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Fair Barn special: On the rocks

Gem & Mineral Show going on now

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Joyce Speed believes you haven't met a nice person until you've met a rockhound. Speed should know. She and her husband, Delbert, log thousands of miles annually in their RV, traveling to gem shows in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and she has been a devoted mineral enthusiast for almost 50 years.

So when she says events such as the 42nd annual Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show are a treat, she has experience to back up her claim.

"The people are what I like most about the hobby," she said. "They're just the most generous, and pardon the pun, down-to-earth people you ever want to meet."

Speed said she became a convert to the hobby as a child.

"I got into this because of my parents," she said. "My father got involved in the hobby in the 1950s ... and when he let me cut open a rock, just a dirty old rock, and see what was inside, that was all she wrote. I've been doing it ever since."

Speed and her husband are the co-owners of Love of the Land Images, which specializes in hand-crafted household and jewelry items fash-

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At right, Joyce Speed arranges items for sale at her booth Saturday during the 42nd annual Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show, which continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barns. Below, Dale Miller, left, waits on customers.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan



Pray for rain

Community service set Thursday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents will turn their need for moisture over to God Thursday evening, as area clergy and lay pastors gather to hold a rally to pray for rain at First Baptist Church.

Tim Blackshear, former Big Spring mayor and rally organizer, said the prayer rally will be based around 2 Chronicles 7:14.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," Blackshear quoted from the Holy Bible. "I really think God is trying to tell us something."

"We've had years where the rain fell on our farmland, but there wasn't any runoff for the reservoirs. We've also had years where there was rain for the reservoirs, but not for the farmland. However, this year we're looking at a

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Hunt for Hailey goes on

No new leads; pornography charges possible

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — It's been more than two months since 13-year-old Hailey Darlene Dunn mysteriously disappeared from her home in Colorado City, and while searches for the girl continue throughout the West Texas region, investigators say there have been no new breaks in the case.

Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother, Billie Dunn, reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28. Searches of fields and abandoned structures have been conducted in Colorado



Hailey Dunn

City, as well as numerous nearby communities, including Abilene, Odessa and Big Spring.

The lone suspect in the case, 25-year-old Shawn Adkins, was named a "person of interest" in the case by law enforcement officials several weeks ago. However, according to Colorado City city manager Pete Kampfer, there hasn't been any

new information to release to the family or press in the case.

Adkins, who has adamantly maintained his innocence in the girl's disappearance since first being questioned by law enforcement officials, has remained out of the public eye since retaining an attorney.

Scrutiny of both Adkins and Billie Dunn has continued throughout the investigation, as search warrants issued in the case revealed law enforcement officials discovered a number of disturbing videos and Internet print-outs dealing with mass murders and serial killers.

According to Mitchell County Sheriff

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Obituaries

Chase Allen Musgrove



Chase Allen Musgrove, 23, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 3, 2011 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church with Clint Collins, pastor of Life Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Chase was born Aug. 12, 1987, in Big Spring to Cynde Coyle Musgrove and Chad Musgrove. He attended Forsan schools and graduated from Coahoma High School in 2006. He was employed by Basic Energy for two years. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He attended Life Church.

Chase had a real heart for life. He thrived at helping and loving others. He worked in the oil field for five years. He loved riding ATVs, hunting, football and the Texas Longhorns. His pride and joy of life were his baby girls, Haydn and Channing. Chase never met a stranger and made everyone smile. Even in the end he continues to bring smiles around the world with his donation to LifeGift. He

died a true hero.

Chase is survived by his wife, Heather Musgrove of Big Spring; two daughters, Haydn Chenel Musgrove and Channing Avery Musgrove, both of Big Spring; mother, Cynde Coyle Musgrove of Big Spring; father, Chad Musgrove of Big Spring; two sisters, Cashia Grant and her husband Russell of Big Spring and Chastity Warren of Brazil; two brothers, Chris Richardson of Bryan and Adam Richardson of Fort Worth; grandparents, Royce and Carol Coyle and Joe Don Musgrove, all of Big Spring; aunts and uncles, Shannon and J.W. Feemster of Big Spring, Robbie Coyle of San Antonio, Doyce Coyle and Leslie Musgrove of Big Spring; nieces and nephews, Hailey and Reagan Grant, Carlie Richardson, Avery and Christopher Richardson; and cousins, Talon and Heather Coyle, Michael Ray and Daniel Coyle, Kaytlin and Nathan Feemster, and Kara and Zach Fuentes.

He was preceded in death by one grandmother, Carol Musgrove; great-grandparents, J.R. and Viola Coyle and Thomas Perry Musgrove, known as "Buck," and Thelma Dunnam Musgrove and Arline Aleman and Uncle Jerry Musgrove.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Jane Garcia



Mary Jane De La Garza Garcia, 61, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 22, 1949, in Big Spring to Rosa and James De La Garza. She had worked in Home Health services for many years. She was a

lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

She is survived by one daughter, Misty De La Garza of Big Spring; one son, Antonio Garcia of Big Spring; mother, Rosa De La Garza of Big Spring; one granddaughter; two brothers, John De La Garza and his wife Yolanda of Big Spring and Joe De La Garza and his wife Judy of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Rudy De La Garza.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Bryan Vincent

Bryan Vincent, 35, of Vernon died Thursday, March 3, 2011, in Baylor County.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be the Revs. Harold Brown, Doug Shelly and Barney Railsback. Interment will be at Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Bryan was born Feb. 2, 1976 in Vernon to Robert Dale Vincent and Tina Welch Vincent. He Married Debra Spain on Aug. 15, 1998, in Odessa. He had lived all of his life in Vernon. He worked at McCord Elementary as custodian and maintenance. Most

recently, he was working as a salesman for Kirby Vacuum Cleaners. He graduated from Salt Lake City Bible Baptist College. He was an ordained minister and a member of Eastside Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Vincent of the home; parents, Robert and Tina Vincent of Vernon; a daughter, Autumn Vincent of Vernon; a son, Eli Vincent of Vernon; and a brother, Rodney Vincent of Cedar Park.

Visitation will be Monday, March 7, 2011, at 7 to 8 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to Eastside Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com

Betty Lou Benson

Betty Lou Benson, 77, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Harvey Cooper

Harvey Cooper, 70, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 5, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Thomas Weaver

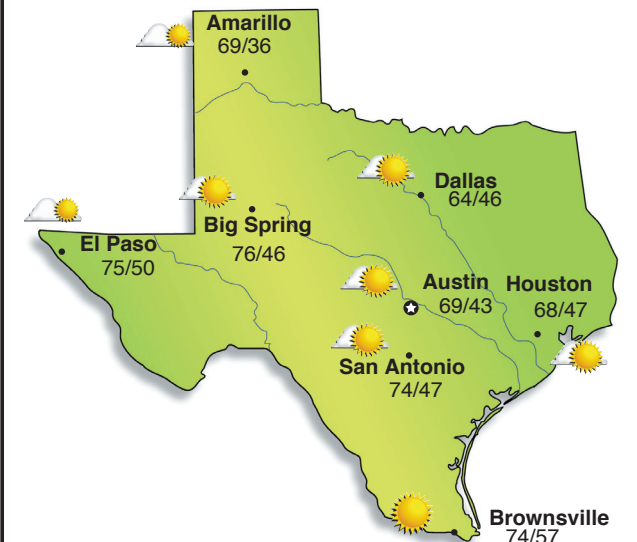
Thomas H. Weaver, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7	Tue 3/8	Wed 3/9	Thu 3/10
76/46 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 76F.	87/56 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	85/38 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 30s.	70/35 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	77/43 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM

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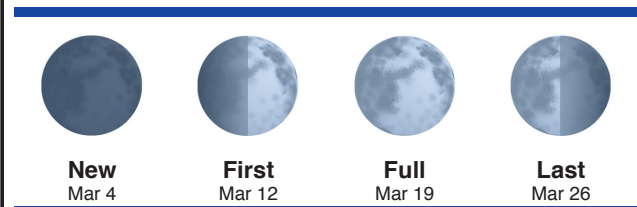
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Abilene	71	44	mst sunny	Kingsville	73	53	sunny
Amarillo	69	36	pt sunny	Livingston	67	40	mst sunny
Austin	69	43	mst sunny	Longview	63	43	mst sunny
Beaumont	67	45	sunny	Lubbock	70	39	pt sunny
Brownsville	74	57	sunny	Lufkin	66	42	mst sunny
Brownwood	70	44	mst sunny	Midland	74	49	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	69	54	sunny	Raymondville	74	55	sunny
Corsicana	63	45	mst sunny	Rosenberg	68	46	mst sunny
Dallas	64	46	mst sunny	San Antonio	74	47	mst sunny
Del Rio	75	48	mst sunny	San Marcos	70	43	mst sunny
El Paso	75	50	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	62	46	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	77	52	mst sunny	Sweetwater	72	45	pt sunny
Gainesville	62	42	mst sunny	Tyler	63	43	mst sunny
Greenville	61	43	mst sunny	Weatherford	64	42	mst sunny
Houston	68	47	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	65	43	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	34	rain	Minneapolis	30	24	sn shower
Boston	54	43	rain	New York	53	41	rain
Chicago	36	26	pt sunny	Phoenix	78	54	windy
Dallas	64	46	mst sunny	San Francisco	59	51	rain
Denver	52	32	cloudy	Seattle	47	35	pt sunny
Houston	68	47	mst sunny	St. Louis	49	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	57	39	rain
Miami	82	63	t-storm				

Moon Phases



Police blotter

- WALKER WAGONER LITTLEJOHN, 17, Winston Salem, N.C., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and runaway.
- JANTE LAMAR CHEEVES, 30, Converse, was arrested on two warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- LEONARD SHANE SLATON, 45, 205 W. 15th, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000.
- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA, 23, 1907 S. Main, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

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Second Big Spring man dies from injuries received in wreck

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man has died from injuries he suffered in a one-vehicle roll-over near Hobb, N.M. In February.

Chase Allen Musgrove, 23, was declared dead Thursday at University Medical Center In Lubbock, where he had been hospitalized since shortly after an accident that claimed the life of another Big Spring man Feb. 12.

A 2002 Chevrolet pickup carrying Musgrove, Cory Puga and Chad Puga was westbound on State Road 529 when it overturned near the 22 mile marker. Cory Puga and Musgrove, who were the passengers in the vehicle, were ejected.

Neither man was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, according to a New Mexico State Police report.

All three men were transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where Cory Puga died Feb. 13.

Chad Puga, who was driving the pickup, was treated for his injuries and released.

“Driver inattention” is the suspected cause of the crash. Neither weather or alcohol were contributing factors in the accident, the report stated.

Musgrove was born Aug. 12, 1987, in Big Spring and graduated from Coahoma High School in 2006.

He was employed by Basic Energy at the time of the accident.

Obituary information can be found on Page 2A.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



Courtesy photo

February 25, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented Brandi Smith of Coahoma High School with the October student of the month award. Pictured are Greater Big Spring Rotarian Troy Tompkins, Brandi Smith, Coahoma High School Principal Carrie Conley and Dena Smith.

GEMS

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ioned from a multitude of gems and stones.

She said the Big Spring show — one of the 20 such events she and her husband attend each year — is an annual highlight.

“We’ve been coming here for the past 10 years ... I love Big Spring and the people running this show,” Speed said. “I

just enjoy the camaraderie of the folks in the Prospector’s Club. They’re just lovely people.”

The Gem and Mineral Show continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barn. Admission is free and a snack bar is available.

Every hour during the show a door prize is given away. There will also be a grand prize — a faceted stone by Danny

Martin of Andrews.

Those attending are able to view display cases with scenes created by members of various clubs throughout West Texas. Visitors are given a ballot on which they can mark the displays they like best. The one receiving the most votes wins Best in Show.

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RAIN

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situation where we’re not getting rain for either.”

The lack of rain is being felt by everyone, according to Blackshear, even the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which announced earlier this year water deliveries to member cities would be cut by 10 percent.

“As long as I’ve been dealing with city affairs, this is as close as we’ve ever been to water rationing,” Blackshear said. “This is as bad as I’ve seen the need for water get in Big Spring and Howard County.”

Two of the water district’s four main sources of water — Lakes Thomas and Spence — are at critically low levels, leaving Lake Ivie and the Ward County underground water well

fields as CRMWD’s only dependable sources of water, according to CRMWD General Manager John Grant.

A reduction in maximum deliveries won’t adversely effect water deliveries until the peak months of June through August, when demand is at its highest, Grant said.

This marks the first time in the water district’s 61-year history that it has had to re-

Woman dressed as dead mom arrested

FERNDALE, Wash. (AP) — Authorities say a Washington state woman suspected of pension fraud was arrested when she tried to open a bank account in her dead mother’s name while disguised as her mother.

Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo says 59-year-old Loewen B. Craft was wearing a gray wig and makeup to make her look older when she arrived this week at a

credit union branch in Ferndale, Wash.

The sheriff alleges Craft fraudulently collected more than \$145,000 in pension benefits since her mother, Betty Becker, died in 2007.

Detective John Allgire was waiting at the credit union. He arrested Craft for investigation of first-degree identity theft, criminal impersonation and multiple counts of forgery.

The prayer rally will get under way at 7 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, located at 507 W. FM 700. For more information, contact Blackshear at 432-557-8456 or fellow organizer Ronnie Wood at 432-270-0406.

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MISSING

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Patrick Toombs, searches also turned up hundreds of pornographic images — including images believed to be child pornography — on a memory stick located in the bedroom Billie Dunn and Adkins shared before Hailey’s disappearance.

Similar photographs and videos were discovered on a computer Adkins’ mother’s home in Big Spring.

The investigation now is focused on narrowing down who exactly downloaded or possessed the images and videos, according to Toombs.

At this point, anyone who had access is a possible suspect,” Toombs said.

