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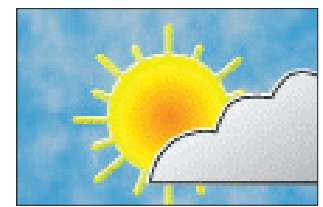
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Emergency responders with the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS prepare to transport this woman to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a traffic accident at the intersection of N. Gregg Street and Sgt. Paredez Friday afternoon. According to witnesses at the scene, the driver of the black F-150 pickup slammed into the rear end of a white pickup at the intersection. The condition of the driver of the black F-150 pickup was not available.

Condroy gets 405 months in prison

LUBBOCK — John Alan Conroy, 37, of Big Spring, who pleaded guilty in December 2010 to one count of producing child pornography and one count of receiving a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings to 405 months in federal prison.

In addition, Judge Cummings ordered that Conroy, who has been in custody since his arrest in July 2010 on a related charge, serve a lifetime of supervised release following his imprisonment.

According to documents filed in the case, in 2009, Conroy lived with a woman and her two young children, "Jane and John Doe," in Big Spring. Jane Doe turned 8 years old during that year and John Doe turned 10. During part of the year, Conroy was unemployed. The mother of the children worked during the day, and Conroy often was left in charge of Jane Doe.

Conroy had purchased a laptop computer in approximately 2007, and beginning some time in 2007 or 2008, started using it to search the Internet for sexually explicit images and videos of children. He downloaded and collected numerous images and videos depicting minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and stored the images on his computer and on various forms of storage media.

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Hoops, Dreams and Goals to tip off seventh tourney

Special to the Herald

The first year West Texas Centers hosted Hoops, Dreams and Goals, no one expected it to become a yearly event.

But the wildly popular basketball tournament has become a tradition at West Texas Centers with no chance of it going away any time soon.

"I would say within the first hour, we were already talking



Jones

about next year," said Rodney Jones, West Texas Centers chief developmental health officer.

Hoops, Dreams and Goals is in its seventh year and still gaining steam.

And it's no coincidence it coincides with the NCAA March Madness, West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said.

"We think ours is just as much fun," she said.

The Seventh Annual Hoops Dreams and Goals 2011 competition is scheduled Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. with a grand entry.

The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, The Arc of Howard County, Alon

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Still time to take advantage of tax aide program locally

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents looking to take advantage of the annual AARP Tax-Aide program, as the April 18 deadline to file looms on the horizon.

Many area taxpayers were unable to get a jump on their filings efforts this year because of an Internal Revenue Service glitch that prevented those filing itemized returns from filing until February. However, the wait could pay off for some area residents.

In addition to extending sev-



Hopkins

eral older tax deductions for 2010, the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act also extended those deductions for 2011 and a number of other tax deductions and credits for 2011 and 2012, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the modified Child Tax Credit, which help families pay for college and other child-related expenses.

Program coordinator Glo-

ria Hopkins said the program is moving along smoothly for her and her volunteers, and while the itemized returns may be slightly more complicated, they are ready for them.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Hopkins said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and

deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them.

"There are a lot of changes to look at this year. The one that is going to impact more filers in the Crossroads is the loss of the non-itemized property taxes. Last year, people were able to claim their property taxes without filing an itemized return. Unfortunately, that wasn't renewed

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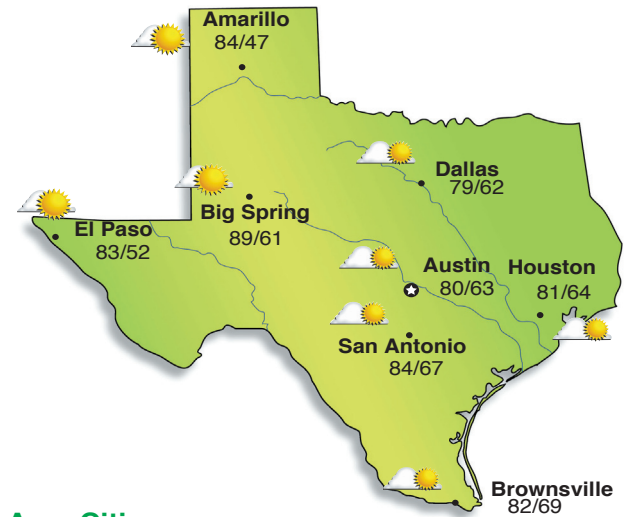
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Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities			City			City		
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Abilene	82	60 pt sunny	Kingsville	84	67 pt sunny			
Amarillo	84	47 mst sunny	Livingston	82	60 mst sunny			
Austin	80	63 pt sunny	Longview	82	61 mst sunny			
Beaumont	80	63 pt sunny	Lubbock	86	52 mst sunny			
Brownsville	82	69 pt sunny	Lufkin	83	60 pt sunny			
Brownwood	83	61 pt sunny	Midland	89	62 mst sunny			
Corpus Christi	79	67 pt sunny	Raymondville	85	66 pt sunny			
Corsicana	78	61 pt sunny	Rosenberg	82	64 pt sunny			
Dallas	79	62 pt sunny	San Antonio	84	67 pt sunny			
Del Rio	84	65 cloudy	San Marcos	81	63 pt sunny			
El Paso	83	52 mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	62 pt sunny			
Fort Stockton	89	59 mst sunny	Sweetwater	85	60 pt sunny			
Gainesville	78	58 pt sunny	Tyler	81	61 mst sunny			
Greenville	77	59 pt sunny	Weatherford	79	59 pt sunny			
Houston	81	64 pt sunny	Wichita Falls	82	58 pt sunny			

