose playoff run ended after a win over Ropes in the bi-district round Tuesday.

The Lady Dragons, who had a bye the first round, jumped on Grady early en route to the win.

Paducah's Shunequa Walker was big with 17 points, Kendra Hardeman had 16 and Alex Stice had 15.

Grady guard Julia Scheulke was the only double-digit scorer for the Lady Cats. She finished with 13.

Paducah jumped out to a 24-3 lead in the first quarter, while the Lady Cats were barely able to get shots off due to turnovers.

A lot of that first quarter was Hardeman's doing, scoring 10 of her 16 during that span.

The Lady Cats did show signs of life when Charmynee Arnold's score made it 27-15 Paducah at the 9:09 mark in the second. Grady outscored the Lady Dragons' 18-11 in the second.

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Grady's Savannah Sawyer is guarded by Paducah's Ashley Hurd during the Lady Cats' 58-35 loss in the girls' Class A, Division II area championship Friday in Post.



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Tristian Clay, preparing to shoot a free throw, had 15 points in the Big Spring Steers' win over Paducah in Friday's playoff warm-up game in Post.

Playoff warm-up win over Paducah helps Steers shake off rust

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

POST — The Big Spring Steers have had a little more than a week of preparation for their bi-district playoff game against Bowie Tuesday.

But the way they ended the regular season — a 69-54 loss at Abilene Wylie — is still fresh in their minds. So head coach Cliff Thompson and the Steers didn't mind expressing how good a 74-58 win over Paducah felt, even if it was a playoff warm-up game.

"We needed that after that Wylie game," he said. "We didn't play well. Paducah is a good team. Just Monday,

they beat Seminole, who won their 3A district. We played well and that was good to see."

Thompson simply wanted his players to shake some rust off in Friday's playoff warm-up game against what he considers an athletic team.

The two senior leaders were solid. BSHS guard Luke Adams was his usual self with 32 points and Tristian Clay had 15. The Steers outscored the Dragons in every quarter and kept things under control for most of the game without many problems.

The Steers had to wait until Tuesday night to figure out who they were playing in the bi-district round. Other than

that, Thompson and his players said this week has been all about staying in the gym.

This playoff warm-up game served other purposes besides working out any kinks before Tuesday's matchup. Thompson said it was a good time to get a win and have fun doing so and he brought a few junior varsity players along for Friday's game, hoping to give them a taste of what it's like to be on varsity.

Adams mentioned how good it feels to get back on the court after the Wylie game, but he also said this game helps

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Area basketball playoff schedule

Girls, area
Paducah 58
Grady 35

Boys, bi-district Monday
Grady vs. New Home at 6:30 p.m. at Borden County High School -Gail

Tuesday
Big Spring vs. Bowie at 6 p.m. at Cisco High School -Cisco

Stanton vs. Kermit at 6:30 p.m. at Odessa College -Odessa

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Sports in brief

Spring football sign-ups

Sign-ups are taking place through March 5. For more information or details, contact Kevin Boyce at (432) 816-3855.

9:30 a.m. sign-up deadline. For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at (432) 935-0410.

is \$10 extra. For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct sign-ups for girls ages 4 to 14 to play. Sign-ups are each Saturday through March 12 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The registration fee is \$80 with no fundraiser. It will cover the full uniform. Late registration after March 12

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Coahoma girls softball will be conducting signups for girls ages 3 to 18 for three weekends in March — check local newspaper and radio station for times and locations. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.

Chicano Golf Association

The association's Membership Tournament takes place today at Comanche Trail Golf Course. It is a four person scramble and golfers select their own foursome. Membership fee is \$25. The tournament is scheduled for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and

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the team deal with the layoff between the end of the regular season and the playoffs,

"It's actually pretty hard to do," Adams said. "Our bodies are tired and we just have to get motivated again. We had a couple team meetings and coach Thompson has done a good job of trying to light the fire. A lot of guys just run out of juice in the playoffs. They might be tired or they just kind of quit. I don't think we will do that. We just have to take it one game at a time."

A lot of area boys' teams are in the same position the Steers are in. Grady won its playoff warm-up game against Garden City Friday; both of those squads are in the playoffs. As of Saturday afternoon, Garden City is still trying to figure out who they will play in the bi-district round.

Stanton's bi-district game against Kermit isn't until Tuesday, too. Sands has a bye and won't play until the area championship round on Feb. 25.

The Steers practiced Saturday and will have one more on Monday before Tuesday's game against Bowie.

BSHS center Devante Lloyd said the Steers are still studying Bowie, but they know the task at hand.

"We know what we have to do," he said, "and we know we're going to do it."

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

Cabrera misses Tigers' first full-time practice

The Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera has missed the Tigers' first day of a full-squad practice Saturday.

"Miguel is not going to be here today nor will be here for the next couple of days," Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "We had conversations yesterday between the commissioner's office, the Players Association, myself and Miguel's representative and him, and we've decided that it's best to meet with some doctors in the beginning of the week and completely assess what has taken place."

The first baseman was arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving in Fort Pierce, about 110 miles southeast of Lakeland.

Manager Jim Leyland reiterated that Cabrera is his first baseman and part of the team no matter what.

"He isn't just part of the Tigers' family, he is part of the baseball family," Leyland said.

Detroit is hoping to contend for the AL Central title after adding players such as Victor Martinez and Brad Penny in the offseason. Cabrera is

the lineup's centerpiece. He hit .328 with 38 home runs last year and finished second in the American League MVP vote to Texas' Josh Hamilton.

Dombrowski said Cabrera wanted to be with the team, but accepted the decision to seek help.

"Until that happens we have all decided that it's better that he be away from camp, even though he would love to be here and is capable of playing at this point," the GM said.

Nobody doubts Cabrera's physical ability, but teammates are concerned about him. He's struggled with drinking-related problems in the past. Late in the 2009 season, police said Cabrera got into a fight with his wife after a night of drinking.

Dombrowski had to pick up Cabrera at the station after that incident. No charges were filed.

"I think the important thing is that it will not be a distraction," Leyland said. "The Tigers are doing everything to make things proper. Miguel is a tremendous guy and we are going to do everything we can to contribute. I love the guy and I know he is going to do all he can to contribute."

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Paducah head coach Amy Bowles said getting large leads early is fine, as long as her players keep applying the pressure. In her opinion, that didn't happen, evidenced by the second quarter.

"One thing I didn't want to do is jump out early, get a big lead and get relaxed," she said. "I felt like that's kind of what we did. We changed up our defense a little bit and went back to a man (defense) in the second half and got our intensity back up."

Hefner wasn't surprised at the Lady Dragons' early run. He knew Paducah was capable of putting the game out of reach in a hurry.

"They have a lot of good athletes," he said. "Their point guard is strong. I thought their wings did a great job, but sometimes, we get in the habit of wanting somebody else to do the job. Like maybe Julia brings the ball down and we get a little tense and that's happened to us in several games this year. I think as they get a little older, a little more mature, it'll be a little bit

different."