Although the devices were obtained through search warrants related to the Hailey Dunn investigation, the child pornography case is being handled as a separate crime, according to Toombs.

Law enforcement officials say the investigations will eventually be presented to the district attorneys in both Howard and Mitchell counties, who will decide whether it should be presented before a grand jury.

Searches have been conducted in the city and outlying counties by volunteers and law enforcement. Officials have also confirmed

searches have been conducted along the shoreline of Lake Colorado City. While an underwater search hasn’t yet taken place, officials say it hasn’t been ruled out.

Despite the search for the Colorado City teen moving into its fifth week, Colorado City city manager Pete Kampfer — who has been acting as media liaison since the case began — said investigators are still working hard to bring

strict water deliveries, he added, but with no significant rainfall in the long-range forecast, CRMWD’s decision became unavoidable.

“We were faced with this situation last summer ... but we had some good rains, and just enough inflow into Spence to keep things going,” Grant said. “But right now, I’m just not seeing it. The weather outlook for the next six months is not good.”

her home.

“We follow every viable, sensible, credible lead we get,” Kampfer said. “We have billboards all over, even in neighboring states, so we get calls from people all over the place.”

Anyone with information concerning the girl’s whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward

of \$15,000 is now being offered for information in the case.

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Corliss Brehm, 59, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Delores Duncan, 60, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service at 604 W. 16th Street.

Carmen Ramirez, 62, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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LETTERS

Right to Work

DEAR EDITOR,

What would you do if you had to choose between your “rights” and your “job?” That is what Wisconsin teachers and employees, in general, are confronting these days. I am a retired teacher. I retired from both Texas and Alaska. Texas is a “Right to Work” state which means workers are not allowed to negotiate a contract otherwise known as collective bargaining while Alaska teachers do. I’ll take a negotiated contract any day. Why?

Teachers were respected in Alaska because the union spoke for us. In Texas, teachers have both NEA and AFT, but they are limited in what they can do in spite of trying very hard. Frankly, too many Texas school administrators take teachers for granted and teachers are intimidated for good reasons. After all, advocating for teachers isn’t the job of school boards or administrators. That is the responsibility of the unions and the teachers themselves.

In reality, “Right to Work” states, including Texas, are just as bankrupted as collective bargaining states. Regardless of the public’s opinion of unions, the bottom line is we can’t keep blaming teachers for the failures our schools and the bankruptcy of our state budgets. From my 30 years of classroom experience, contracts bargained in “good faith” improve schools for teachers and students. There are probationary contracts and “due process” in all contract language to deal with ineffective teachers. I’m wholeheartedly proud and supportive of the Wisconsin teachers as well as the AFL/CIO. They are fighting a political battle that will effect every employee in this country for better or worse. Workers beware: suppression tends to “trickle down.”

M.K. LAMONT
KERRVILLE

Change gets results

TO THE EDITOR:

There is a popular quote that says “You can’t keep doing the same thing and expect different results.” I would like to remind the taxpayers in Districts 1 and 3 to remember this quote when the May elections roll around.

In fact, I would encourage all of Big Spring’s citizens to become involved in our city’s government; go to council meetings, ask questions, at a minimum make a point of watching council meetings on channel 17. The articles in the newspaper do not always provide an accurate picture.

Although Mayor Duncan is doing a good job and

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are the beacon in the lighthouse when we feel like we’re holding a match. Amen

Keep the packages coming

The Herald recently received a letter from H. Scott Davis, chairman of Christ-

mas For Our Troops Inc. In the letter, Mr. Davis thanked the Herald for helping get the word out about the organization, which provided gift boxes to U.S. military deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq during the holidays.

More important than thanking the Herald, Mr. Davis wrote “I cannot begin to express my deep appreciation for all that the citizens of Big Spring did to help our troops. Suffice it to say that your readers set a new standard for volunteer support.”

Mr. Davis included some letters from military personnel and I’d like to include excerpts from a few of them for you here:

“What a wonderful treat to receive some good old Texas treats all the way over here for Christmas,” wrote LCDR C. Aycock, USN. “Everything in the box was shared among the Marines and Sailors and enjoyed by all. The thing I believe that is appreciated the most is the fact that all of you great Americans took time out of your busy schedules to volunteer, collect, sort, pack and label and mail a gift box out to a Marine (or Sailor, Soldier or Airman) whom you’ve never met but want to support all the same.”

“I have seen many boxes from this organization that have brought excitement and smiles to all of our Marines here,” wrote Cpl. Jessica L. Cox. “Not having a store, combined with limited showers and laundry bring morale down a bit. We rely on packages for the things we want and need. As you can imagine, not everyone has a good family so in some cases the things you sent made their Christmas more exciting.”



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“Thank you all so much for the Christmas box! That was awesome to receive. The variety was quite amazing, too — from candy, snacks and cookies to hygiene items to a pocket knife!” wrote Travis Plummer. “The guys in my unit were ecstatic to receive these type of items, especially the knife. Every day now, too, we’re walking around with the mugs drinking coffee, tea and hot chocolate — those were another favorite.”

“I wanted to say thank you for the Christmas package. I was not expecting anything out here (Afghanistan), e-mailed HM3 Joshua Munchbach. “You guys made my Christmas. We are out here by ourselves doing patrols every day, thinking we are on our own. It is nice to know that people care.”

“Your organization and volunteers are truly great Americans and the time, generosity and prayers are all appreciated,” wrote Maj. Bill Conde. “As you know, our Soldiers are doing amazing work and we hope to bring a touch of the freedom and peace we cherish so much to a land and people that have not seen it in some time.”

“I wanted to say thank you for everything that you are doing,” said Robert Hofer 3 MAW G-2. “It really made my Christmas something special when I received the box that Christmas For Our Troops sent. I thought it was going to be an everyday usual day again today and when I received this box and opened it my eyes lit up. The things we do here are meaningless unless we have the support of those back home.”

And many of those writing had another message:

“All I ask of you is to pass along to anyone you talk to in conversation that we are here for a good reason and people here really appreciate us being here,” wrote SFC John Luck, with the Iowa Army National Guard.

“Everything you see or hear on the news isn’t always true. The people of Afghanistan have

a long way to go, but have come a long way. I can honestly say that we are making a difference. It will be a slow process, but millions of people are better off because of it.”

“Please rest assured that our troops, along with our Coalition Force partner nations, are making great and positive strides over here,” Aycock, who is deployed to Afghanistan, wrote. “The quality of life of the Afghan people has been significantly improved by the roads, bridges, water wells, schools, court houses and local markets that are being constructed, for the most part by local national contractors. The government services are responding to the needs of the local people and the Afghan National Security Forces have excelled under the training programs we have in place and are increasing their abilities to protect themselves, the people and the government of Afghanistan from terroristic threats. This is a very rewarding time to be here and I look forward to seeing even greater accomplishments in 2011.”

I know the people of Howard County did not donate to Christmas For Our Troops in order to be thanked, especially so profusely. But it is rewarding to know how much the gifts, thoughts and prayers mean to our service men and women.

Wrote Plummer in closing, “I hope next Christmas to be home, but I know other Soldiers will be here to receive your packages. Thanks for what ya’ll do!”

You’re welcome, Mr. Plummer, and thank you for what you do. We’ll look forward to having you stateside as soon as possible. And yes, I think I can speak for the people of the Crossroads area when I say we’ll keep the packages coming.

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Don’t blink or you’ll miss it

When the years begin

to stack up and we still have our car keys, cars seem to aim for the side roads. Odds are great that the freeway ahead looks like it did “back there,” but get off onto one of the map’s squiggly roads and no telling what you’ll see.

As a child, I remember an expression that confounded, and sometimes still does. “There ain’t no other place like this place anywhere near this place, so this must be the place.”

The old adage boggles a bit, sort of like algebra did a bunch. I wonder if the claim is ever literally true. This imponderable is frequently revisited, as is the thermos bottle. It keeps iced tea frosty cold for hours, and the very next day keeps soup tongue-burning hot. How does it know?

On the radio the other day, the newsman crowed about 7-Eleven stores now numbering 40,000.

I thought about how one of them looks like the other 39,999. This is also true of other cookie-cutter corporate behemoths.

Off on the side roads, though, are scenes for which artists search. I saw one old, leaning building with this faded sign in big letters: “Groceries/Early Bird Coffee/Mercantile and Coffins.”

I enjoy visiting one-of-a-kind cafés. Not all communities have them, but those that do have treasures.

The Silver Spur Café in Glade-water is one. When I visited there around morning’s 5 o’clock hour,



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several locals kidded a waitress, never once getting the upper hand. Grousing about getting up early, she made it clear that starting a day with the likes of them wasn’t all that much fun. There was robust laughter in the age-old place that features stuffed animals and birds by the dozens, and thousands of pennies crowded under plastic table tops.

The locals picked on her, and she picked back; the “hurrahing” was unending.

I’d heard it said that the place is open 24/7. “That’s exactly right; we’ve been open 24/7 always, I guess,” the waitress confirmed.

“Don’t guess there’s a key to the place,” I countered. “Oh, yes there is, hon,” she corrected. “We shut her down from midnight Sunday to 4 a.m. Monday for deep cleaning.” Though tempted, I decided against suggesting that the place actually is open 24/6.8333. About that time, she shoved an order back to the cook. “I said ‘over-easy’ and I meant ‘over-easy,’” she bellowed. “You could dribble these eggs, maybe even double-dribble ‘em.”

The cook grunted, but didn’t resist correction. Oh, he did know his way around the kitchen. The biscuits, big enough to crowd a saucer, could have flown.

Everything was “larrapin’ good.” It was the kind of breakfast one doesn’t tell his wife or the heart doctor about. I think \$4 bought it all, including coffee refills and multiple biscuits.

Slathering butter and jelly abounded, and laughter filled the room. There was sheer contentment at the Silver Spur. Upon leaving, I heard sounds of another tray of biscuits coming out of the oven. I thought of my late mom who treated us to marvelous biscuits every morning, and

sometimes at other meals, too.

Another place I’ll visit again is the tiny Sweet Pickle Deli in Lampasas. It’s on a winding road, maybe a four-iron shot from the golf course.

Carolyn Henry and Kim Munn, co-owners/operators, are made-from-scratch kind of cooks. My friend Joe Rushing dines there frequently. Oh, you can’t set your clock on arrival of the man who presided over the opening of two community college districts back in the 60’s and 70’s. He’s no longer on tight schedules calling for “on the clock” attentiveness. “I guess I’m ‘on the calendar’ now,” said Dr. Rushing, who, nearing age 90, still enrolls periodically for university classes at nearby Killeen.

He’s in hog heaven locking his lips over a pulled pork sandwich. I favor their world-class hamburgers. What sets ‘em both off are the homemade buns. Given a day’s warning, say for birthday parties, they offer homemade hot dog buns, too. The latter is a favorite of “hot dog” golfers who’ve had bad rounds; they chow down to salvage at least one happy memory from the day.

Consider taking some side roads soon. Expect the unexpected.

A wise man once shared the importance of knowing when to run. “If you’re running to catch a train, don’t. There’ll be another one soon,” he said. “If you’re running to get out of the way of a train, however, run like the devil.”

Who could argue that?

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Ceviche in Panama: It is Surprisingly Amazing

I'll admit, the first time I ever tried ceviche I was a bit skeptical. Fish that is "cooked" in lime juice sounds a little scary but it's actually completely safe and incredibly delicious if prepared correctly. Ceviche (pronounced se-vi-chey), a traditionally Peruvian dish, is any type of fresh fish or seafood marinated in a citrus base of limes or lemons long enough for the proteins in the fish to become edible and safe. The recommended soaking time for most fish is about 3 hours, however, very fresh or sushi grade fish can be soaked for shorter amounts of time. The dish comes in hundreds of versions from shrimp and octopus to mango ceviche; however, my personal favorite is the traditional Peruvian version. In this dish fresh sea bass is used and accompanied by red onions, garlic, cilantro, salt, pepper, jalapenos or chilies, and fresh squeezed lime juice.

Ceviche originated in Peru, but has become a popular dish across the coastal regions of the Americas and into Mexico. I had the privilege of sampling dozens of different ceviche dishes during my time in Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico but every time I excitedly tried to explain it to my friends and family back in the states I was mostly countered with snarls and somewhat disgusted remarks. How could fish that has never touched



ANDREA MIDKIFF

heat be edible, let alone taste good? Allow me to explain.

I've made my own ceviche on several occasions and this version, which happens to be the traditional Peruvian style I mentioned above, is by far the easiest and tastiest: You begin by cutting the raw fish (about 1lb for 4-5 servings) into small chunks or cubes about 1 inch by 1 inch. Then chop up your cilantro (about ¼ cup to taste), 1 small red onion, 1-2 garlic cloves, and 5 med jalapenos seeds removed and sliced or 3-4 small chilies sliced (you can add more or less peppers depending on your desired heat). Mix all of the ingredients together in a large glass bowl and cover until submerged with fresh squeezed lime juice. Wait about 3 hours then drain thoroughly and place on a large serving dish. I like to garnish with large lettuce leaves, steamed corn on the cob and sweet potatoes for a truly authentic Peruvian meal any seafood lover would appreciate. Still skeptical? I was until I tried it for myself. From that point on it's been an undying culinary love affair between the dish and I that I can almost guarantee you will share as well.

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tries to represent the citizens of Big Spring, the council continues to out-vote him. They seem to ignore his research and conservative approach in the use of our taxes. It is obvious to many that even though Mr. McEwen is no longer mayor, his agenda continues via the majority of the city council members. The current council majority continues to spend our tax dollars, while ignoring our basic needs.

Folks, the council did not listen to the citizens when we voiced that we did not want a water park when we elected councilman Olson and Mayor Duncan. Once again, the council ignored our request and did what they thought was "best." Even though Mayor Duncan and Councilman Olson could not "out-vote" the other five council members on the water park, Mayor Duncan was able to pare down the size of the water park to save the taxpayers \$500,000.