National Cities			City			City		
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Atlanta	64	51 pt sunny	Minneapolis	52	42 rain			
Boston	46	31 sunny	New York	49	38 sunny			
Chicago	49	48 rain	Phoenix	77	58 pt sunny			
Dallas	79	62 pt sunny	San Francisco	55	49 rain			
Denver	66	41 pt sunny	Seattle	53	43 pt sunny			
Houston	81	64 pt sunny	St. Louis	77	59 cloudy			
Los Angeles	61	50 rain	Washington, DC	55	42 sunny			
Miami	82	67 sunny						

Moon Phases			
Full Mar 19	Last Mar 26	New Apr 3	First Apr 11

Obituaries

Ronald M. Jett

Ronald M. Jett, 57, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 17, 2011, in Nolan County from injuries received in a vehicle accident. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Charles Atkerson officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born June 26, 1953, in Casa Grande, Ariz., and married Linda Atkerson on Dec. 22, 1970, in Granbury.

Ronald came to Big Spring in 1986 and drove wreckers for more than 10 years with Texas Wrecker, Mitchem Wrecker Service and Pat Gray Recovery and Towing. He had also worked as a welder and farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jett of Big Spring; two sons, Ronnie Jett and Chris Jett and wife Falisa, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Elizabeth Ford and husband Michael of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Tobi Brim and husband Justin of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers; three sisters; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Richard Jett.

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

C. Roy Wright

C. Roy Wright died Feb. 1, 2011, in Rogers, Ark. A celebration service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Big Lake Fire Department in Big Lake.

Police blotter

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

- DANIEL PAUL JOHNSON, 48, 811 W. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RENE RODRIGUEZ, 23, 808 S. Settles, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license (two counts), disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear (two counts).
- MARQUIN EARL HARRIS, 241601 Avion, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear (three counts).
- TAVIANCE DAVON CLEMONS, 2602 Ann, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Johnson.

Take Note

• Region 18 Education Service Center is presenting a free workshop titled "Parent/School Relationships: The ARD/Parenting Tips" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. The workshop is a combination of helping parents understand their role in the ARD process and learning how to help young students achieve their highest potential. Topics of discussion will include the ARD agenda, accommodation and modification, communication, behavior, parenting tips and bullying. A light lunch and water will be provided. ESC 18 is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd. in Midland. For more information, contact Leslie Wilson at 432-563-2380. To register online, go to www.esc18.net

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• 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.

• 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.

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

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CONROY

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During 2009, when Jane Doe was 7 years old, Conroy began showing her various images and videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Beginning in October 2009, Conroy began engaging in sexual contact with Jane Doe. Then, on Dec. 27, 2009, Conroy used his digital camera to produce sexually explicit videos of Jane Doe. The videos were produced in a

residence in Big Spring. The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Big Spring Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucsy

of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock, was in charge of the prosecution. Conroy first found himself in the public eye in late November 2009, after claiming a bell ringer with the local Salvation Army verbally abused him and his children as they were leaving the Big Spring Post Office. The bell ringer was subsequently relocated to the sidewalk in front of the federal facility after Conroy argued the Salvation Army's operation on federal property was illegal.