Getting a little older may be all Grady needs to take the next step. Hefner, who is in his first year as Grady's coach, said he is proud of the strides his team made this season.

The majority of his team is coming back next season, too, and the only senior on next year's team will be Kelly Cook. Scheulke and post player Katie Meeks were the only two seniors this year.

Meanwhile, Paducah has a date with Borden County in a regional quarter-final matchup.

PADUCAH 58, GRADY 35
Paducah 24 11 11 12 — 58
Grady 3 18 3 11 — 35
Paducah — Shunequa Walker 17, Kendra Hardeman 16, Alex Stice 15
Grady — Julia Scheulke 13, Sarah Clay 6, Charmynee Arnold 6
3-point field goals — Paducah 1 (Walker), Grady 0
Free throws — Grady 5-8, Paducah 5-8
Total fouls — Paducah 13, Grady 11
Record: Paducah 27-5, Grady 21-11

New Rangers C Torrealba not talking loss to NY Mets

The Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Yorvit Torrealba was signed by the Texas Rangers this winter to be their starting catcher. That was the same plan the New York Mets had for him before failing to finalize a \$14.4 million agreement 3½ years ago.

With Torrealba in camp with the AL champion Rangers, arbitrator Shyam Das ruled Thursday that the Mets had the right not to complete their three-year agreement with Torrealba in November 2007.

"I'm not ready to make a comment on that," Torrealba said Friday. "(My agent) told me what's going on. I know I lost the case, but I'm not 100 percent ready to say what happened and what's going on. When I find out more of what happened I'll have no problem talking about it."

The agreement signed by the Mets and Torrealba's representative said the deal was subject to a physical

that was satisfactory to the Mets. The team concluded it had concerns about his throwing shoulder, which caused him to miss three months of the 2006 season.

Torrealba then re-signed with the Colorado Rockies, getting a \$7.25 million, two-year deal. The players' association filed a grievance against the Mets the following April.

After the Rockies, Torrealba played in San Diego for \$1.25 million last season before signing a \$6.25 million, two-year deal with the Rangers to be their starting catcher.

Texas manager Ron Washington has already made it clear that the plan is for Torrealba to be the starter. Matt Treanor, who shared catching duties with Bengie Molina the second half of the season, was re-signed this off-season and the Rangers also acquired catcher-first baseman Mike Napoli.

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Gunnar Kennedy throws to Garrett Stuteville in hopes of picking off a runner at first base in the Big Spring baseball team's scrimmage against Amarillo Caprock Friday at Steer Park.

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Torrealba has been primarily a backup catcher in 669 major league games for San Francisco (2001-05), Seattle (2005), Colorado (2006-09) and the Padres.

"That was really hard for me the last few years. It's hard because you've got to try to know your pitchers but I only could give my advice on the bench," Torrealba said. "If you're behind the plate you have a different feel for what's working. ... This year, being the guy, I can focus from the get-go."

Torrealba hit .271 with seven homers and 37 RBI in 95 games with San Diego last season.

He started 89 games, and the Padres were 53-36 in those games with a 3.14 ERA, the lowest to a catcher in the majors since the Los Angeles Dodgers had a 2.73 ERA with Paul Lo Duca behind the plate in 2003.

The only time he has appeared in more games than last season was 113 in 2007, when he helped the Rockies reach the World Series. He then became a free agent and reached his deal with the Mets before instead re-signing with Colorado.

At Rangers camp, Torrealba is catching two or three pitchers a day and plans to work with the entire staff. He talks to pitchers after workouts to see what their preferences are, and has studied most of the staff on film.

Nuggets' Anthony hoping for deal this weekend

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carmelo Anthony just wants it over, without saying where he hopes it will end.

The season-long trade speculation involving Denver's All-Star forward is nearing completion, with the deadline for deals arriving Thursday afternoon. Anthony would love a quicker answer.

"My mind's boggled right now about this whole situation," Anthony said Friday. "I wish I could get this thing over with right now and I wish there was just something that was just on the table

that the Nuggets could just say, 'OK, let's get it done.'"

There were reports it was ready to happen, as the Nuggets tried for the third time this season to complete a deal with New Jersey, and that Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov was hoping to meet with Anthony sometime this weekend.

Anthony insisted earlier Friday during an NBA Cares community service event there was "no meeting at all" and repeated that claim later during his session with the media.

And he didn't know what he would say if one was scheduled.

"If I was to meet with that guy, to be honest I really don't know what I would say," Anthony said while taking a break from painting a community center.

The Nuggets have looked into trading Anthony since he declined to sign a three-year contract extension worth nearly \$65 million this season. The Nets have been close to a deal twice, and the New York Knicks are considered the other favorite to land Anthony if Denver decides to move him by Thursday afternoon.

Though refusing to rule out staying in Denver, Anthony also

talked of his time with the Nuggets in the past tense. He won't specify a preferred destination, noting that going to the Nets offers the chance to play in his birthplace of Brooklyn, while the Knicks' rebuilding effort is further along since the arrival of fellow All-Star Amare Stoudemire.

Anthony said the constant speculation is causing him to lose sleep and he realizes how much it's worn on people throughout the NBA.

"It's way past soap opera. It's like a bad movie now," Hall of Famer and TNT analyst Charles

Barkley said Thursday.

But Anthony said the only thing he can control is whether he signs the extension with Denver, and he has refused to do that so he can keep his options open. But he thought a trade would

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ANSWERS

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U.S. men's basketball faces Olympic deadline hurdle

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The first hurdle facing the U.S. men's basketball team in defense of its gold medal could be the schedule.

USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo says the earlier start date for the 2012 Olympics could require the Americans to submit a 12-man roster before the NBA season is over.

The rosters will be due on June 18, 2012, forcing Colangelo and coach Mike Krzyzewski to pick their squad

without the benefit of having the players together for a training camp.

"Literally what I have to do now is just look at what happens the rest of this season and what happens next season during the year and then we have to submit our roster," Colangelo said Friday.

With the NBA finals going the full seven games last year, the season didn't end until the early morning of June 18. A seven-game series in 2012

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Aubrey Maurice Weaver
April 8, 1921 - February 12, 2011

Aubrey Maurice Weaver, of Big Spring, passed on February 12, 2011 at the age of 89. He was born April 8, 1921 to Cellous and Ethel Weaver in Quail, Collingsworth County, Texas, the first of eight children. From driving a car at five years of age to besting a thoroughbred horse in a race with 'his' one-eyed farm mare, he displayed a number of gifts and talents.

He moved with his parents and born siblings to Big Spring in 1934 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1936. He worked one year as a clerk at Piggly Wiggly grocery before entering Texas Technological College. He met the financial challenges of attending college during the Great Depression by being a waiter's waiter on campus and wearing pillow case fashioned "shirts" on an as needed basis. At Texas Tech he continued to excel academically and develop socially and physically by participating in intramural boxing. He garnered his first of several nicknames affectionately given him by friends, "Buck(wheat)." He graduated with a degree in Government just after his eighteenth birthday and returned to Big Spring to work and to help at home.