When Mayor Duncan asked the council to allow the citizens

to vote regarding term limits, guess what? They voted a loud "no." Please, let me remind you again of the famous quote about not getting different results if we keep doing the same thing.

Some of the members on our council have been serving the city for well over 10 years! I have heard that one council person has served 18 years. It is time that we replace these people with new representatives who will represent the citizens of Big Spring and not continue Mr. McEwen's agenda. Pools of water that have no fresh water flowing through them often become stagnant. Without a steady flow of new leaders with new ideas, our city will remain stagnant also.

The former mayor, as well as long-serving council members have done some good things for our city. However, it appears that after a person has served for a long time they stop listening to the citizens and start making decisions they feel are in "our best interest" whether we like it or not. Perhaps it is hu-

man nature, when a person holds an office for an extended period of time, that they begin to believe the city belongs to them, not the citizens.

Mayor Duncan and Councilman Olson are doing their best to concentrate funding on our basic needs like water, roads and other infrastructure. But of course the majority rules and the council majority decided the water park and three-tier sidewalks downtown were more important.

According to the *Big Spring Herald*, one of the council members who is running for re-election said she wanted to run again to see that water and infrastructure issues are "handled" properly! She has been in office approximately nine years and therefore has had ample opportunity to represent us and address the water and infrastructure issues. It leads one to believe that "handling" of the water park was her priority. Big Spring, please take action. At this time, the economy is not getting better. We have to spend our money wisely and ensure our basic needs

are met first. Let's get Mayor Duncan and Mr. Olson some council support to safeguard these needs and consider the citizens' opinion.

DIANA BAILEY
BIG SPRING

Water value

TO THE EDITOR:

At a time when local water supply officials are urging conservation of water, the leaders of the city of Coahoma seem to be determined to keep on adding extra strain on the local system in the name of beautification.

While I have nothing against green grass and trees, this is a semiarid part of Texas and any landscaping should be drought tolerant unless it can be sustained by water independent of the public water supply. The antiquated system that the city of Coahoma is responsible for doesn't need any extra strain on it in the name of aesthetics. Every gallon of drinkable water is too valuable in this era of drought and wildfires.

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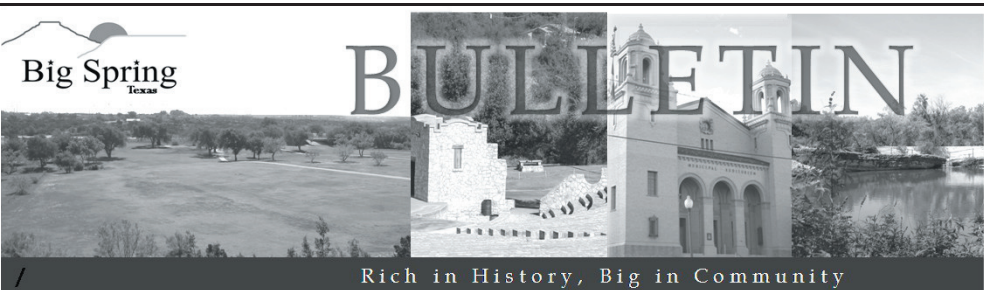
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Congratulations!
Lt. Fred Newman

Lt. Fred Newman has retired after 25 years of service with the Big Spring Fire Department. The City of Big Spring has greatly appreciated your dedication and loyalty and we wish you success and happiness in your retirement.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 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.

Free Tax Assistance for Low & Middle Income Senior Citizens. Every Monday through April 11th. 8 am to noon. Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Drive. Call 267-1628 for more information.

The City of Big Spring Compost has wood chips available for FREE to the community for use in residential areas. Spreading wood chips out between plants keeps grass and weeds down and gives gardens a smooth, uniform look. A thick layer of wood chips will also help to retain garden soil's moisture.

There is no limit to the amount of wood chips you can get from the compost. You will need to have a means of picking up the wood chips from the compost and transporting them. The City will load the woodchips in your vehicle if you call (432) 816-1017 and make arrangements before coming to the compost. If you are able to load the wood chips yourself, it is not necessary to call. Hours of operation for the City compost facility are Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm. The compost is located in the industrial

www.mybigspring.com

On Sunday
February 27, 2011, my home on
Jonesboro Rd. was lost to a fire. There are so many
I owe a great deal of thanks to. First to Stacy and Krystal,
for grabbing a hose and trying to stop the spread to my home.
You both are wonderful, and I thank you both so very much.
I also want to thank all of my friends and neighbors and even strangers
who grabbed hoses or shovels in efforts to try to save my home and the
further spread of this quick moving fire. A huge thanks to Tommy Sullivan,
Pepper, and all of the firemen and volunteer firemen who worked so hard all day long
to try to save my home and protect the neighborhood from this fire. All of you guys are
great! Howard County is blessed to have such a great bunch of men and women to protect
us. These guys worked all evening and some stayed till after dark, and others all through
the night to watch of embusers and hot spots to avoid another fire.
To all of the companies and businesses who lent their water trucks and tankers and
employees to keep the trucks supplied with water. Thank you so very much ...
Also I would like to thank the 3 or 4 men who got my truck to safety away from the fire.
Since that is all I have left, there aren't words enough to let you know just how very
grateful I am. Thank you so very much!
Now to all of the people, friends and neighbors who came by to share words of
encouragement and offer help and prayers, I thank you also.
It is people like all of you listed above that make this world a better place to live in.
Thanks for all your kind words and prayers and may you all be blessed in
return for the wonderful things you have done.

**WITH MY MOST SINCERE THANKS AND
MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU....**

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“Here We Stand”

On January 17th, the President and Secretary of Howard County Bible Class, Inc., were summoned to the chambers of the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Superintendent. Once there, we were presented with a list of changes to the Bible class that were being implemented by BSISD beginning immediately. These changes included: removal of the Bible as the text for the class; replacement of the current teacher because of his status as an ordained minister; and lastly, the Howard County Bible Class, Inc, would no longer be allowed to pay for or fund either the instructor position or the class materials for the Bible class.

If you are going to have a Bible class, then the Bible needs to be the primary text. The first thing we were told in the meeting of January 17th was that the Bible was being replaced as the text for this class by the State of Texas approved curriculum. This was later amended by school officials and the Bible was included as one of the resources the new class will utilize. Additionally, the well qualified previous instructor of the Bible class was to be replaced by someone who, while we are sure he is a wonderful person and a perfectly fine teacher in all respects, we do not believe is presently certified by the State of Texas to teach the class to which he is now assigned. We further contend the new class is a replacement for the former Bible class. This Bible class and its instructor were previously provided to BSISD at no cost to the taxpayers. Now this new course and its expenses will have to be assumed by our local taxpayers.

The Bible Class at Big Spring High School has existed for close to 70 years. The changes BSISD have implemented are so extensive as to lead any reasonable observer to believe that the Bible class has been wholly replaced by another. State sanctioned, Humanities class. The recent action taken by the Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent and School Board effectively ends this historic Bible Class at Big Spring High School. The school district has said it will study this issue during the summer, but unless hearts and minds are changed, we hold faint hope that anything constructive will actually come from any “study”

We are so very grateful to our supporters, the many churches, foundations and individuals who have seen to it that the Bible class has continued all these years. Please continue to support us and pray for us as we continue to struggle against these developments.

News in brief

Pro-Gadhafi forces break through rebel defenses in town near Libyan capital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi's forces on Saturday broke through rebel lines at an opposition-held city that is closest to Tripoli in a dawn attack that could prove crucial to the regime's defense of the Libyan capital, witnesses said.

The rebels' setback at the city of Zawiyah, 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Tripoli, was the second in as many days. A large arms and ammunition depot outside the city of Benghazi, the largest city in the rebel-held east of the country, blew up Friday in a massive explosion that completely destroyed an area three times the size of a soccer field.

Associated Press photographers who arrived at the site of the explosion Saturday saw entire buildings, cars and trees flattened and smoldering as a result of the blast.

It was not immediately clear how the depot blew up, but suspicion immediately fell on Gadhafi agents seeking to deny the rebels the arms and ammunition they need to fight their way westward toward the Gadhafi-held city of Sirte on the Mediterranean coast.

The rebels, however, fared better elsewhere, capturing the key oil port of Ras Lanouf from pro-Gadhafi forces in their first military victory in a potentially long, westward march from the east of the country to the capital Tripoli hundreds of miles to the west.

U.S. increases pressure on Sri Lanka; Senate seeks international probe into reported war crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is increasing pressure on Sri Lanka to investigate the deaths of thousands of civilians at the end of its civil war. Rights groups contend a Sri Lankan government commission has demonstrated no intent of doing it.

The Senate passed a resolution this week urging an international probe into war crimes allegations. The State Department has yet to go that far but said Friday that pressure to do so would grow if Sri Lanka should fail to investigate the abuses properly.

The quarter-century-long Sri Lankan conflict had a bloody denouement in 2009, when ethnic Sinhalese-dominated government forces cornered the last Tamil Tiger rebels on a sliver of land in the northeast of the island nation.

About 300,000 Tamil civilians were caught in the climactic battle. Amnesty International says 7,000 to 40,000 are estimated to have died in the final five months as the two sides exchanged artillery and other fire. No independent group can say with certainty how many perished. Journalists, human rights activists and all but a few humanitarian workers were barred from the battle zone.

The government in Colombo appointed a "Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission" last year, which has taken evidence from ethnic minority Tamils, government officials, politicians, civil and religious leaders and former rebels. International rights groups have refused to testify before it, arguing the commission is pro-government and has no mandate to investigate the killings.

Islamists court victims of CIA contractor in Pakistan, warn against 'blood money' payment

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Since his brother was shot and killed by an American CIA contractor last month, scores of Islamist politicians have met with Waseem Shamzad in his bare sitting room to bring sympathy, offers of help and a stark message: if U.S. envoys come offering "blood money" to get their man out of jail, tell them to go away.

Shamzad and two other families mourning a dead relative because of the shooting say America has not offered compensation yet, but Pakistani officials have suggested such payments could help end a crisis that has exposed the fragility of ties between the two nations.

While the United States insists Raymond Allen Davis, the detained CIA contractor, has immunity from prosecution, his lawyer said Friday that "bloody money" was "not just a good way, but the

best way" to resolve the issue. The United States has not commented on whether it intends to try that approach, either formally or as a way of cooling popular anger if Davis is freed on other grounds.

The families, meanwhile, say they want justice, not money.

Davis was driving on a busy street in this eastern city when he says two men, at least one of whom was armed, tried to rob him. He shot them dead. Minutes later, an American vehicle speeding to the scene on the wrong side of the road ran into a motorcyclist, killing him.

Serbia is silent over Libyan uprising amid scrutiny of arms trade with Gadhafi

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — As Libya churned with popular rebellion, Serbia's ex-president flew to Tripoli to arrange an interview with Moammar Gadhafi for a Serbian TV channel — giving the Libyan leader a platform to bluster about his grip on power.

"The Libyan people are fully behind me," Gadhafi defiantly told Pink TV in a telephone interview.

The gesture of support for Gadhafi was not officially endorsed by the Serbian government. But it has been criticized at home for failing to join worldwide condemnation of Gadhafi's bloody crackdown against the uprising.

A possible reason for the silence: hundreds of millions of dollars worth of military and construction contracts. Serbia's cozy ties with Libya sit ill with its recent efforts to rehabilitate its image after the Balkan wars, in particular by participating in peace keeping missions.

It's almost certain that some of the ammunition fired by Gadhafi's troops against pro-democracy protesters in Libya was made in Serbia, and that some of the air force pilots who targeted rebel-held positions were trained by Serbs.

True to form, veteran federal judge visits NYC housing project once besieged by drug gang

NEW YORK (AP) — The scene in a gritty Brooklyn neighborhood had the feel of a political campaign stop, except the stately man trailed by aides, a bodyguard and two news photographers wasn't making speeches or working a crowd.

Instead, longtime federal Judge Jack B. Weinstein — 6-foot-2 and looking fit — strolled mostly in silence on Friday around the Louis Armstrong Houses in Bedford-Stuyvesant — the same streets where authorities say armed thugs once terrorized residents with an "open-air drug bazaar."

Weinstein, who's overseeing the case against the crack cocaine crew, had decided it was important to leave his chambers, don his dark overcoat and fedora and visit the defendants' former turf. The outing on a quiet and crisp winter afternoon drew some stares, but was otherwise uneventful.

Before slipping into a black van to be driven back to the courthouse, the judge explained that he sometimes needs a firsthand reality check on his cases.

"Otherwise," he said, "it gets very abstract."

Tucson shootings suspect indicted on new charges including murders of judge, Giffords aide

PHOENIX (AP) — The suspect in the attempted assassination of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was hit with dozens of new charges as federal prosecutors formally accused him of killing six people and wounding 13 others during a Tucson shooting rampage.

Jared Lee Loughner was charged in a 49-count grand jury indictment this week stemming from a Jan. 8 shooting at a political event held by Giffords outside a grocery store.

"This indictment is comprehensive and is solid, and covers all the murdered and injured victims," U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke said. "There are no distinctions at all between the victims. These victims were exercising one of the most precious and fundamental rights of American citizens."

Giffords is recovering from a gunshot wound to the head at a Houston hospital. In recent days, she

has been talking and singing some of her favorite songs as part of her speech and musical therapy.

Meanwhile, a photo taken of her moments before the shooting shows her listening intently as she talks with two constituents, one of whom also was injured.

Roving street bands take over Rio de Janeiro, dragging thousands in boisterous street Carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Nuns in hot pants, nuns in full habits and even nuns with bushy mustaches — the motley band of costumed revelers gathered to celebrate the first day of Carnival, joining one of the growing number of roving street bands that take over Rio de Janeiro during the five-day party.