Opportunity called and Aubrey moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where he found employment as an electrical arc welder in the shipyards. The work was difficult, but the environment was stimulating, and he made many friends. With the eruption of World War II, he volunteered his service for his country. While he might have longed for a foreign campaign, the Army Air Force had other plans with more and more training. He became a Flight Officer bombardier radar navigator and qualified as a 45 Caliber pistol marksman. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Big Spring and purchased a farm using the GI Bill. Though he produced the first of his three "first babies" as a cotton farmer one year on his Luthor, Texas land, successive drought years were not kind to his personal cotton farming operations, and he migrated into retail sales while continuing to help his father farming. As a manager at Jim's and Fox's pawn shops, and later as owner of his own store City Pawn Shop, Aubrey was a natural, probably because his genuine smile and handshake were his bond and because he treated all persons with respect and kindness no matter their race, religion, or social station. With the country and Big Spring prospering, business was good, and Aubrey enjoyed sharing. Shooting a half dollar thrown into the air would draw oohs from the bracero migrant workers who dubbed him "Gran Patron" or "Pelon Patron," and it didn't hurt gun sales, either.

In 1959 he met his life love, Ann Weaver. They enjoyed dining, dancing, and driving with the top down in the convertible. They were married in 1963, and son Aubrey Weaver, Jr. was born in 1964. He embraced stepsons Terry and Mackie Vaughn as his own. Adoption of their great-niece gave Aubrey and Ann their daughter, Marci.

The Pawn Shop years were full of love and life for Aubrey. He worked tirelessly to keep his business viable and continued helping others. It was an unusual model to be sure: part European salon, part saloon, and part live music studio, there was never a shortage of new ideas or a dull moment in an environment where hobos to hacienda owners mixed easily.

Aubrey Maurice Weaver was preceded in death by his parents, C.M. and Ethel Weaver. His is survived by his wife, Ann Weaver; his children Marci Weaver Rogers, Mackie Vaughn, Terry Vaughn, and Aubrey Weaver, Jr.; daughter-in-law Helen Denton Vaughn and son-in-law, True Rogers; grandchildren Dax Fields, Lauren Vaughn, Tansley and Marcellous Rogers, and great-grandchild Macie Van Zant; siblings R.H. Weaver, Helen Weaver Chapman, Ramona Weaver Harris, Sonia Weaver Lusk, Marcellous "Boosie" Weaver, James Weaver, and Mary Jane Weaver Phillips; brother and sister-in-laws Joyce Weaver, J.O. Chapman, Gerald Harris, Bea Weaver, Cleo Burt, and Jessie Dent; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

The family wishes to thank the outstanding physicians, nurses, and staff at the Big Spring and Albuquerque VA medical centers, Midland Memorial Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and Caring Hearts Home Health. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans or a charity of choice.

Private services were held with arrangements by Nalley Pickle and Welch. Online condolences may be left at www.npwelch.com. There will be a life celebration dinner at a later date in honor of a most humble, honorable, and loving man. God blessed us all with you, Dad.

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NFL, union resume mediated negotiations on 2nd day

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The NFL and its players' union met for the second consecutive day in front of a federal mediator Saturday, an attempt to get negotiations going with less than two weeks until their labor contract expires.

Representatives of both sides were present, along with George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, a U.S. government agency.

The league and union met with Cohen for the first time Friday in a session that lasted about six hours. Cohen announced Thursday the groups agreed to the mediation, which is not binding but is meant as a way to initiate progress in the slow and sometimes contentious bargaining.

The plan calls for several days of ne-

gotiations with Cohen present.

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith declined to comment on his way into Saturday's meeting. He was one of about a dozen members of the union's team seen by The Associated Press as they entered the building between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., a larger contingent than appeared a day earlier.

Others representing the union Saturday included NFLPA lawyers Jeff Kessler and Richard Berthelsen — who also would not take questions because of Cohen's request that there be no public comment — along with Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch and former players Pete Kendall and Sean Morey.

Two NFL spokesmen would not comment as they left the building.

The current collective bargaining agreement runs out at the end of the

day March 3. The players believe that team owners are preparing to lock them out as soon as the following day, which could threaten the 2011 season.

News of the start of mediation could be a positive sign after several months of infrequent negotiations — and frequent rhetoric, including charges from each side that the other was hoping for a work stoppage.

The league and union went more than two months without any formal bargaining until Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The sides met again once last week but called off a second meeting that had been scheduled for the following day.

The most recent CBA was signed in 2006, but owners exercised an opt-out clause in 2008.

The biggest issue separating the sides is how to divide about \$9 billion

in annual revenues. Among the other significant points in negotiations: the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

Cohen was involved in Major League Soccer's negotiations with its players' union last year, when a possible work stoppage was avoided.

He was the baseball players' association's lead lawyer in federal court in 1995, when the National Labor Relations Board obtained an injunction against owners from then-District Judge — and now Supreme Court Justice — Sonia Sotomayor that led players to end their 7½-month strike.

The FMCS was involved in negotiations during the 2004-05 NHL lockout, and a 2005 dispute between the U.S. Soccer Federation and its players.

Fans mark 10-year anniversary of Dale Earnhardt's death

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Someone placed three small white angel figurines at the foot of the Dale Earnhardt statue that stands outside of Daytona International Speedway.

Near the statue was a lone yellow rose in a small glass vase, with a black ribbon tied around it. On the ribbon was written one word: "forever." Members of the team Earnhardt once drove for, Richard Childress Racing, wore black No. 3 hats as they worked on

cars in the garage area.

Subtly but surely, fans and NASCAR competitors remembered the 10-year anniversary of Earnhardt's death, which fell Friday.

"It's just a sad day in racing," said 62-year-old Nita Powell, an Earnhardt fan who came to Daytona from Sand Lake, Mich.

More tributes will come during Sunday's Daytona 500.

The Fox television broadcast team will fall silent during lap No. 3, while fans are expected to hold up three fingers in tribute — much as

they did at every race in the immediate aftermath of Earnhardt's death in 2001.

It will be the first time attending the Daytona 500 for Robert Baker, an Earnhardt fan from Canton, Ohio. For Baker, it just felt right to be there in person.

And despite the dour anniversary, he didn't feel sad when he got to the racetrack. The sun was out, the people were friendly and he was getting ready for the race.

"I've always wanted to come down to the Daytona 500," the 65-year-old said. "Being the

10th anniversary of Earnhardt's death, it's really special, extra special for me."

Fans still remember where they were on that day in 2001, and how they found out the shocking news that Earnhardt had been killed. The wreck hadn't looked that violent — and wasn't Earnhardt invincible?

"You're not going to hurt that guy," said 52-year-old Greg Walton, an Earnhardt fan who lives near Santa Barbara, Calif. "He drove with a broke back."

And he had walked away

from so many wrecks that appeared so much worse.

"There were so many worse," Walton said. "I can remember the time when he flipped, the car rolled, and he gets out of the car saying, 'Hey, does it start back up?'"

A decade after Earnhardt's death, his loyal fans take solace in the fact that his accident was the catalyst for a safety revolution in the sport.

"We're still racing, and thankfully nobody's been killed since his death," said Jody Scheckel, a fan.

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could go as late as June 21.

The London games open July 27, 2012. Teams would still be able to make changes to the 12-man rosters after the deadline if there is an injury.

The Americans picked their gold medal-winning squad without a tryout camp in 2008, but they were choosing from a much smaller pool of players. With all those players remaining in the national team roster, plus the group that won the world championship last summer in Turkey, Colangelo may have

to sort through more than 30 names.

And while all the top superstars passed on the worlds, they will likely be more interested in returning for the Olympics, which are much more valued by Americans.

"That's a long time away. You never know what happens in life and everything. As of right now we're all committed to being with the team, I think it's like us and 30 guys and we're still going to have to compete," said Miami forward Chris Bosh, who played on the '08 team.

"So we're going to have to go out there and compete against the guys who won the world championship and the guys who won the Beijing games in '08."

ANTHONY

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have been completed by now, and doesn't want to deal with the speculation right up through Wednesday night.

"I want to get something done. Before I leave here I would love to have something on happen," Anthony said. "I would love to have a legit offer on the table where they can sit down with me and say, 'Melo, this is what we have. Let's try to figure it out.'"

Prokhorov's spokeswoman insists nothing has changed with the impending NBA trading deadline, despite multiple reports of a possible meeting and/or deal. Prokhorov cited the high price the Nuggets were seeking and his frustration with the public nature of the

talks when he halted them, not because of reports that Anthony only would agree to a long-term extension with the Knicks if he were dealt.

There are also reports that Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan wants to meet with Anthony this weekend. Anthony said there was no meeting scheduled with him, either, but seems to see the value in talking with a team that's interested in him.

"Whether it's Prokhorov or Dolan or (Lakers owner Jerry) Buss, the third team that just came out last week, whoever it is, you would want to sit down and have eye contact with him and get a feeling for him," Anthony said.

Stoudemire said he believes Dolan wants Anthony in New York, and thinks Anthony likes the Knicks — but not the circus that's followed his status.

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♠ A Q 7 4 3

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♦ 9 6 2

♣ 10 7

EAST

♠ 10 5

♥ Q 10 8 4 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 6

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 9 4

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

Opening lead — four of spades.
This deal from a team-of-four match demonstrates how psychology sometimes plays a primary role in determining the outcome.

The contract at both tables was three notrump played by South, and both Wests led a spade. Both declarers won East's ten with the jack, but that is where the similarity ended.

Both declarers realized that they would need a club trick to make the

contract, and also recognized the danger posed by the possibility that East might have the ace of clubs. In that case, East could win the first club lead and return a spade. If West originally had five spades, this would defeat the contract.

At the first table, South crossed to dummy with a diamond at trick two and led a low club toward his hand, hoping to steal his ninth trick if East had the ace and played low. Unfortunately for South, East alertly put up the ace and returned a spade, whereupon West cashed four spade tricks to sink the contract.

The declarer at the second table found a more devious way to try to steal a club trick. After winning the first spade, he cashed the ace of diamonds and then led the club king.

This sequence of plays was designed to foster the impression that South had started with the singleton ace of diamonds and was trying to create an entry to dummy. East was tempted to take his ace, but he had no way of knowing for sure that his partner could run four spade tricks.

So East ducked the king, after which declarer ran like a thief with his nine tricks to net 700 points for his team.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Charley Johnson: A hometown hero



Induction into Texas Sports Hall of Fame brings great deal of honor to Big Spring, Crossroads area and teams

By MARJ CARPENTER

Special to the HERALD

When Charley Johnson was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame on Feb. 7, he didn't just bring honor to himself — he brought honor to all the football teams he had served and also to his hometown of Big Spring.

Many joined him to celebrate. Not only did former "greats" like Nolan Ryan, John David Crow and Walt Garrison attend, but so did many of his family, teammates and classmates.

Other inducted on that day included Donna Lopiano, Clint Murchison, Drew Pearson, John Randle, Jim Sundberg, Emmitt Thomas, Willie Wells and Laura Wilkinson.

But guess who drew the biggest crowd of supporters... Charley. He is technically listed as Dr. Charles Johnson, but everyone calls him Charley.

His number one fan, Dorothy Johnson, 93, of Big Spring was there to claim her own fame as his mother. Twelve family members attended, including his brother, Kenny, of Mineral Wells, who is also a teammate.

Teammates came from every team he was on, including the legendary Big Spring High School team of 1953 that went to state finals. Those attending the event from that team included Coach Wayne Bonner and Paschal Odom from Big Spring; Frosty Robison, Rockwood; Joe Liberty, Midland; Hershel Stocks, Marble Falls; Dean Porter, Kerrville; Billy Bob Satterwhite and Marilyn, Granberry; Dickie Milan and Joyce, Lubbock; David Dibell, Dallas; and Bob Fuller, who was later a renowned mile racer at Florida State. These are all former Big Springers.

Other former high school classmates there included, Julie Rainwater Shirey, Lubbock; Frances Regan Wheat, Midland; Judy and Ross Regan, Waco; Maxine Storks Davis, Hamilton; Virginia Stewart, Virginia; Jacque McKnight, Amarillo; Lucy Thompson Odom, Big Spring; Shirley Shroyer, Big Spring; High School Principal Mike Ritchey, Big Spring; Matt Richey, red shirting at Baylor; and Nancy Keyes, Big Spring.

Graduating from high school in 1956, Charley went to the Presbyterian military high school and junior college in Kerrville.

His roommate was Tom Koger, now of Big Spring and lay pastor at Coahoma Presbyterian Church.

Koger, also a former Big Spring coach, was one of those attending to represent what is now Shriners University.

Dr. Tim Summerlin, president of Shreiner, was also there, along with team mates Tom Robb and Pat McNomara.

Shreiner dropped football in 1958 as Charley played basketball and went on to New Mexico State, where he tried out for football and was the starting quarterback.

Teammates from that college came to represent him too, including Bob Langford, Louis Kelly, Chris Codenhead, Llem Mancini and J.W. Witt. Two of those were department heads at New Mexico State.

His career there included two consecutive Sun Bowl victories where he was most valuable players and was also most valuable player in the Border Conference for three years.

He also had a military career, honorably discharged as a captain. His honors included distinguished alumnus at both Shreiner and NMSU.

Johnson was drafted by pro teams in the NFL, AFL and Canada. He played quarterback 15 years in St. Louis, Houston and Denver. He was selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in 1963 and named AFC all Conference in 1973.

Professional teammates who came to see him honored included John David Crow and Bobby Joe Conrad from the St. Louis Cardinals and Fran Lynch and Rob Sherman from the Denver Broncos.

He now serves as professor and assistant to the president at New Mexico State and has been head of the department of chemical engineering there.

He and his wife Barbara reside in their adobe hacienda in Mesilla, N.M.

This was not his first Hall of Fame, but by far the most prestigious.