The "nuns" are all followers of the Carmelitas, a group started in 1991 by friends who gathered for soccer and drinks just outside a convent of Carmelite nuns. Jokes about the sisters escaping to join the party gave rise to the band, which parades twice: at the beginning of Carnival, when the nuns supposedly escaped the convent join the fun, and on the last day, when they returned to their cloistered existence.

"We're keeping the tradition, remembering the first nuns who jumped the fence," said Eliete dos Santos, 25, who was out with five other costumed "sisters" as the partying began Friday.

While the public face of Rio's Carnival is the famed two-day parade of samba groups, which can each spend more than \$5 million on extravagant costumes and floats, its heart lies in these roving groups of irreverently costumed, mostly inebriated partiers who create a free, open-to-all street Carnival. Their cavorting is likely to hit a fever pitch Saturday.

Citing danger to rescuers, authorities call off effort to save man seen breathing in Nev. mine

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A priest has given last rites to a man who fell into a Nevada mine shaft so deep and treacherous that rescuers have abandoned efforts to reach him, officials say.

The man was still alive but they said any rescue attempt would pose too great a risk to people trying to descend into the pit.

A video camera determined the man was still breathing after plunging 190 feet into the shaft on Wednesday in Jersey Valley, northeast of Reno.

"The mine is so unstable that walls were crumbling and rocks were hitting rescuers on the head when they tried to reach him," JoLynn Worley, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, told The Associated Press. "They're people who will make every effort to save someone, but they really can't get to him. It would endanger the lives of rescuers."

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Teacher layoffs could hamper local economies

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry can't quit talking about jobs.

He used the word 19 times in his recent state of the state address and has made it a top spending priority. But if Perry realizes his vision of a budget balanced through cuts alone, 100,000 teachers could lose their jobs.

That's about a third of the 333,000 teachers employed by Texas public schools.

"In a small town, the school is the largest employer," said Deborah Ottmers, assistant superintendent for business and finance at the Fredericksburg school district. These proposed cuts would be "a huge hit on the economy in any town."

Plans for layoffs are stirring panic from Houston to far West Texas. And while the Legislature has until May to write a budget, districts can't wait to see what happens. The pink slips have already started in places such as Austin, Round Rock and Dallas.

Perry, meanwhile, keeps talking about jobs. Just not teaching jobs.

"The governor has put a

priority on bringing jobs to Texas," said Milton Rister, Perry's director of administration. Rister was outlining Perry's request for millions of dollars to give companies in return for doing business or making films in Texas. None of those programs, though, will save the jobs of Alan and Nikki Guckian.

Alan Guckian's position as north Austin band director has been cut to half-time. His wife, a high school drama teacher expecting their second child in June, was laid off.

"It makes me sick to my stomach to see some of the things they're arguing about in the Capitol," Alan Guckian said.

"There are a lot of people that won't be able to pay their mortgage and they're still talking about attracting movie people."

Economists say sudden job losses, like those to the Guckian family, will lead to even more job losses.

"If you lay off 1,000 teachers you're going to have some greater number of that jobs loss because, presumably, those teachers are not going to be spending money

in those communities," said Terry Clower, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas. "That's going to flow through the economy."

That's already started for the Guckians. Lately, they've traded in dinners out with friends for casseroles and ramen noodles at home. They have started saving hand-me-downs for the new baby. Phone service and cable television will probably be next.

Still, Perry continues to brag that Texas is a lone bright star in an otherwise dreadful economy. He repeatedly reminds audiences that, at 230,000, Texas added more jobs last year than any other state.

Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said the governor values public education but plans to follow through on his promise to cut the budget and keep taxes low.

"The governor has spent a considerable amount of time discussing the importance of public education and how it will remain a priority," Frazier said. "He recognizes these are challenging times and he's going to be working

with lawmakers to balance the budget without raising taxes while protecting essential services."

Perry's office says the Texas Enterprise Fund, a deal-closing account to lure big employers to Texas with financial incentives, has spent more than \$425 million to bring more than 56,000 jobs to Texas since its inception in 2003. That amounts to about \$7,600 per job over the last seven years.

But it's not clear whether those jobs wouldn't have come to Texas anyway.

Perry's office has asked for an extra \$50 million to spend in the next budget, a figure that would keep 1,000 teachers employed, based on Texas' average teacher salary.

By offering incentives to produce movies and television programs in Texas, the Texas Film Commission has created more than 6,700 full-time jobs, Rister said. Perry is asking for an extra \$20 million for that program. That money could save 400 teacher jobs.

In the current budget, schools got \$50 billion in state and federal money to teach 4.8 million students. Proposed

budgets would short Texas schools \$10 billion, a figure that includes money that would be necessary to pay for an estimated 160,000 new students expected to enroll over the next two years.

Responding with anger and panic, thousands of teachers and parents from across Texas are expected to descend on the Capitol later this month for a "Save Texas Schools" rally, urging lawmakers to use all available money — including \$9.4 billion set aside in the state's Rainy Day Fund — to fully fund public schools.

Perry's request has angered some lawmakers.

"Help me understand ... that we're going to spend millions of dollars on tourism and movie production, but we're going to be cutting back Medicaid, letting teachers go?" Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, asked Rister when he asked for the money. "Help me understand how you sit there and ask for those kinds of feel-good programs that might create some jobs, but at the same time we're letting medical students go, residential residents go, state employees, help me?"

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In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by March 14, 2011, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 29, 2011. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2011, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2010 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.

Texas man recognized as oldest male Avon sales rep

FANNY S. CHIRINOS

Corpus Christi Caller Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — When the Avon lady comes calling, sometimes his name is Bob.

Corpus Christi resident Bob Bettiga is darn proud to sell Avon. "Bob the Avon Guy," as he's marketed himself, has won several corporate awards to prove it.

A top salesman, he recently was named the oldest male company representative and is one of about three men selling Avon in the Corpus Christi area, he says.

"I love helping people, and Avon lets me do that," said the 82-year-old former financial planner. "Helping others is my motivation."

Helping someone achieve outer beauty is satisfying, but the thrill comes when enriching people's lives, he said. He loves helping people gain status by selling Avon.

Avon has about 600,000 representatives in the U.S. and about 6.5 million worldwide, spokeswoman Lindsay Fox said.

Direct Selling Association, a trade organization, reports that about 20 percent of direct sellers are male.

Fox said Avon's percentage is much smaller, but the company doesn't keep data on sales representatives' gender.

Bettiga admits being one of the few men selling Avon has come with its shares of lessons.

"I learned real quick not to approach a woman and ask if she wants to make a little money on the side," said Bettiga, unsuccessfully holding back a laugh. "I also learned to ask to meet a woman's husband or significant other. I had quite a few angry husbands asking over the phone why I was calling their wives."

Bob's leap into the world of beauty products started by accident about seven years ago, when his wife, Jeanette, broke her arm and found it difficult to keep up with her clients' needs.

She began losing customers. Bob stepped in. "I saw her sad and crying over not being able to do what needed done and I said, 'Heck, I can do that,'" he recalled.

Within four months, he quadrupled his wife's average sales. They sell more products than other independent agents between Victoria and Mexico without storefronts, they said.

They recently achieved the President's Council level for sales for a fifth consecutive year, having increased their sales in 2010 by 33 percent. Bob also won the Spirit of Avon award three of the past six years. The award is given to one representative each year who embodies the values of the company.

Jeanette handles the business' paperwork while Bob is the face of the company, approaching potential customers anywhere and anytime. Despite illnesses, surgeries and cancer treatments, Bob said he hasn't let his customers down.



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News in brief

Texas Nationalists rally for secession

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Nationalist Movement will celebrate the anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico by rallying on the steps of the Capitol and calling for secession from the United States.

The Line in the Sand Rally will mark the 175th anniversary of William Travis drawing the line in the sand at the Alamo.

The group will call upon the Legislature to take action on state sovereignty issues and declare independence.

Man, attorney want money from city

DALLAS (AP) — The man beaten by Dallas police during a January traffic stop doesn't accept the police chief's claim that it had nothing to do with race.

Rodarick Lyles and his attorney want "a substantial amount" of money from the city and two police officers. In a lawsuit filed in federal district court, they argue his constitutional rights were violated and he has endured pain and suffering. Lyles and his family spoke out in a news conference.

According to police, officers stopped Lyles on Jan. 27 for driving with a license plate that belonged to another vehicle. He also was driving with a suspended license and there was a warrant out for his arrest.

One Dallas police officer has been fired for kicking and using pepper spray on Lyles, who was handcuffed.

Police chief requests

charges dropped, apologizes

DALLAS (AP) — Police Chief David Brown is requesting that public intoxication charges be dismissed against a stroke victim arrested last month at her home in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that Brown and Assistant Chief Vince Golbeck met with 55-year-old Dianne Irons at her home and apologized for the arrest. They said they plan an internal investigation and an order that two officers attend a 40-hour crisis intervention course.

Brown said Irons is a stroke victim with documented evidence in medical reports of slurred speech and unsteady balance "and the department regrets that we did not recognize Ms. Irons' medical condition."

Police went to the home after Irons' nephew called police to report he had been kicked out of her house.

Airman sentenced in base stabbing case

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AP) — A senior airman at New Mexico's Holloman Air Force Base has been sentenced to 22 years of confinement in an attempted murder case.

Base officials said Friday that it hasn't been determined yet where 24-year-old Phillip Warren will serve the time.

They say Warren was found guilty of premeditated attempted murder, absence without leave, wrongful appropriation of a vehicle and assault resulting in grievous bodily injury.

Warren was arrested by federal agents in El Paso last Sept. 23. That was a day after he allegedly

stabbed a woman on the base and fled in her car. The unidentified victim survived the attack.

3 dead in one-vehicle crash

HALTOM CITY (AP) — Three people were killed and five other people who were riding in a van were taken to Dallas-Fort Worth area hospitals after a one-vehicle accident.

Police said the driver of the van lost control while driving south on Airport Freeway, left the highway and struck a tree. The crash occurred Friday afternoon.

Several traffic lanes were closed after the wreck in Haltom City, a Fort Worth suburb.

Singer of hit 'Running Bear' dead at 71

BEAUMONT (AP) — Pop singer Johnny Preston, who in 1960 had the chart-topping hit "Running Bear," has died. He was 71.

His son Scott Preston said the singer died Friday afternoon at Baptist Beaumont Hospital. He had bypass surgery late last year.

He was born Johnny Preston Courville and spent most of his life in Port Arthur. He first performed in the Lamar University group The Shades in 1957 and was brought to the attention of Mercury Records by disc jockey/singer J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

Richardson wrote and produced "Running Bear,"

which became a million-seller for Preston the year after Richardson died in the same plane crash that killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens.

Court orders Texas to pay exonerated man \$66K

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Friday upheld an exonerated man's claim for an additional \$66,000 in compensation that the state comptroller initially refused to pay for his wrongful imprisonment.

Billy Smith was wrongly convicted of sexually assaulting a woman at knifepoint and sentenced to life in prison. Smith spent nearly 20 years behind bars before DNA testing proved his innocence in 2006.

The comptroller denied Smith's compensation request for the first 10 months he was in prison because the false conviction had revoked his parole for an earlier robbery.

Texas law prevents the wrongfully imprisoned from collecting full compensation if they were also serving a sentence for another crime.

The comptroller invoked that statute to back up her argument.

Smith's lawyer appealed to the Texas Supreme Court last year, arguing that the comptroller applied the law improperly and Smith's parole wouldn't have been violated if it weren't for the wrongful conviction.

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Take note

- The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.
- 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.
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- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- 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.

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Howard men beat Grayson, 65-51

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Howard College Hawks are still alive for a berth in the NJCAA National Tourmanet.

The Hawks successfully opened up their title defense with a 65-51 win over Grayson County College in the first round of the Region V Tournament Friday.

While Grayson was tough to put away at times, the Hawks had a firm grip on the lead for most of the game.

Jerry Dixon and Carlos Emory were key for Howard, scoring 14 points apiece. Joe Bright added 11. Emory also had a game-high 10 rebounds, good for double-double on the night.

Howard coach Mark Adams did his due diligence and dissected Friday game in two ways: the positives for the Hawks and the negatives.

“The positive is we feel like whoever won the rebounding battle would win the game and we did that,” said Adams, whose team outrebounded 42-30. “We fought hard and played physically.”

On the other hand, though, Adams said the Hawks never put Grayson away early, allowing the Vikings to creep back into the game at times.

A 15-0 run in the middle of the first half had Howard up 15-5, but Grayson found a way to fight back, cutting a 10-point deficit to four at 27-23. Grayson’s Darrington Banks sparked that comeback with three 3-pointers.

Banks finished the game with 14 points, but it was Cheikh Mbodji who led the Vikings with 15 points.

The Hawks had a 36-23 lead at halftime, but outscored the Vikings by one in the second, 29-28.

What probably helped Howard stave off Grayson was foul trouble. The Vikings had 27 fouls compared to Howard’s 19.

Constantly being sent to the line was key, but Adams said having opponents’ in foul trouble does more than that.

“Playing with eight players, we’re always concerned about not fouling out ourselves,” he said. “It was not fouling out our favor that they had the fouls and we didn’t. When you get in foul trouble, you lose your aggressiveness and I think it hurt them.”

The Hawks faced McLennan Saturday night in second round action. McLennan beat South Plains — a team Howard beat twice this season — in the first round.

The winner of Saturday’s game is slated for a shot at the regional title and a berth in the national tournament at 5:30 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.

Check Monday’s edition of *The Big Spring Herald* for complete coverage of Saturday’s game.

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Carlos Emory had 14 points in Friday’s first-round win over Grayson. Howard College played McLennan Saturday night in the second round. Check Monday’s edition of *The Big Spring Herald* for results.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237 or at the e-mail address sports@bigspringherald.com

NFL labor talks extended again

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Let’s make a deal?