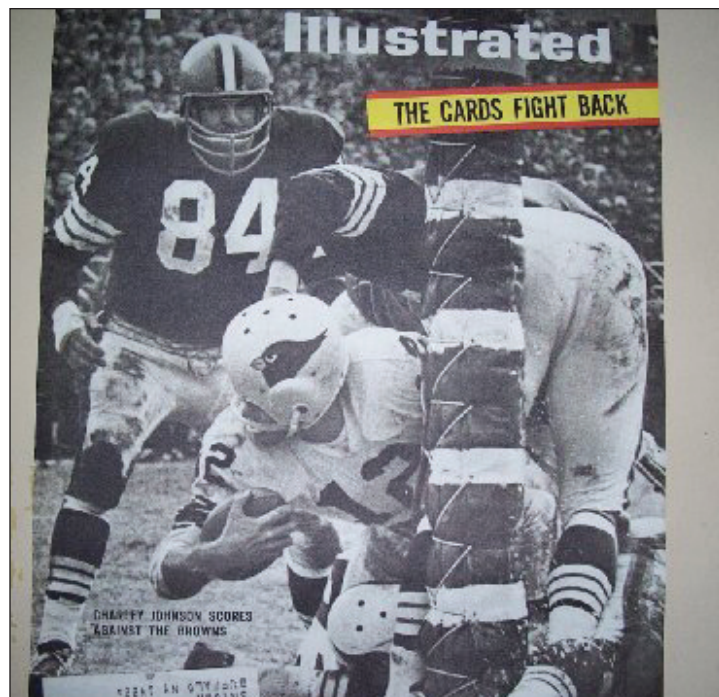
He's in halls of fame in Shreiner University, New Mexico State; Sun Bowl Legends, Sun Bowl 75th Anniversary Team; New Mexico State Ring of Honor, New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame; and the Denver Bronco Ring of Fame

And his favorite — The Big Spring High Hall of Fame.



From top: Charley Johnson, left, greets party-goers at reception prior to his induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame; Barbara Johnson, center, wife of Charley Johnson, greets others during the reception; The Johnson family poses for a group photo during the reception; Charley Johnson takes time to hug a woman at the reception; Charley, right, and high school teammates Bobby Fuller and Hershel Stocks; and the cover of Sports Illustrated sporting a photo of Johnson during his days with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Chesworth and Woodard

Nicole Chesworth and Mitchell Woodard were united in marriage Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010. The wedding took place at Trinity Baptist Church. The Rev. Oscar Woodard of Mansfield, brother of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony.

Nicole is the daughter of Michael and Anita Chesworth of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Shirley Bell and the late Jim and Sylvia Chesworth.

Mitchell is the son of Margaret Woodard of Big Lake and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pompey Perryman.

Donna Bennett greeted the guests at the registry counter that was decorated with a bud vase holding a purple-tipped white rose surrounded by candles. Jerry Bennett helped with lights and made a church video of the ceremony while Mike Anthony operated the

sound system. A personal video was provided by the bride's uncle, Pat Chesworth.

Susie Wayland created hand-tied pew bows that were small sprays of purple silk flowers with white and silver ribbon to decorate the church aisle. At the front of the church, a table covered with a shiny, silver, dazzle drape held the unity candle and was displayed to the left of the bride and groom. A triangle arrangement of graduated columns stood to the right. The center column held a hurricane candle while atop of each of the other two were breathtaking, fresh arrangements of white roses, purple and white alstroemerias and white carnations. Large purple bows were tied around each arrangement.

The music was provided by Jane Hammond as she played the piano and beautifully sang "Amazing Grace" and "Endless



Nicole Chesworth Woodard

Love."

Nicole was escorted down the aisle by her father and given away by her parents. She wore a stunning white taffeta pick-up gown with a beaded metallic lace bodice, inverted V-empire and lace up corset back with a sweep train. She carried a bouquet of white roses and purple-tipped white roses with the stems wrapped in white satin ribbon. To add a finishing touch, Nicole wore a silver rhinestone headband and a charming white veil.

Mitchell wore a strik-

ing black tuxedo, silver vest and tie accompanied with a boutonniere made of one white rose and one purple tipped white rose.

Krista Chesworth of Midland, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Stephanie Ashley of Stanton, Sandi Shelhamer of Big Spring, friends of the bride; Meagan McDonald of Highland Village, Lauren Barber of Big Spring, and Jordan Chesworth of San Angelo, cousins of the bride. The maid of honor and bridesmaids each wore

a fashionable lapis purple, beaded, strapless, satin ball gown with an organza beaded inset. They carried hand-tied bouquets, fashioned by Susie Wayland, of purple silk flowers with white and purple ribbon.

Joel Griner of Monahans, cousin of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Trey Watts of Denton, Chris Joslin of Big Spring, friends of the groom; LaMarques Woodard and LaRay Woodard, both of Mansfield, and Brandon Woodard of Grand Prairie, nephews of the groom. The best man and the groomsmen wore black tuxedos accented with purple vests and ties sporting boutonnieres made with a single white rose.

The ushers were Brian Chesworth, brother of the bride and Matthew McDonald, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held, following the ceremony, at The Party Barn. There was a sandwich dinner and dance hosted by the bride's parents. Candy Chesworth, aunt of the bride and Robin Stevens contributed help with the dinner.

The tables and chairs were covered in white.

The centerpieces were shallow, round glass bowls filled with clear and purple glass beads and floating rose candles. Purple and silver rose petals were sprinkled on each table.

The bride's mother made the square, four-tiered wedding cake as well as the groom's cake. The wedding cake was a fun-fetti white cake, iced and decorated with white butter cream icing. Decorations on the cake were edible pearl beads and purple silk flowers cascading down the front from top to bottom.

The cake topper was a silver monogram of the couple's last name. Sondra McDonald, aunt of the bride, served cake and ice cream.

The groom's cake was a single-layer chocolate cake with a chocolate football-shaped cake set on top of the single layer cake decorated with butter cream icing.

Nicole is a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. Mitchell is a 1992 graduate of Angelo State University. Both are employed by the Big Spring Independent School District.

The newlyweds will reside in Big Spring.

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Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Honeybun, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef stew, seasoned corn, cornbread, apple and orange smiles, milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, baby carrots, mixed fruit cup, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili macaroni, green beans, garlic toast, Rosie applesauce, milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Lunch: Sloppy joe, ranch style beans, pickle spears, sparkly apple, chocolate cake, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Student holiday
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken pot pie, garden salad, ranch dressing, strawberries, fresh fruit, roll, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, green beans, mashed potatoes, peaches, roll, milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, pears, garden salad, ranch dressing, green peas, roll, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Honey buns, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, french fries, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sweetened rice, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Hot Pockets, oranges, baby carrots, chips, milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, milk, burrito.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken/dumplings, sweet peas, pear, milk, grilled cheese, pickle spears.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Pop tarts, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, bread sticks, mixed fruit, milk, corndogs.
 Friday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage, syrup, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, baked chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Senior Center closed for Presidents Day
 Tuesday: Stew, tossed salad, cornbread, apple crisp, milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken and beef fajitas, tortillas/Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce/tomatoes, mixed fruit, milk.
 Thursday: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, pie, milk/V8 juice.
 Friday: BBQ sausage cuts, ranch style beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit cocktail, milk.

Anniversary

Jesse and Loydeen Mince
50th anniversary



Jesse and Loydeen Mince will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Feb. 25 at the First Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the church and their children. The couple plans to renew their wedding vows at that time. They were married in Big Spring and have lived here most of that time.

- **HATS** (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

- **Road to Recovery**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. To volunteer, call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

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10 Things You Need to Know About Hospice

Question: Isn't Hospice a place?
Answer: No. Hospice is a service that brings care into your own home.

Question: What does Hospice provide?
Answer: Medication, equipment (such as oxygen) and supplies.

Question: When do you qualify for Hospice Care?
Answer: Most people get hospice care too late. **You can qualify as much as 6 months earlier!**

Question: Don't most people die at home?
Answer: 70-80% of Americans die in facilities. Hospice patients get their wish to die at home.

Question: Can Hospice patients die in a hospital?
Answer: If the patient chooses to, the hospice staff will make the arrangements.

Question: Will entering a Hospice make you die sooner?
Answer: Statistical studies show that **Morphine eases pain but does NOT shorten life.**

Question: Do patients admitted to hospice ever improve?
Answer: Yes, some patients actually improve and in time, are discharged from hospice.

Question: Isn't Hospice only for Cancer patients?
Answer: Hospice services are available for anyone who has a life-limiting illness.

Question: Is Hospice care expensive?
Answer: Medicare and most Medicaid insurances cover hospice at 100%.

Hospice care is a necessary service that many people never receive.
 There are myths about hospice that keep people from getting this specialized and compassionate care when they need it most.
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I Got Flowers Today

I got flowers today!
 It wasn't my birthday or any other special day;
 We had our first argument last night;
 And he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt,
 I know that he is sorry and didn't mean to say the things he said;
 Because he sent me flowers today

I got flowers today!
 It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day;
 Last night he threw me into a wall and then started choking me;
 It seemed like a nightmare, but you wake up to find they aren't real;
 I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over-but I know he must be sorry;
 Because he sent me flowers today

I got flowers today!
 And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other special day;
 Last night he beat me and threatened to kill me,
 Make-up and long sleeve didn't hide the cuts and bruises this time;
 I couldn't go to work today because I didn't want anyone to know-but I know he's sorry;
 Because he sent me flower today.

I got flowers today.....
 Today was a very special day-
 It was my funeral;
 Last night he finally killed me---I was beaten to death;
 If only I would have gathered the courage and strength to leave him;
 The Women's Shelter could have helped me, but I didn't ask for their help;
 So I got flowers today...for the last time.

Victim Services Agency
 263-3312



Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Health Information Management Team, from left, Jennifer Smoot, HIM Director Marsha Howton, Marie Hicks, Korina Kerby and Amy Huitt are shown with SMMC Chief Financial Officer Jack Montois and Barbara Ramirez from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

News from SMMC:

HIM team wins award

By KIM HOWELL

Special to the Herald

For the second straight year, the team providing Health Information Management (HIM) services for Scenic Mountain Medical Center has earned a distinctive honor from the Texas Attorney General's Office of Vital Statistics.

The Five Star Award recognizes excellence in the timeliness and accuracy in the registration of birth records and in the establishment of paternity. SMMC was one of only 17 hospitals state wide to receive the award for 2010, according to

the AG's office.

Get with the guidelines



Miramontes

SMMC Chief Quality Officer Amy Miramontes, reports that the American Heart Association (AHA) has recognized SMMC as a participating hospital in their Get With The Guidelines quality program for heart failure.

According to the AHA website, this program "puts the expertise of the American Heart Association to work for hospital

teams, helping to ensure that the care they provide to heart failure patients is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines.

"Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure helps maximize continuing quality of life for heart failure patients and their families through improved outcomes and fewer recurring events."

Miramontes notes that, "In the coming year, SMMC will continue to track our program performance and to pinpoint areas for improvement."

Kim Howell is marketing director for SMMC. She can be contacted at 268-4842.

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.



Stocks kept climbing the wall of worry last week and proved you just can't keep a good market down. Protesters in Egypt demanding a defiant president to resign and a disappointing January employment report highlighted the week's negative news. What did stocks do? The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 recorded their best gains since the latest leg of this bull market kicked off in early December. The DJIA climbed 2.3 percent while the S&P 500 rose 2.7 percent to close at its highest level since June 2008.

Investors had a choice on whether to focus on the positive or the negative in the sloppy jobs report.

The best conclusion for the bull's case may have been that investors simply decided the jobs numbers were too difficult to interpret because of weather related factors. (It is not unprecedented that weather related shortfalls in one month are made up for in the following.) Also on the subject of jobs, Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Bernanke stressed in a speech last week that the economy is back on track, but added that "until we see a sustained period of stronger job creation, we cannot consider the recovery to be truly established."

The speech came before the jobs report, but Bernanke made it very clear that the Fed will keep its foot on the gas with its previously announced plans to purchase \$600 billion of Treasury bonds by the end of June.

Corporate profits continued their supportive streak for stocks. While it is no surprise that earning growth has slowed the blistering pace early on in the recovery, Bloomberg reported that through the first of this week, fourth quarter growth has been 27.4 percent on a market cap weighted basis with 65 percent of the S&P 500 stocks having reported. And 70 percent have beaten expectations. Revenue results are also cited in the report as more U.S. companies are exceeding forecasts than any time since 2006.

A few weeks ago, we noted that the stock market had nearly doubled from its lows made in 2009. We also noted that 2009's low was an unusual panic based on expectations that the Western world would not continue to exist as we knew it. Of course, this did not happen. About a month ago, we pointed out that history has taught us that extended stock markets seemingly in need of a correction can persist much longer than most rational investors would expect.

This is the market's way of confusing the majority. USA Today ran an article on Monday, Feb. 7, presenting the facts about bull markets for the past 80 years.

While the naysayers would have us believe it is too late to buy and the market needs a big correction before the next bull market can begin, the article provides some different facts.

The average duration of bull markets since 1932 is 3.8 years. This bull market will turn two years old in March 2011.

Nearly 80 percent of all bull markets survive past two years, and the average gain of the past 15 bull markets is 136 percent.

This suggests there is still room for this bull to run, and in our opinion, it may go farther than many investors expect because of the nature of 2009's panic low.

There will always be worries in the marketplace, and this is healthy. The alternative is when everyone is universally bullish, and that is the time to really worry.

Money flows continue to show that the individual investor has begun to believe in this bull market, but time is still needed to see if it develops into a trend.

Despite the many cross currents, we still believe the short-term bias is for stock to push higher, aided by the strong in-place momentum and ample liquidity.

Past Performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on Feb. 8, 2011 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors Chief Market Strategist.

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Ty Zant, left, is joined by Victim Services Director Shann Smith and Monsanto Sales Representative Kirk Marmell. Zant was named a winner in Monsanto-sponsored America's Farmers Grow Communities program, and designated Victim Services to receive a \$2,500 donation in his name.