Not quite.

There is still time, though.

The NFL and the players’ union need to figure out a way to bridge major gaps on core issues if they’re going to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. They gave themselves an extra week to try to do that, agreeing Friday to extend the deadline a second time.

The current labor deal had been set to run out Thursday night. But the sides used an initial 24-hour extension to discuss and vote on the lengthier delay. Now the league and union

will take a break over the weekend to assess their positions, resume mediation Monday, then have until the end of next Friday to talk.

“We’re obviously having a lot of dialogue,” Commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday, the 11th day that he and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith have spent time at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. “We met for a lot of days. And we are going to meet for more.”

If the seven-day extension can be viewed as the first true signal that owners and play-

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Courtesy Photo

Two Hawk Softball players signed with universities Thursday on the campus of Howard College. Alexis Beltran (right) signed with Texas Wesleyan University and Lana Dominguez (left) has signed with East Texas Baptist University. Both players are sophomores at Howard College. Behind them are assistant coach Nicole Dickson head coach and Kelly Raines.

San Antonio Spurs crush skidding Miami Heat, 125-95

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 20 points, Tony Parker made a surprise return to the starting lineup and the San Antonio Spurs handed the skidding Miami Heat their most lopsided loss of the season, 125-95 on Friday night.

In the first meeting between these NBA heavyweights, the Spurs (51-11) improved the league’s best record and kept the Heat in a tailspin. A night after blowing a 24-point lead in a stunning loss to Orlando, Miami trailed by 24 after just one quarter and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Parker had 15 points and eight assists. He returned less than a week after the Spurs feared their point guard might miss up to a month with a strained calf.

LeBron James scored 26 points and Dwyane Wade

had 19. It won’t get much easier for the Heat, who return home to play Chicago on Sunday.

San Antonio also has another tough one Sunday against the Los Angeles Lakers. But unlike the Heat, things couldn’t be going better for the Spurs.

San Antonio hit a franchise-record 17 3-pointers, including eight during a runaway first quarter. It left the Heat looking as shocked as they did Thursday night while the Magic pulled off the second-biggest comeback in the NBA this season.

The Spurs also got Parker back way earlier than expected — he missed only two games after spraining his left calf on Sunday. San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich joked before tipoff that “the foie gras and truffle treatment really worked” on his French star.

The Heat? They weren’t in such a light mood.

Miami’s previous worst loss was a 28-point blow-out against Denver on Jan. 13. That came in the midst of the Heat’s last meltdown, when they were stuck in another stretch of losing four of five.

Here they go again.

Miami coach Erik Spoelstra preached “adversity” and “collective resolve” with reporters before the game. He said that following the Heat’s incredible collapse against Orlando on Thursday night, team president Pat Riley joined him in trying to brainstorm ways to get the team out of another funk.

Instead, they came up speechless.

“Part of the conversation was ... just sitting there, in silence, while both of us were trying to think about what we can do next,” Spoelstra said.

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Sports in brief

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

3670.

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Sign-ups are March 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26. Times for those days are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and the locations are the same.

The fee is \$60, no fundraiser. Shirts and shorts will be provided. There will be a tournament hosted for every age group. Call Bil-

ly Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.

Chicano Golf Association

The association is hosting its individual tournament at 10 a.m. March 13 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The deadline to register is 9:30 a.m. that day. There is also a members meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

Nowitzki, Terry lead Mavericks past Pacers

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Once again, Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Terry came through in crunch time for the Dallas Mavericks.

Nowitzki scored 29 points, Terry added 21 and the Mavericks pulled away in the final 3 minutes to stretch their winning streak to eight

games with a 116-108 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Friday night.

The Mavericks were ahead by as many as 14 in the third quarter but couldn't put away the Pacers, who pulled within 101-98 on Darren Collison's 3-pointer with 3:24 left.

But Terry hit back-to-back 15-foot jumpers, the second with 2:29 left as he fell out of

bounds along the right baseline, and Jason Kidd converted two free throws to push Dallas' lead to 107-98.

Of Dallas' 26 fourth-quarter points, Terry had eight and Nowitzki added seven as coach Rick Carlisle called just about every play for his clutch scorers.

"In the fourth quarter, Coach looks for myself and

Dirk," Terry said. "We do a good job playing off each other."

Kidd's 15 points and Rodrigue Beaubois' 13 helped the Mavericks to their 18th win in 19 games.

Nowitzki had a big offensive night, connecting on 10 of 12 field goal attempts and nine of 10 from the free throw line.

"We were aggressive and attacking in the fourth quarter," he said. "That was good to see."

Danny Granger had 22 points and Collison 17 for the Pacers, who have lost four of five but are 10-7 since Frank Vogel took over as interim coach after Jim O'Brien was

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ers might avoid a protracted legal skirmish and work stoppage, it nevertheless is rather clear they are not close to a new CBA.

"It's a challenge," NFL general counsel and lead labor negotiator Jeff Pash said. "We've got very serious issues. We've got significant differences."

Most significant: money.

One person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press that the NFLPA has not agreed to any major economic concessions — and that the NFL has not agreed to the union's long-held demand that the league completely open its books and share all financial information.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because mediator George

Cohen asked everyone involved not to comment publicly on the substance of the talks.

No one would say whether yet another extension would be possible if no new deal is reached by next Friday.

Goodell and Pash declined to discuss any substantive details of the bargaining when they spoke to reporters outside Cohen's office at about 3 p.m. Smith also avoided revealing specifics while addressing media on a sidewalk in front of the NFLPA's headquarters about three city blocks away.

Referring to next week's round of bargaining, Smith said: "We look forward to a deal coming out of that."

But when asked whether mediation helped rebuild trust between the sides after what had been months of public acrimony, Smith replied: "When you say something about 'trust' or when

you raise issues about things like 'confidence' — none of those things are repaired quickly."

If the sides hadn't extended the CBA, the union was prepared to decertify Thursday, meaning it no longer would represent the players, who would be giving up their rights under labor law and instead take their chances in court under antitrust law. The NFLPA took that course in 1989, then eventually formed again.

The owners, meanwhile, could have locked out the players, raising the specter of games lost to a work stoppage for the first time since the players' strike in 1987.

"This is going to get resolved through negotiations, not through litigation," Goodell said. "So talking is better than litigating."

That willingness to continue meeting with Cohen indicates neither side was ready to make the drastic move

of shutting down a league that rakes in \$9 billion a year and is more popular than ever. The past two Super Bowls rank No. 1 and No. 2 among most-watched TV programs in U.S. history.

Cohen said that since he began mediating talks Feb. 18, he has been able to encourage the sides "to fully, frankly and candidly talk to each other" and that they are having "constructive discussion."

The key issues all along have been:

- How to divide revenues, including what cut team owners should get up front to help cover costs such as stadium construction and improvement. Under the old deal, owners received about \$1 billion off the top. They entered these negotiations seeking to add another \$1 billion to that.

- A rookie wage scale, and where money saved by teams under that system would go.

SPURS

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San Antonio, meanwhile, crossed another opponent off its list.

Beating the revamped Heat in their first meeting left the Spurs with a victory over every NBA team this season except Boston — which extended its East lead over the Heat to three games.

The Spurs host the Celtics on March 31.

San Antonio buried Miami from the opening tip. The Spurs tied a franchise record with eight 3-pointers in the first quarter; Matt Bonner was 4 of

4 and Ginobili went 3 for 4.

So stunning was the lopsided surge that the typically reserved Tim Duncan mouthed "game over" while the Heat sulked to the bench after calling another timeout.

It was still the first quarter.

Bonner finished with 18 points and Duncan had 11 points and 14 rebounds. Richard Jefferson scored 11 points and DeJuan Blair had 10 as every Spurs starter was in double figures.

Gary Neal added 14 points off the bench.

The Spurs extended their franchise-record home winning streak to 22 games. It's just another milestone in what is so far the best regular season in team history.

Chris Bosh had 17 points and Mike Miller 12 for the Heat. Erik Dampier, making his sixth straight start, had no points and two rebounds before being ejected for shoving Parker hard to the ground in the third quarter.

Maybe it was frustration.

"We don't want to hear anything about that's not going to happen this year for us, or it takes a long time for championship teams to be built," Spoelstra said before tipoff. "Or it takes battles or the proverbial wars together."

NOTES: The Spurs signed F Steve Novak for the remainder of the season. ... Texas Gov. Rick Perry sat courtside with Spurs owner Peter Holt.

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Sands' Bert Ybarra made first-team all district in 8A Division II.

Sands, Grady dominate District 8A, DII honors

The two top squads in District 8A Division II were well-represented as the honors were announced.

The district's highest honor went to Sands' Blake Thomasson. Offensive MVP went to Shane Teague of Grady. The Wildcats also took the Defensive MVP and Newcomer of the Year honors, too, with Jacob Rodriguez and Bransen Richards winning those, respectively.

Sands' Landon Parker, Bert Ybarra and Caleb Thomasson made first-team all district. Grady's Zeke Clay,

who battled injuries all year, made the first team as well.

Grady had Bryley Pinkerton and Johan Wiebe on the second team. Sands had Sean Blagrove and Preston Zant on the second team.

Both these teams had exceptional season. The Mustangs won the district with an undefeated record and reach the regional quarterfinal where they fell to Paducah.

The Wildcats made a return to the playoff and reached the area round, where they lost to Anton.



File Photo

Tanner Ruiz was Coahoma's go-to player this season

District 3-2A honors announced

Stanton's Tyler Fulton was named 3-2A's Offensive MVP as the district's honors were released.

Stanton isn't the only area team raking in honors. Coahoma's go-to guard Tanner Ruiz is a first team all-district selection. Forsan's Kolten Self and Ty Johnson and Stanton's Trace Sidle and Grayson Gray all earned first-team selections as well.

Forsan's Bracken Schreiner and Coahoma's Sheigh Cravens earned

second team selections.

The district's All-Defensive Team included Stanton's Jorge Reyna, Coahoma's Hunter Williams and Forsan's Patrick Robles.

Reagan Reid and Aaron Acevedo earned honorable mention selection for Coahoma as well.

While competitive as times, Forsan and Coahoma missed out on the playoffs. However, Stanton made it to the regional quarterfinals this season.

Lakers end Bobcats' mastery

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even when the Los Angeles Lakers finally managed to beat the Charlotte Bobcats, the NBA's youngest franchise still infused another bit of misery into the two-time defending champions' lives.

Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and the Lakers interrupted the Bobcats' inexplicable mastery over them Friday night with a 92-84 victory.

Sure, the Lakers won their sixth straight game since the All-Star break, beating the Bobcats for just the third time in

their last 11 meetings. They also had to watch Derek Fisher, their five-time champion point guard, writhing on the court in pain after spraining his left elbow in a tussle with Kwame Brown for a loose ball.

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fired Jan. 30.

The Pacers simply had few defensive answers for Terry and Nowitzki in the final quarter.

"Down the stretch they made some big shots, Jason Terry and Dirk," Granger said. "Dirk only missed two shots the whole game, so that pretty much sums it up."

Shawn Marion's dunk with less than a second left in the third quarter gave Dallas a 90-81 edge entering the final quarter.

The Mavericks used a 33-24 second quarter to build a 68-57 advantage at the break. Dallas put up a season high for points in any half on 63 percent shooting from the floor (26 for 41).

While the Mavs were efficient offensively, their defense lacked

consistency until the fourth quarter, when the Pacers missed 13 of 22 from the field with four turnovers.

"We tightened the screws when we needed it most," Carlisle said. "We certainly could have played better defense in the previous 45 minutes."

Nowitzki had 16 first-half points, Beaubois contributed 13 and Kidd added nine, hitting three of four 3-pointers.

Mavericks starting center Tyson Chandler missed the game with a sprained right ankle.

Chandler was injured in Tuesday night's 101-93 win at Philadelphia. He's also expected to sit out Sunday night's home game against Memphis, and will be re-evaluated next week.

Chandler has started all 57 games he's played in this season, averaging 10.4 points and 9.4 rebounds with 16 dou-

ble-doubles.

Brendan Haywood started in place of Chandler and had 10 points and five rebounds.

NOTES: F Corey Brewer, signed to a three-year deal on Thursday, made his Mavericks debut, entering the game with 8:34 left in the second quarter. Brewer went scoreless with five fouls in 5 minutes, 21 seconds. "I've got to stop fouling," Brewer said. "I was a little bit too aggressive."

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Rasmus gets 3 hits as Cardinals beat Astros

The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Kyle Lohse was almost too efficient for his own good Friday.

The St. Louis starter had to take the mound for a third inning just to get in 41 pitches during the Cardinals' 10-2 win over the Houston Astros.

"My limit was 50, so I didn't even get there," said Lohse, who gave up one run and three hits. "I've had three batting practices where I've thrown 40 pitches each time, so to go out there and do three wasn't that big of a stretch."

Lohse gave up a wind-aided home run to Matt Downs, but got four groundball outs and two strikeouts, all very fast.

"It's the thing you try to do during the season and it's good to do — go out there and get quick outs," he said. "That comes with throwing strikes early in the count and getting ahead of hitters. Those are the main focal points right now."

Colby Rasmus went 3 for 3, scored twice and stole a base for St. Louis. He improved to 7 for 13 this spring.

Matt Cooper drove in two of the three runs off

Houston starter Ryan Rowland-Smith in the second inning. Rasmus led off a two-run third with a double against Brandon Lyon.

Rowland-Smith, a candidate for Houston's No. 5 pitching spot, was one out away from two scoreless innings when he walked Skip Schumaker. Three straight hits followed, producing three runs.

"The results weren't there," Rowland-Smith said, "but outings like that, when you've got to work with runners on base and behind in the count, that's what makes it better at this point of the year. I'll take that."

Wilson, Bush each pitch 3 innings, Texas wins

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — C.J. Wilson is taking his changeup high-tech.