Award nets donation to Victim Services

Special to the Herald

Ty Zant of Big Spring has been selected as a winner in the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, which gave farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local non-profit organizations.

The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local non-profit organization to benefit from the dona-

tions. Zant has designated Victim Services of Big Spring to receive the donation.

Zant says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Howard County.

"I chose to give the donation to Victim Services because they are there to help people who need it 24 hours a day," he said. "They are a local organization helping our community and being a no-nprofit, donations are always

needed. The [Grow Communities] program is very generous to give back to small communities."

Victim Services executive director Shann Smith said, "We are always honored to be nominated for donations like this one because, being nonprofit, we rely so heavily on this type of funding. The monies will likely go towards emergency funding, which helps provide clients with emergency

food, gas, bus tickets and hotel stays when needed."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held at the Victim Services Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 15. In more than 1,200 eligible counties, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community non-profit.

The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3 million in local

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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 Amy Rebecca Aguilar, 1736 Chestnut, Colorado City
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 Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Rd., Fort Worth

District Court Filings:
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 In Re Kayn Erick Delbosquez, family.
 Epifanio Jose Guzman vs. Alicia Guzman, divorce.
 Laura Ann Villa vs. Rene O. Villa, divorce.
 Jeanetta Hernandez vs. Tia Jolene Grant, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
 Advantage Assets II Inc. vs. Joe A. Moran, civil.
 Jessica Lena Duffer vs. Lester Claude Duffer, divorce.
 Lloyd Lindsey vs. Ricky Robertson, civil.
 Marilyn White vs. West Texas Services Inc., civil.
 The State of Texas vs. Randy Ramirez, seizure.
 Joanna Lozano vs. Patrick Ramirez, protective order.
 Chelsea Castaneda vs. Martin Anthony Ramirez, protective order.
 Palisades Collection LLC vs. Kenneth Howell, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Corey Paul Rogers vs. Nikkie Janell Rogers, divorce.
 Midland Oil and Gas Inc. vs. Garla Jean Hare Root, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Citibank vs. Nadine Peckenpaugh, accounts, notes and contracts.
 State Farm Mutual Automobiles vs. Mariano Granados, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.
 Amanda Joyce Rivera vs. Michael Anthony Rivera, divorce.
 Eunice Escobar Gonzalez vs. Walter Banda, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
 Charles R. Horsely, 53. of Lamesa, and Rosalinda Flores, 58, of Loraine.
 Jeffery A. Rodriguez, 25, and Maryann Gonzales, 34, both of Big Spring.
 John L. Jayroe, 38, of Crowley, and Cleybis N. Sanatana, 34, of Midland.
 Robert R. Coble, 22, and Felicia D. Miller, 19, both of Big Spring.
 Jimmy R. Johnson, 36, and Tracy L. Gonzales, 25, both of Big Spring.
 Jeremy Oliver Acuff, 34, and Shayna Marie Walker, 35, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
 Grantor: GMAC Mortgage LLC
 Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Barrett J. Barbour
 Grantee: Gordon N. McDaniel and Susan McDaniel
 Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Hillcrest Terrace
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Harry Lydell Mitchell
 Grantee: Sofia Hinojosa
 Property: Lot 3, Block 102, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: Bobby Barber and Cheryl Barber
 Grantee: Oscar G. Barraza
 Property: Lots 19-20, Block 2, South Haven Addition
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Johnny R. Stanley
 Grantee: J. Rutledge Realty LLC
 Property: A 0.65-acre tract out of Section 16, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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 Grantee: Roosevelt Shaw
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 Grantee: Roosevelt Shaw
 Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 24, 2011

Grantor: Linda S. Denton
 Grantee: Nell Gale
 Property: Lots 9-10, Block 1, Donald Addition
 Date: Jan. 27, 2011

Grantor: Mario Lopez
 Grantee: Jesse T. Lopez
 Property: Lot 101, Spence Subdivision
 Date: Jan. 27, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
 Grantor: Shoestring Ranch
 Grantee: Tim Blackshear Company Inc.
 Property: An 11.74-acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Estate of Erma Novalyn Hamilton
 Grantee: Adam Hyatt
 Property: Lot 1, Block 11, Washington Place Addition
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: Rudy Larocque and Reta Larocque
 Grantee: Johnny E. Mize
 Property: Lot 3, Block 6, Avion Village
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: David Fowler and Jewel Fowler
 Grantee: Steven Wells
 Property: Lot 11, Block 17, McDowell Heights
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Elizabeth Stovall
 Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc.
 Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Caroline Court Addition
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb
 Grantee: Michael Williamson and Magen Williamson
 Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 104, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: David Burris
 Grantee: Tim Blackshear and Terri Blackshear
 Property: The E/58.5 feet of Lot 7, Block 7, North Belvue Addition
 Date: Jan. 25, 2011

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communities. The program originated with two pilot programs. The first pilot included 179 counties in Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas, while the second program was expanded to include 298 counties in California, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and South Dakota. In total, more than \$172,500 has been donated to non-profits in Texas.

The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities.

To date, more than 60,000 farmers participated in the program, which is designed to

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Basic Energy Services, L.P., P.O. Box 10460 Midland, Texas 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a brine mining injection well permit to inject water into the Salado Salt Formation, dissolve salt in the water, create a subsurface cavern, and produce the resulting brine solution. The applicant proposes to perform brine mining from the Salado Formation, North Big Spring Brine Lease, well number 1. The proposed brine mining well is located 5.8 miles Northwest of Big Spring in the Would Have (Clear Fork) Filed, in Howard County, Texas. The subsurface depth interval of the proposed brine mining operation will be from 1250 to 1750 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: GARLA JEAN HARE ROOT, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendant and the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, the legal representatives of the unknown heir of said named Defendant, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendant are dead.

GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 28th day of March, 2011, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, at the Courthouse in Howard, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of February, 2011, the File Number of said suit being No. 47670. The names of the parties in said suit are: MIDLAND OIL AND GAS, INC., as Plaintiff, and GARLA JEAN HARE ROOT, as Defendant.

The nature of said being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to execute an oil and gas lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by Defendant in the following-described tract of land situated in Howard County, Texas, to-wit:

All of the East One-half (E/2) and 20 acres out of the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (20 acres SEC SW/4) of Section No. 7, in Block No. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, containing 340 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this the 14th day of February, 2011.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 14th day of February, 2011.