Wilson, who helped Texas reach its first World Series last year in his first year as a starter, pitched three innings Friday in the Rangers' 6-3 victory over Oakland.

"I wanted to throw three innings in as easy a manner as I could," Wilson said. "I was working on different things every inning."

And that includes a different type of changeup that may produce better results. He called it "proprietary technology" and didn't want to discuss it further.

"I was watching the way Tim Lincecum pitched in the playoffs and how he could take over a game with the changeup. Why shouldn't I try something like that? I'm always trying to improve. I'm not satisfied with good. I want to be rad."

Wilson allowed five hits, including Kevin Kouzmanoff's three-run homer, in three innings. Asked what he threw Kouzmanoff, Wilson said "meatballs."

Oakland designated hitter Hideki Matsui drew two walks and "wasn't even swinging," said Wilson, who has held opposing left-handers to an .181 average. "I was trying to throw him

strikes, but I guess he didn't feel like swinging. He could have been just tracking pitches."

Non-roster pitcher David Bush threw three scoreless innings for Texas.

"C.J. stayed attacking the zone," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Kouzmanoff got him early but he made the adjustments. Bush was very impressive. He was a professional out there and did a good job of keeping the ball down."

A's manager Bob Geren said Bush frustrated his hitters a little bit.

"He showed some craft with that slow breaking ball," Geren said. "He

was hitting the corners and locating so well that we couldn't do anything after that."

A's starter Dallas Braden went three innings, giving up four runs and five hits.

"I'm in that spring training purgatory right now," he said. "It doesn't matter who you are, if someone else is pitching better, he gets the job. That's my mindset."

Taylor Teagarden hit a two-run homer off Braden in the second. The shot didn't surprise Braden.

"I don't know who Taylor Teagarden is," he said. "I do know who Babe Teagarden is."

Visnovsky's OT goal caps hat trick, Ducks beat Dallas Stars

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Lubomir Visnovsky provided one of the most improbable endings to a game in the 17-year history of the Anaheim Ducks.

The 10th-year defenseman completed his second three-goal game in the NHL on a power play with

3.8 seconds left in overtime after Teemu Selanne scored the tying goal with 1:03 remaining in the third period, and the Anaheim Ducks pulled out a remarkable 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Friday night.

Visnovsky, the first defenseman in Ducks history to record a hat trick, is third in the NHL in points

among defensemen with 51 — five more than he had last season in 73 games with Anaheim and Edmonton. He has 21 points in his last 22 games.

"He is so special," Selanne said of Visnovsky, who also had an assist on Selanne's 400th goal in a Ducks uniform. "He has no weaknesses really. He can shoot the puck so well and can see the game."

Rangers give GM Daniels 4-year contract extension

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Once the youngest general manager in big league history, Jon Daniels is under contract to become among the longest-tenured GMs in the history of the Texas Rangers.

Daniels received a four-year contract extension through the 2015 season on Friday, a move that's been expected since last fall, when he put together the first Rangers club to reach the World Series. Daniels joined the organization as a baseball operations assistant in 2002. He was only 28 when he was promoted to GM in October 2005. If he serves out this contract, he'll have been in charge for 10 seasons, which would match the club record set by Tom Grieve.

"My family and I love being in Texas and hope to build something really special over the next handful of years," he said. "I think we've got a foundation and a process in place that we're real comfortable with."

The Rangers are considered

"The challenge is keeping the pipeline full and making sure there's still next waves of players coming. What's changed is at the big league level, it's not a tryout any more."

Jon Daniels,
Rangers GM

contenders this season and beyond because Daniels has stockpiled a nucleus of young players and guys still in their prime, such as reigning AL MVP Josh Hamilton and last year's AL Rookie of the Year, Neftali Feliz. Texas' minor league system was deep enough that Daniels packaged prospects in a midseason trade for ace pitcher Cliff Lee without gutting the organization.

"The challenge is keeping the pipeline full and making sure there's still next waves of players coming," Daniels said. "What's changed is at the big league level, it's not a tryout any more. Guys are expected to play at a certain level and help us win. ... There's definitely a challenge. That's the fun part. I think we've got the

right people in place."

Club president Nolan Ryan announced Daniels' extension while at a meeting of team owners in Arizona, where the club is holding spring training.

"I think what he does best is he tries to assemble the best team he can possibly have around him, in the form of scouts and development people, and then he shows a lot of confidence in them and their ability," Ryan said. "That's a trait I like in people."

Daniels said the next priority is contract extensions for other valued staffers.

"Nolan and I agree we want to keep that key leadership group intact and reward the people that have made us successful," Daniels said.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Planning Provides the Answer

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 9 3

WEST
♠ J 10 3
♥ A 5
♦ A 10 4 2
♣ 8 6 5 2

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ K 2
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ 10 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ Q 3
♣ A K J

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades.

The question of whether or not to draw trumps immediately has no pat answer. The solution depends entirely on what declarer needs to do to eliminate his excess losers.

In general, if declarer has enough tricks in the side suits to assure his contract, trumps should be drawn at once. But if declarer plans to trump his losers, or if tackling trumps will give the defense a leg up in the timing, it may be best to delay drawing them.

Today's hand illustrates the type of thinking that goes into determin-

ing declarer's best course of action. South is in four hearts, and West leads a spade, taken by South with the ace. How should he proceed?

In the great majority of hands where declarer is missing the A-K of trumps, his first step should be to eliminate the opposing trumps as quickly as possible. But that would be suicidal in the actual case. If South leads a trump at trick two, he is virtually certain to lose four tricks and go down one.

Let's say East takes the first heart with the king. He returns a second spade, establishing a spade trick for the defense. No matter how declarer continues from here, he must lose two trumps, a diamond and a spade.

South's only real hope is to somehow avoid the spade loser. To do this, he must immediately establish an extra diamond trick in dummy. Accordingly, he leads the queen of diamonds at trick two.

West does best to duck the first diamond, but he is fighting a losing battle. After taking the second diamond with the ace, he returns a spade to declarer's king, but South is now in full control.

He leads the jack of clubs to dummy's queen and deposits his losing spade on the king of diamonds. Trumps can then be drawn in comfort, and South finishes with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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LAKERS

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Fisher has played in 476 games, the NBA's longest active streak. He didn't return from the locker room after getting hurt, and the Lakers don't know whether he'll be available for Sunday's showdown in San Antonio with the league-leading Spurs.

At least the injury provided Lakers fans with another reason to boo Brown, the loathed former Los Angeles center traded for Pau Gasol three years ago.

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"We're seeing a more adventuresome spirit in the kitchen — playful takes on America's favorites that bring both the comfort of familiarity and the energy of the unexpected," says Larry Tong, McCormick chef. "For example, a contemporary combination of mustard seed and vermouth sparks a martini-inspired steak kabob, complete with onion and olive garnishes."

Tong sees this lighthearted approach showing up in every course of the meal — right through to dessert. Taking a cue from the report's Herbes de Provence & Popcorn pairing, a deliciously creamy, no-bake cheesecake has a crust of playful and crunchy crushed popcorn accented with savory Herbes de Provence.

For more recipes and featured flavors, visit www.FlavorForecast.com.

Dirty Martini Steak Kabobs

Makes 8 servings (2 kabobs and 1 cup salad each)

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Refrigerate Time: 2 hours
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 3 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Yellow Mustard Seed
- 3/4 cup dry vermouth
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons juice from green olives
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Coarse Grind Black Pepper
- 2 pounds boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 16 small cipollini onions
- 16 large pimiento-stuffed green olives
- Mixed Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette (recipe sidebar)

1. Heat large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add mustard seed; cook and stir 1 minute or until fragrant. Immediately pour out of hot pan to avoid over-toasting. Coarsely crush seeds using a rolling pin or a mortar and pestle. Reserve 1 tablespoon for the Mustard Vinaigrette (recipe sidebar).
2. Mix remaining mustard seed, vermouth, oil, lemon juice, honey, olive juice, lemon peel, sea salt, garlic and pepper in large bowl until well blended. Reserve 1/4 cup of the marinade for brushing. Place remaining marinade in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add steak; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 2 hours or longer for extra flavor.
3. Meanwhile, bring water to boil in small saucepan. Add onions; cook 5 minutes. Drain well. Cool onions slightly. Cut off top and bottom ends, then peel onions. Remove steak from marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Alternately thread steak, onions and olives onto 16 skewers.
4. Grill kabobs over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until steak is desired doneness, turning occasionally and brushing with reserved marinade. Serve kabobs with Mixed Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette.

Nutritional information per serving:
418 Calories, Fat 24g, Protein 28g, Carbohydrates 19g, Cholesterol 62mg, Sodium 713mg, Fiber 3g



Mixed Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette

Mix 1/3 cup lemon juice, 1/4 cup olive oil, 2 tablespoons honey, reserved 1 tablespoon crushed toasted McCormick Gourmet Collection Yellow Mustard Seed, 1 teaspoon dry vermouth, 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Ground Mustard and 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Sicilian Sea Salt in medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside. Toss 8 cups mixed greens, 1 small red onion, thinly sliced, and 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese in large bowl. Serve with vinaigrette.

Cheesecake Tart with Popcorn Crust and Berries

Makes 8 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Refrigerate Time: 2 hours

- Popcorn Crust:**
- 3 cups unsalted popped popcorn
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 6 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Herbes de Provence

- Cheesecake Tart with Berries:**
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup mascarpone cheese
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Herbes de Provence
 - 1/3 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 - 1 cup blueberries
 - 2 cups mixed berries, such as blackberries, raspberries and strawberries

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. For the crust, place popcorn, about 1 cup at a time, in bowl of food processor or blender; cover. Process until finely ground. Mix ground popcorn, 1/3 cup sugar, butter and 2 teaspoons Herbes de Provence in medium bowl until well blended. Press mixture firmly onto bottom of foil-lined 9-inch tart pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on wire rack.
2. For the tart, mix cream cheese, mascarpone cheese and honey in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Spread evenly in prepared crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until ready to serve.
3. Mix 1/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and 1 teaspoon Herbes de Provence in medium saucepan. Stir in water and lemon juice until well blended. Stir in blueberries. Stirring constantly, bring to boil on medium heat and boil 1 minute. Pour into medium bowl to cool slightly. Add remaining berries; toss gently to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove tart from foil-lined pan. Cut into slices to serve. Top with berry mixture.

Nutritional information per serving:
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Chesworth and Braxton

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chesworth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Chesworth, to Jeremy Braxton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shoup and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Braxton.

Krista is the granddaughter of the late Shirley A. Bell and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Chesworth. Jeremy is the grandson of Bobbie Martin and Leon Martin and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Braxton.

Krista is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School. She earned an associate of science degree in 2008 at Howard College. She graduated with a bachelor of business administration in management in 2010 from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

She is currently employed by Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. as a land tech.

Jeremy is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School as well. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years and was deployed to Iraq in 2007-2008. He is currently attending Midland College to earn an associate of applied science in wind energy.

The couple plan to marry July 9, 2011 in Big Spring.

Births



EMILEE NICOLE GONZALES

Eddie Gonzales and Mildred Sandridge want to announce the birth of their daughter Emilee Nicole Gonzales.

Emilee was born Feb. 21, 2011 at 8:12 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Brenda and Stan Stangel and paternal grandparents are Eddie and Lori Gonzales.

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Petrowski selected by the National Society of High School Scholars

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) today announced that Big Spring High School student Katrina M. Petrowski from Big Spring, has been selected for membership. The society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Katrina has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence," Mr. Nobel said. "Katrina is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources and opportunities," NSHSS president James Lewis stated.

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Lester and Squires



Hannah Elizabeth Lester and Hank Squires

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boden of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lester of Big Spring would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Lester, of Big Spring, to Hank Squires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Squiers, of Eastland. Hannah was part of the 2006 Sands High School graduating class and earned her bachelor of arts in psychology from McMurry University in 2009. She is currently employed by the Noah Project of Abilene as community education coordinator. Hank is a 2002 Eastland High School graduate and earned his bachelor of arts in History from McMurry University in 2007. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in archaeology at University of York in England, where he also received his M.A. in medieval archaeology in 2009.

The two will exchange wedding vows on June 24, 2011, at the Grace Museum in Abilene.

Do you have an engagement, wedding or birth announcement? Life forms can be found at www.bigspringherald.com

Menus

COAHOMA ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake sausage on stick, syrup, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Home-made burritos, chips, baby carrots with ranch dressing, fruit, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, salad, fruit, milk, hot pockets.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop tarts, ham, applesauce, milk. Lunch: Green enchiladas, salad, apples, milk, BBQ beef on bun.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Shake/bake chicken, macaroni/cheese, baked beans, bread milk, burritos.

Friday: Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, applesauce cups, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty on

bun, salad trays, chips, oranges, milk, McRibs, bread, pickle spears.

BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sunrise bites, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Rib patty sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Green enchiladas, refried beans, lettuce/tomato salad, orange smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pizza bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, salsa, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Pancake on stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger on bun, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, pears, fresh fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Poptart, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, veggies, funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish, mac and cheese, cooked carrots, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn on the cob, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Burrito, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cinnamon ap-

ples, milk. Friday: Breakfast: Cereal variety, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, hot roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

SENIOR CENTER

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned greens, rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Tamales with chili, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday: Beef tips with rice, mixed vegetables, rolls, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Marinated chicken, oven roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed salad, rolls, banana cake/milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles/onions, mandarin oranges, milk.

Honeysuckle is the new 2011 home color

Bright red-pink and bursting with energy, honeysuckle is dominating home decor trends in 2011 as a playful and vibrant alternative to the serene turquoise of 2010.

Love it or hate it, the hue is everywhere this spring, design experts say there are many easy ways to incorporate it into your home without breaking the bank.