DISTRICT CLERK, 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
By: Brandie Martinez Deputy #6896 February 20, 27, and March 6 & 13, 2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE PBUWCD ACCEPTING BIDS

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will be accepting bids for cleaning services. Bids will be accepted at the PBUWCD office, 101 N. St Joseph Street, Stanton, Texas from Tuesday February 22, 2011 until 5:00p.m. on Tuesday March 1, 2011. Phone 432-756-2136 for additional information. The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
#6898 February 20, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The planets do a dance today reminiscent of an 18th-century court dance. First, Mercury and Mars come together, and then Mercury moves on to make a connection with dreamy Neptune. Finally, it's Mars and Neptune that meet. These alignments bode well for the forces of good in the world and will bring out the humanitarian in all of us.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your confidence will soar today. You'll make a stunning first impression on someone who has the power to hire you, promote you or buy what you're selling at top dollar.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be important to avoid overemphasizing one particular relationship in your life. Make an effort to be well rounded. Tend to several people and interests. Distance yourself to gain perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You want to know that you're heard and understood by those around you, though many will fail to give adequate cues to that effect. You'll have to work twice as hard to get your message across.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have the power to change a relationship, and it's easy. All you have to do is agree with the other person. Once you do, the other person will stop being preoccupied with a personal agenda and will listen to you for a change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People talk around you. They really open up. It's not always pleasant, though, especially when they provide you with lots of detailed information that you have no known use for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A certain troubling issue will suddenly evaporate from your life.

Perhaps the actual fact of life that has you stressed will not change, but your reaction to it will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll improve your leadership skills by communicating in a way to which your followers easily relate. You were already admired, and now you'll leverage their admiration to do good in the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be disruptions in the early stages of a project. You'll be learning what is required in order to succeed in this mission. Gather information, and roll with the action. It's too early to decide definitively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have earned the respect of your friends and colleagues, and yet it still takes some people a long while to reply to your messages. It's nothing personal. You're hyper-responsible, and the rest of the world will just need a beat to catch up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be comfortable wherever you go today, so travel to where people need what you have to offer. You communicate effectively and will persuade someone to get on board with your plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Things will change — they always do. That's not to say that they will progress, though. That depends on many factors. The good news is that most of them are under your control.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People who irritate you have something very personal to teach you about your own beliefs and attitudes. You wouldn't be bothered if there wasn't something truly necessary in this lesson.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 20). This year your awareness of others grows, and you'll understand what the world needs most from you. You'll clarify a career plan over the next six weeks. A goal that you make regarding family will bring good fortune in May. Focus on

your talent in June, and it will grow in bounds. There's a windfall in August. Gemini and Leo people will be avid supporters. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 11, 44, 20 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's as though the Aquarian agenda is so strong that the planets simply don't want to leave the conversation. The week starts with three major conjunctions in Aquarius, so the energy lingers in philanthropy, technology and the advancement of the human race. Communicative Mercury, Mars and Neptune are the planets that pull together to make a statement for humankind. Many will be compelled to make a difference in the world. Monday, Mercury joins the sun in Pisces, and our attention turns to the spiritual nature of this life. Our feelings and vibes become more tangible during this influence, and many people will experience a new surge of awareness and intuition. Beliefs about what we can't see — especially involving the spirit world and/or our ideas about the afterlife — will be our focus. For many people, it will not be about figuring out how the unseen world works. Rather, it's a matter of deciding how we want it to work, how we think it should work or how we instinctively know it works. Exploring our own ideas about the nature of life will lead to many a fascinating conversation.

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Dear Margo: I have a granddaughter, 20, with whom my son has had no contact for the past 17 years of her life!



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She is a college student and would make anyone proud as a daughter.

The problem is, I got her together with her younger siblings, and now my son and daughter-in-law will not speak to me or let me see my younger grandchildren. I fear I may never see them again.

This is not the first time I have let them be together, and my son has known about it.

What is so different now is what I can't understand.

The children do love

one another.

Was I wrong not to let my son know prior to getting them together?

They are all my grandchildren. I now see my daughter-in-law as a person with her own interests.

All my grandchildren are very close to me. Should I leave this alone and let them sort it out? — *Thinking of My Grandchildren*

Dear Think: I have

no idea what caused the breach with your son and his eldest child, but a good guess would be that his present wife is No. 2, and she would just as soon not have any previous progeny around. I have seen this before, God knows.

Given the situation you describe (and a father who is capable of cutting off a 3-year-old), I would apologize (crossing your fingers behind your back) for

having all the kids together, and ask what the problem with that was.

If it is now his wish that they not be brought together under your auspices, then promise to see the younger ones separately from the college girl.

When they are all older, they can make their own arrangements, and I'll bet they will always share a bond.

I hope this works out for you. — *Margo, historically*

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

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 42-year-old woman with two teenage daughters. I have been living with my boyfriend, "Jonas," for 15 years.

For the past two, Jonas has been out of work. This has affected his mood, as well as his sexual drive.

He is not interested in being intimate. He keeps telling me it's because I don't wear enough makeup, or that I should dye the color of my hair.

Like a fool, I have tried to give in to his requests so that he will love me, but it hasn't helped.

My daughters want me to throw him out because he says mean things and doesn't treat me right. But I love him, and he has nowhere else to go. — *Texas*

Dear Texas: Your makeup and the color of your hair will not determine whether or not someone loves you.

Those are excuses Jonas gives in order to

keep you at a distance. Jonas seems depressed and bitter, but that doesn't mean you should tolerate being poorly treated.

Put your backbone into place, and tell him to get some low-cost counseling through his church, the YMCA or United Way and to look for any kind of employment, including part time.

If he refuses, you may have to take your daughters' advice. It doesn't help anyone if you are simply Jonas' enabler.

Dear Annie: Last week, my wife of 20 years told me she needed some "space."

She and our teenage daughter went to stay at her mother's. Two days later, they informed me that neither of them wants to come home. I am devastated.

Although their leaving was a complete shock to me, I can't say it wasn't warranted.

They told me I've

seemed unhappy for a long time. I thought I was making positive strides and things were improving, but apparently not enough. I never imagined we wouldn't be able to work things out.

When my wife first brought this issue to my attention two years ago, I saw my doctor, and he determined that my testosterone levels were low, which may have caused some underlying depression. I've been receiving treatment, but in hindsight, I guess I should have sought additional help, including the counseling you so often recommend to



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

your readers.

The purpose of this letter is to tell every other husband and father out there to act sooner rather than later because you turn around, it might be too late.

Too many men ignore

the signs or are unwilling to accept help. Use every available treatment in order to ensure that you address all needs, both physical and emotional.

My wife gave me ample time and multiple opportunities to make things better. In the end, she had to do what was best for her and for our daughter. I can't fault either of them for leaving.

Please print this so

they know how sorry I am, how hard I'm working with the counselor and how much I want them to keep a place for me in their lives.

I love them with all my heart. When you keep telling people to get counseling, Annie, you provide an invaluable service to the community. — *Arizona*

Dear Arizona: Your letter is heartbreaking. We can add nothing, but we wish you the best of luck in changing your life and regaining your family.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Tired of Being Around the Funk," whose mother-in-law has body odor and insists she only needs to wash "the important parts."

My grandfather was a doctor. Sick patients often came in with body odor. Grandpa would start their exam by inquiring about their hygiene, asking, "How

do you bathe?" A common response was, "Up as far as possible and down as far as possible," to which Grandpa's standard reply was, "Then you need to bathe 'possible,' too."

That was 55 years ago, and I still follow his advice. — *Loved My Gentle Grandparents in Iowa*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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