"Add a lively flair to interior spaces with honeysuckle patterned

pillows, bedspreads, small appliances and tabletop accessories," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute.

"The color says we need to be hopeful and think of things that satisfy as many senses as

we can," she says.

A striking, eye-catching shade, honeysuckle works well for day and night, and complements a variety of blues, greens and oranges, Eiseman says.

"I can't think of a pink combination that doesn't

work," says Carey Vizzi Jacobs, an interior and wallpaper designer in Maryland and Pennsylvania. "Pink and red. Pink and navy. Pink and turquoise. Even pink and orange. Honeysuckle pairs nicely with so many colors."

Elder Abuse

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If the victim is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency.

If the victim is in a nursing home or assisted living facility, or is in his or her home and relies on a home health provider, call the Texas Department of State Health Services at (800) 458-9858.

If the victim is a resident of a long-term care facility, that receives Medicaid funding, report the criminal abuse, neglect or exploitation to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at (512) 463-2011 (Austin), toll-free at (800) 252-8011 or by e-mail at mfcu@oag.state.tx.us.

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Mike Abusaab of Sonic makes a check presentation to Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College, at a Hawk basketball game vs. Frank Phillips College. Abusaab made the \$3,000 donation to fund scholarships for deserving students attending Howard College.

Courtesy photo

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.



Although last week's commentary focused on our belief that a couple of bricks had been removed from investor's wall of worry, we also pointed out that it would be naïve to dismiss the Middle East as a bygone risk after Egyptian President Mubarak's resignation. We said that things were far from settled in that country and high-profile copycat protests were taking place in other North African and Middle East countries. It turns out we were right: During the past seven days, we've seen the region's level of violence increase to another level.

On Monday, Feb. 21, CNBC even carried special coverage of the weekend's violence — especially in Libya, where an estimated 200 lives were lost. The implications for financial markets are obvious: With the violence spreading to countries where oil supplies are in harm's way, oil has spiked back above \$90 per barrel and gold has accelerated its rise as it serves as a safe haven. However, the stock market has continued to climb the wall of worry even as more bricks are seemingly being added with each passing day.

Stocks shrugged off the negatives last week and rose to multiyear highs, extending their winning streak to a third consecutive week. This has been a good example of how strong momentum and ample liquidity can continue to power a market higher in spite of a worrisome environment. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) reached its highest level since June 2008 and rose 1 percent for the week. The Wall Street Journal pointed out over the weekend that the DJIA has now gained 4.6 percent during the last three weeks, its best such performance since August 2010. The S&P 500 also rose 1.0 percent and doubled from its March 2009 intraday low. Barron's noted in its February 21 edition that it was the quickest doubling of the index since 1936.

Fed Chairman Bernanke took square aim at his critics at the G-20 meeting last Friday by defending the U.S. quantitative easing policy and rejecting critics who say that it is the sole reason for rising global inflation and may create asset bubbles. Bernanke declared that "spillovers can go both ways," implying that resurgent emerging economies have contributed to global commodity price increases. He also pointed out that nothing is stopping authorities in these fast growing countries economies from making policy adjustments to slow their expansion.

China's battle with inflation was back on the front pages as its central bank raised the reserve requirements for banks for the second time this year. Barron's reported it was the eighth time since 2009 that the requirement has been raised; it now stands at 19.5 percent, among the worlds highest. Because of fears that these increases may slow global growth, such announcements in the past have tripped up the stock market, but it was not much of a factor last Friday.

Not surprisingly, Washington's deficit reduction talks got off to a slow start, and bipartisan negotiations are already running into roadblocks. Budget cutting flare ups have also escalated on the state level as they battle their own budget crunches. Celebrations of the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl victory may now seem like a distant memory in Wisconsin as mass protest by state workers are taking place in response to Republican lawmaker's effort both to get them to ante up more toward their benefits costs to keep jobs from being cut and to put limits on workers bargaining powers.

This week is light on important economic releases, so the market will be left to its own internal dynamics, and we will see if investors seek out more safe-haven assets given the spreading protests and violence overseas. The aforementioned risks point out that the market is subject to little room for error. Our opinion is that the upheaval and violence in foreign lands could be the linchpin for a meaningful move higher in volatility, as evidenced by the DJIA's 178 point decline Tuesday, tied to the unrest in Libya. While markets do climb walls of worry, occasionally they stumble on some of the bricks. This is no time to panic. Instead, be vigilant of pullbacks and use them as buying opportunities.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on Feb. 22 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates.

Suddenlink adds HD channels

Special to the Herald

Suddenlink Communications has launched more new high-definition (HD) TV channels in Big Spring.

New channels include Fuse HD, Independent Film Channel HD, We TV HD, Biography Channel HD, Disney XD HD, History Channel International HD, The Science Channel HD, Fox Business Network HD, Fox Soccer Channel HD, Oxygen HD, HBO Comedy HD, HBO2 HD and Starz

Comedy HD.

In addition, a number of new digital channels in standard definition have been added, including MTV Jams, VH1 Soul, Nick 2 and Starz Comedy.

HDTV offers a widescreen format, similar to a movie theater, with distinctly sharper images and better sound quality than standard TV.

Introducing the new HD channels is the latest step in the company's previously announced nationwide capital investment

program, calling for approximately \$350 million over three years, above and beyond Suddenlink's traditional capital spending levels. That program earlier helped introduce a number of other new HD channels and faster Internet speeds in Big Spring.

More information about local Suddenlink services is available by visiting the company's website (suddenlink.com) and entering an address and zip code, or by visiting Suddenlink's local customer care office.

NRCS can help firestricken landowners

Special to the Herald

High winds, low humidity and prolonged dry conditions in Texas have led to increased threats for wildfires. While some parts of the state have already been affected by damaging wildfires, other parts remain at risk.

Landowners impacted by recent wildfires are

encouraged to contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) district conservationist. The NRCS provides technical, and in some cases, financial assistance, to install measures that reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

"Wildfires can provide valuable control

of brush species, but may cause damage to perennial grasses if special care is not taken to allow recovery of the range," states Salvador Salinas, acting state conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss

due to erosion by wind and water."

Practices such as grazing deferment, cross fencing, reseeding and water development are effective post-fire strategies to help reduce erosion.

"We can also provide assistance that will enable landowners to

See NRCS, Page 5C

Alon USA to present at 2011 Refining Conference

Alon USA Energy Inc. will be presenting at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2011 Refining Conference to be held in New York City on March 10.

Paul Eisman, Alon's president, is scheduled to present at 2:45 p.m. Eastern Time. A live broadcast of the presentation will be available online in the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.alonusa.com. A replay of this presentation will be available at www.alonusa.com for approximately two weeks.

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MAKING HOWARD COUNTY 4-H PROUD



Myka and Aubree Blissard, daughters of Mike and Amanda Blissard of Big Spring, are members of the Howard County 4-H Club. Above and below, the Blissard sisters pose at the San Antonio Stock Livestock Show & Rodeo earlier this month with their winning heifers. Myka's shorthorn heifer "Ellie" won grand champion at the 2010 State Fair of Texas, the 2011 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo and the 2011 San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo and took reserve grand champion at the 2011 Arizona National Livestock Show and the 2011 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Aubree's mini hereford, "Strawberry," was grand champion at the 2010 State Fair of Texas and the 2011 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Myka is the older of the two girls.



Unemployment dips to 8.9 percent, 192K jobs added

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers hired in February at the fastest pace in almost a year, and the unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent — a nearly two-year low.

The economy added a net 192,000 jobs. Factories, professional and business services, education and health care were among the sectors that hired. Retailers, though, trimmed jobs. State and local governments, squeezed by budget gaps, slashed 30,000 jobs, the most since November. Federal government hiring was flat.

Private employers added

222,000 jobs last month, the most since April. That shows companies are feeling more confident about the economy and their own prospects. The job gains bolstered hopes that businesses will hire aggressively through the rest of the year and strengthen the economic recovery.

The unemployment rate is now at its lowest point since April 2009. It's been falling for three months, down from 9.8 percent in November, marking the sharpest three-month drop since 1983.

"These numbers can be sustained and built on," said

Joel Naroff at Naroff Economic Advisors. "Businesses are finally taking some of those profits they are earning and putting them back into the work force."

The number of unemployed people dipped to 13.7 million, still nearly double the number before the recession began in December 2007.

When you include part-time workers who'd rather be working full time and people who have given up looking for work, the percentage of "underemployed" people dropped to 15.9 percent in February. That's the lowest

figure in nearly two years.

The Labor Department report had little effect on investors, who had generally anticipated Friday's data. Many seemed more focused on the rise in oil prices. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 60 points in morning trading. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped to 3.52 percent, from 3.56 percent late Thursday. The yield is a widely used benchmark for mortgages and other loans.

President Barack Obama's chief economist, Austan Goolsbee, welcomed the posi-

tive news. But Goolsbee cautioned that it will take time to recoup the 7.5 million jobs wiped out by the 2007-2009 recession.

The pickup in hiring coincides with gathering strength in the broader economy.

Americans shoppers are spending more. U.S. exporters are selling more abroad. Manufacturing is growing at the fastest pace in nearly seven years. And the service sector, which employs about 90 percent of the work force, is expanding at the fastest pace

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 Scenic Mountain Center vs. Maria Cavazos, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Scenic Mountain Center vs. Imelda Duenez, accounts, notes and contracts.
 In Re Matthew Cory Downes, name change.
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 Adam T. Valencia Jr. vs. Naomi Liedecke Valencia, divorce.
 In Re Kenosha Kashay Johnson, family.

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 Grantee: Edward Roach
 Property: Lots4-6, Block 23, Boydston Addition
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 Grantor: Foundation Mortgages LLC
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NRCS

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accelerate the health and vigor of affected rangeland," said Salinas.

He suggests landowners consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery and mitigating the effects of the prolonged drought Texas is experiencing.

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he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A 2 acre tract or parcel of land
out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, Howard
County, Texas, described by metes
and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$1,086.85, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR
AKA JOHN S. FUGLAAR, MICHELLE
SULLIVAN, INDIVIDU-
ALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ES-
TATE OF JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR
AND TYRA LENDERMON AKA
TYRA DENETTE RAINEY and others,
as Defendant(s), by petition
filed on July 30, 2009, in a
certain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHN SLAY
FUGLAAR AKA JOHN S.
FUGLAAR, MICHELLE SULLIVAN,
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDE-
PENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN SLAY
FUGLAAR AND TYRA LENDER-
MON AKA TYRA DENETTE
RAINEY, for collection of the taxes
on said property and that said suit
is now pending in the District
Court of Howard County, Texas
118th Judicial District, and the file
number of said suit is 5715 that the
names of all taxing units which
assess and collect taxes on the
property hereinabove described,
not made parties to this suit, are
NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 1st day of March, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6911 March 6 & 13, 2011

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the unknown heirs of such person if
he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

The N/2 of Sc 17, Bk 25, H&TC
RR Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas; SAVE AND EXCEPT the W
25 acres of the N/2; and SAVE
AND EXCEPT a 120 acre tract de-
scribed on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$2,270.21, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against REBECCA LYNN SMITH
AND ANGELA KAY DEES AKA
ANGELA KAY DEES SMITH and
others, as Defendant(s), by petition
filed on February 24, 2011, in a
certain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. REBECCA
LYNN SMITH AND ANGELA KAY
DEES AKA ANGELA KAY DEES
SMITH, for collection of the taxes
on said property and that said suit
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Court of Howard County, Texas
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take notice of and plead and answer
to all claims and pleadings now
on file in said causes by all other
parties herein and all of those
taxing units above named who may
intervene herein and set up their
respective tax claims against said
property.

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of February, A.D.
2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6910 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

AMERICAN SELF STORAGE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas
Property Code, American Self
Storage which is located at 3314 E.
FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will
hold a public auction of property
being sold to satisfy a landlord's
lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock
A.M. on Saturday, March 12, 2011,
at American Self Storage 3314
East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas.
Property will be sold to highest
bidder for cash. Seller reserves
the right to not accept any bid and
to withdraw property from sale.
Property may be sold item by item
or in batches, or by the space. All
sales are subject to Texas State
Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:
Tenant: Emilia Stolp
Unit #147
Consisting of: Treadmill, boxes,
bags, clothes and misc.
Tenant: Joe Angel Moran
Unit: #128
Consisting of: TV, boxes and misc.
#6901 February 27, and March 6,
2011

Legals

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

TO: Erasmo H. Sosa and
Linda J. Sosa
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of such person if
he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 31, Bk 29, College Park Es-
tates, a Subdivision to the City of
Big Spring, HOWARD County,
Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$1,180.30, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against ERASMO H. SOSA AND
LINDA J. SOSA and others, as De-
fendant(s), by petition filed on
February 25, 2010, in a certain
suit styled HOWARD COUNTY,
ET AL VS. ERASMO H. SOSA
AND LINDA J. SOSA, for collection
of the taxes on said property and
that said suit is now pending in
the District Court of Howard
County, Texas 118th Judicial
District, and the file number of said
suit is 5798 that the names of all
taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inabove described, not made par-
ties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of February, A.D.
2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6908 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

No. P-13,936
ESTATE OF MAUDE LUCILLE
AGNES KNOX, DECEASED IN
THE COUNTY COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that
original Letters of Testamentary
for the Estate of Maude Lucille
Agnes Knox, Deceased were
issued on the 14th day of February,
2011, under Docket No. P-13,936,
pending in the County Court of
Howard County, Texas, to John
Stull.

Claims may be presented in care
of John Stull to the estate,
addressed as follows:

Estate of
Maude Lucille Agnes Knox
c/o John Stull
610 E. 4th
Norfield, MN 55057

All persons having claims against
this estate which is currently being
administered are required to
present them within the time and in
the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 22nd day of
February, 2011.
JOHN STULL, Independent Execu-
tor of the Estate of Maude Lucille
Agnes Knox, Deceased
#6903 March 6, 2011

Legals

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

TO: Del A. White aka
Del Alexander White
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of such person if
he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of Lt 12, Bk 102, Original
Town of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$1,723.31, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against TYRONE BANKS and others,
as Defendant(s), by petition
filed on March 29, 2006, in a
certain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. TYRONE
BANKS, for collection of the taxes
on said property and that said suit
is now pending in the District
Court of Howard County, Texas
118th Judicial District, and the file
number of said suit is 5130 that the
names of all taxing units which
assess and collect taxes on the
property hereinabove described,
not made parties to this suit, are
NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of February, A.D.
2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6909 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

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

TO: Peggy Coleman
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of such person if
he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 8, Bk 16, Boydston Addn., City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$749.52, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against JACK COLEMAN AND
PEGGY COLEMAN and others, as
Defendant(s), by petition filed on
July 30, 2009, in a certain suit
styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JACK COLEMAN AND
PEGGY COLEMAN, for collection
of the taxes on said property and
that said suit is now pending in
the District Court of Howard
County, Texas 118th Judicial
District, and the file number of said
suit is 5718 that the names of all
taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inabove described, not made par-
ties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property

hereinabove described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any,
securing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 1st day of March, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6912 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

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

TO: Robert Powell
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of such person if
he should be deceased, and any
and all other persons, including
adverse claimants, owning or claim-
ing or having any legal or equitable
interest in or lien upon the land
described in Plaintiffs' petition on
file in this cause; and the executors,
administrators, guardians, legal
representatives, legatees, devisees,
trustees, officers, directors,
stockholders, partners, managers
or other governing persons of the
above named persons or entities,
who own or claim some interest in
the land described in Plaintiffs'
petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Personal Property- Mobile Home-
Label #NTA0560748

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$3,610.70, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and cost thereon,
allowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,
against ROBERT POWELL and
others, as Defendant(s), by petition
filed on July 19, 2007, in a cer-
tain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROBERT
POWELL, for collection of the
taxes on said property and that
said suit is now pending in the
District Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is 5428
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinabove de-
scribed, not made parties to this
suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property
hereinabove described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-

ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any,
securing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the 4th day of April,
2011 before the Honorable District
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
be held at the courthouse thereof,
then and there to show cause why
judgment shall not be rendered for
such taxes, penalties, interest, and
costs, and condemning said prop-
erty and ordering foreclosure of the
constitutional and statutory tax
liens thereon for taxes due the
Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties
hereto, and those who may inter-
vene herein, together with all inter-
est, penalties, and costs allowed by
law up to and including the day of
judgment herein, and all costs of
this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of February, A.D.
2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6907 March 6 & 13, 2011

**My friend's uncle's second cousin's son has autism.
My friend's uncle's second cousin's son has autism.
My friend's uncle's second cousin's son has autism.
My friend's uncle's second cousin's son has autism.
My friend's uncle's second cousin's son has autism.**

Autism is getting closer to home.

Today, 1 in 110 children is diagnosed.
Early diagnosis can make a lifetime of difference.

Learn the signs at autismspeaks.org



Legals

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

The Aries moon is a harbinger of the new and assertive energy that will take hold later this week. People will want to know where they stand. Ask for and deliver the cut-and-dried truth. There will be no tolerance for vague opinion, wishy-washy emotion or undefined goals. The plan becomes clear or gets thrown out entirely.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll build your credibility with someone new today by simply acting the way you normally do: You show up and deliver what you promised in the agreed-upon time frame.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have rolled with the victories and the defeats, and you realize it doesn't pay to take any of it too seriously. You're

still the same person inside whether your win or lose. What's important is that you do your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are warm and kind, and others feel this in you immediately and open up. That's not to say you want to spend a great deal of time taking care of others just because they feel safe enough to tell you their problems.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A plan comes together in your head. Many disparate elements converge. Take notes. Later, you'll want to look back at the thought process that started you on this journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are sensitive to the feelings of others, and at the same time, you don't want to cater to anyone's crazy mood swings. You'll find a way to support the person without condoning behavior you find less than satisfactory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being approachable will be a huge asset to you today. The people who come up and talk to you will have something of value to share. Anyway, it's not your style to be purposefully intimidating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a personal goal of yours that you cannot read your way into. Study can only take you so far. Real-life application is the only

way to improve. You'll get more practice this afternoon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your generally affable nature attracts new friends, some of whom will require your good graces. You'll give people a second chance if you like them — and you'll like most people right off the bat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would prefer to operate your own business, but today you will be in a position to report to someone else. This makes you think differently about your work, and you'll benefit from the altered perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be inspired to expand your artistic skills, for no other reason than the sheer challenge of it. There will be a career opportunity that comes out of this effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ultimately, you'll attract attention just because you feel good about yourself. So although self-promotion isn't necessary, it will benefit you to put some thought into how you present yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stay open to different approaches. Your domestic life could be improved by implementing one key change. This behavior might feel strange and

forced at first, but with repetition, it quickly becomes comfortable.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). Your birthday gift from the stars this year is a big dose of that mysterious "X" factor that keeps people buzzing about you, your work and all you participate in. Your creative talents will be put to use this month. Loved ones fawn over you in April. You'll connect with financiers in June. Capricorn and Leo people connect with you on many levels. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 4, 33, 23 and 48.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Since Uranus takes about 84 years to orbit the sun, it's monumental when the icy outer planet moves into a new part of the zodiac. It usually happens only every seven years or so, and this is the week. Now the aggressive energy of Uranus is reassigned to the realm of Aries. The radical planet spent some time in Aries last year, testing the waters for more than two months before returning to finish the Pisces cycle. But now he'll stay in Aries until May 15, 2018. The planet Uranus is named for Greek mythology's father of the sky. In this mythology, Uranus is conceived from Chaos, which is what the ancient Greeks called a gap at the beginning of creation. He is the father of many immortals, including the Titans, the Cyclops and Saturn, his

relationships with whom reflected the highest levels of dysfunction. In astrology, the planet represents upheaval, insurrection and revolt — all necessary ingredients for evolution. When Uranus raged through Pisces, his power was applied to the task of shaking up our belief systems. In Aries, Uranus promises more concrete changes, starting with this week's fresh excitement about all that the 21st century will bring.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: His first and middle names mean "little warrior" in Arabic, but at 7-foot-1 with a shoe size of 21EEE, NBA superstar Shaquille O'Neal hasn't been "little" since the day he was born. This versatile Pisces multimedia celebrity was born when Mercury and Venus were in Aries, the sign of the warrior, and Mars was in Taurus, the sign of strength, hard work, tenacity and longevity.

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Legals

No. P-13,937
ESTATE OF WILLIAM LANE EDWARDS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of WILLIAM LANE EDWARDS, Deceased were issued on the 22nd day of February, 2011, under Docket No. P-13,937 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to DONALD FOSTER REYNOLDS and MARY LANE REYNOLDS.

Claims may be presented in care of DONALD FOSTER REYNOLDS and MARY LANE REYNOLDS to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of William Lane Edwards
c/o Donald Foster Reynolds
P.O. Box 2097
Big Spring, TX 79721-2097

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2011.

DONALD FOSTER REYNOLDS, Independent Executor of the Estate of William Lane Edwards, Deceased
MARY LANE REYNOLDS, Independent Executrix of the Estate of William Lane Edwards, Deceased
#6903 March 6, 2011

Answer to previous puzzle

BAND	SHOP	STALL
ALOE	TOBE	CANOE
TERP	REEK	AREAS
HUMOR	SYOUROWN	
STATEN	ETC	
	EGAD	TEABAG
ACRES	LOSE	LANA
SMILES	SURPRISING	
TONS	AMMO	MOLES
INGEST	STOP	
	KIA	SEETHE
YOU	INTHEMIRROR	
SENSE	TIRE	RIPE
ALTER	IRON	OPEC
GLOSS	CEST	REST

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Help STOP Sexual Assaults
Call 263-3312
Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

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Oil prices hit highest level since September 2008

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NEW YORK — Oil prices hit a 29-month high Friday after the government said the nation's unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent in February. The Labor Department said the economy added 192,000 jobs last month. That suggests more people will be driving to work at a time when world oil supplies are under pressure because of the Libyan crisis and unrest in the Middle

East. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery gained \$2 at \$103.91 per barrel in New York. The price jumped to \$104.64 per barrel earlier in the session, the highest level since Sept. 29, 2008. Gasoline prices have shot up an average of 35 cents per gallon since an uprising in Libya began in mid-February. A gallon of regular unleaded gained another 4.4 cents

overnight to a new national average of \$3.471 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. Pump prices are soaring much faster than analysts expected, as a wave of rebellions sweeps across North Africa and the Middle East. Prices should peak between \$3.50 and \$3.75 per gallon this spring, according to Tom Kloza, OPIS chief oil analyst. In Libya, tensions escalated

further on Friday as forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi used tear gas to repel protesters in Tripoli. Most of Libya's oil production has been shut down because of the crisis, and experts say the country's oil fields will be threatened as long as there's no clear leader in charge. Saudi Arabia has increased production to make up for the loss of Libyan crude, but a lengthy struggle could put

significant pressure on world supplies. Traders are still concerned that the unrest in North Africa, which already has ousted leaders in Tunisia and Egypt, will encourage pro-reform protesters to dig in and further challenge neighboring regimes in the Middle East. North Africa and the Middle East are home to the largest oil producers in the world and export a quarter of the world's oil.

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in more than five years. The 192,000 jobs added in February was a sharp improvement from a revised 63,000 job gains in January. Some of the increasing came as people resumed work, after dropping off payrolls be-

cause of bad weather in January. Still, the gains were widespread. Factories added 33,000 jobs. Education and health care added 40,000, professional and business services 47,000. Leisure and hospitality added 21,000, and transportation and warehousing reported 22,000. And construction companies created a

net 33,000 jobs, though a chunk of them reflected people coming back on payrolls after January's harsh winter weather. The number of "long-term" unemployed — people out of work for six months or more — sank to 5.99 million, a decline of 217,000 from January. Workers' paychecks were mostly flat in Feb-

ruary. Average hourly earning rose to \$22.87 in February, up 1 cent from January. Workers have little bargaining power to demand big pay raises because the weak jobs market. And rising gasoline prices are putting more pressure on Americans' pocketbooks. Gasoline is averaging close to \$3.50 a gallon nation-

wide. Higher prices can force consumers to cut back spending on other things. That has the potential to slow the recovery and hiring. Even if that scenario doesn't happen, the unemployment rate is likely to rise later this year as people — perhaps feeling more confident about their prospects to find a job — stream back

into the labor market. Unemployment rates often rise when the economy improves and people who haven't been looking for jobs start hunting again. People who aren't looking are not counted as unemployed. Some economists say the jobless rate could edge past 9 percent again.

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Benghazi port hosts workers no one wants

BENHAZI, Libya (AP) — On a chilly, wind-swept gravel shore in the Benghazi port, Libya's forgotten foreign workers shiver in rudimentary warehouses and watch ships pick up evacuees from wealthier nations.

More than 180,000 of the millions of foreign workers in Libya have already streamed across the Egyptian and Tunisian borders, but many remain stranded — too poor, or in the case of the Africans mistaken for Moammar Gadhafi's mercenary fighters, too scared to leave.

The Libyan uprising threw into disarray the enormous number of foreign workers who keep the economy running, doing everything from cleaning hotel rooms to building new houses to running the oil fields.

Who makes it out is a strict measure of how close their

homeland is and the resources of their home government.

And for the Bangladeshis and the Africans stranded at the port, they are at the bottom of the global pecking order.

The makeshift camp once held more than 2,000 migrant workers overflowing from the warehouses onto the gravel where they were soaked by the torrential downpours of eastern Libya's winter. There is more room, however, now that the Vietnamese and Chinese have been evacuated by their governments.

Many were traumatized by the fighting they saw in the days following the uprising as people were shot and beaten on the streets. They say they are terrified of going back to Benghazi.

For the Africans, however, the fear is even more acute because of the widespread

tales of bloodthirsty "African" mercenaries who are supposedly doing all of Gadhafi's killing for him.

At a checkpoint near the rebel-held town of Ajdabiya on Friday, a microbus filled with Africans was stopped, as armed rebels yelled at the men and called them "mercenaries." A few of the men were dragged off and taken to a guardhouse for interrogation.

When a reporter asked one of the rebels how he knew they were mercenaries, he responded: "Because they smell."

In holding cells of Benghazi's courthouse were more than a dozen Africans imprisoned for supposedly being mercenaries. Most maintain they are just migrant workers.

In some cities, suspected mercenaries were lynched,

and so many of these Africans have fled to the port for sanctuary — if not ultimately escape.

"We migrate from our country and we work here, and now there is problem," said Abdel Basset, a slim 27-year-old day laborer from Ethiopia who is here illegally. "They don't like black men. If we go out, they might kill us."

Basset wouldn't actually call himself Ethiopian, since he is from that country's Oromo minority, a small Muslim sect struggling for independence. Most of them long ago tore up their Ethiopian passports and they are truly without a country.

"We don't have human rights in our country or here," he said. "If we go back, it is problem for us, we are colonized."

The Oromo left Ethiopia for Sudan before crossing

into Libya, where they work as day laborers with no contracts and no hope of a company ship to take them away.

What they do have is the black skin and the African features that many Libyans in Benghazi have blamed all the bloodshed on.

"If they see a black man, maybe they kill him. The problem is Gadhafi bought black people to use as soldiers," said Mohammed Ibrahim, 27, who has worked in Libya for two years.

African or not, the forgotten workers waiting at the port must watch as those from more fortunate nations are evacuated in front of them.

"All the time, I hope another ship come here, but my government doesn't send any ship," said Marouf Khan, a 22-year-old Bangladeshi who worked for a Libyan company.



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