Area Take Note

COLORADO CITY — Railhead Trade Days will continue Sunday at the Railhead Building here. The two-day event began Saturday and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Booths inside and outside will be offering crafts, jewelry, sports memorabilia, candles, antiques, home décor and more. For more information, contact Amanda Ritchey at 325-728-3403 or the chamber at chamber@cityof-coloradocity.org

LUBBOCK — Sunday, April 3, at 5 p.m., the FUMC Chancel Choir,

Wesley Boys and Girls and the High Praise Girls will be joined by tenor soloist, Karl Dent, the choir of All Saints Episcopal School, and the Caprock Pro Musica orchestra in performing Benjamin Britten's sacred cantata St. Nicolas. The concert will be in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary, located at 1411 Broadway in Lubbock. Admission is free, generously underwritten by the FUMC Friends of Music. Childcare will be provided. A reception will follow the 60 minute concert. For more information call 806-763-4607 or visit www.fumc.com/music.

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USA, Prescription Services Inc., ViaMedia, KBST, Cox Jewelers and Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. Teams from the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers — the designated mental health and mental retardation authority for rural West Texas and surrounding areas, including

Abilene, Midland-Odesa and San Angelo will compete throughout the day, capping off months of preparation for the competition. "One of the best things about this day is that we can get the majority of people served together in a fun environment," Jones said. "We all have such a sense of pride watching everyone compete, and we also have an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments

our consumers have made. And for them to be able to compete and to be supported by so many people in the community encourages all of us." "It shows the amount of drive these folks have," Smith said. The day-long competition could not be pulled off without the countless employees and volunteers who make it work, Jones said. "It's gotten easier every year," Jones said.

The day-long basketball competition kicks off in the morning with the Big Spring High School Drum Line followed by a welcome from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and an introduction of the honored guests, including District Judge Tim Yeats, Rep. Jim Landtroop and ambassadors Russ McEwen and Joe Heflin. Teams participating in bracket play are: Big Spring Heat, Sweetwa-

ter Red Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers, and the San Angelo Bobcats. Throughout the day, cheer squads from each team will perform and compete for top cheer squad. Cheer squads and the basketball teams also compete for the Spirit Stick for how much they cheer on oth-

er teams and encourage each other. "It's definitely something everyone looks forward to," Jones said. The event is free and open to the public. More than 1,100 people are expected to attend. For more information, call Amy Vidal at 432-263-0007.

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this year, so there are going to be a lot of people here that are going to lose that deduction." Hopkins said another change in IRS protocol may have those who still file their tax returns on paper looking for something that simply isn't on the way. "Another big change is the IRS didn't mail out any of the tax booklets like they have in years past," Hopkins said. "That might have folks that have been doing their taxes on paper thrown off a little. However, the IRS is pushing hard to get people to use the electronic filing. The

forms, however, should still be available from the same locations they have been in the past. "People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2009 earnings and their 2008 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing." Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day — a holiday observed in the District

of Columbia — falls this year on Friday, April 15. By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do, therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns. The program will continue each Monday

through April 11 at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — from 8 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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If cruise ships were circuses, there'd be no tents large enough for their hundreds of intriguing rings, many of them up and running at all hours of the day. The "big top" for vacations on the high seas is the sky.

This analogy came to mind as we sailed toward the Caribbean Sea from Florida's Port Everglades on Holland America's Zuiderdam for a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal. As Fort Lauderdale faded from view, we perused booklets of "see/play/eat/do" options during the 3,200-mile adventure. Even with serious "picking/choosing," we knew that we could partake of a mere smattering of this splendid vessel's offerings.

Soon, stars sparkled above us, blinking reminders to "tune out" the workaday world and to "tune in" leisure under the biggest of big tops.

Much may be taken for granted by 2,000 fellow vacationers, most of whom have cruised on multiple occasions. Dining, featuring food prepared by master chefs who turn out some 110,000 meals on the trip, is memorable. Also anticipated on Holland America vessels are lavish floral arrangements at every turn, as well as antiques and art dating back to the 18th century.

Classes covering numerous interests are offered, plus ports-of-call excursions, varied entertainment and "people-watching" extraordinaire.

There's always the unexpected. On this cruise, ages varied from eight months to 95 years. The latter, perhaps the eldest, was Dr. C. Everett Koop, US Sur-

In the newspaper

To THE EDITOR,
Will Rogers reportedly said that all he knew was what he read in the newspaper. If Will was alive today and read "Time to play the 'envy game,' he'd be an idiot. Perhaps Marc Monroe Dixon was trying to be "cute" or possibly "funny" when he wrote the article bad mouthing people of various occupations. Of the 11 occupations he "put down," I shall address only four due to lack of space. "Cops? Yeah. Doughnut - munching dumb - asses who drive around aimlessly all the time" For Marc's sake I hope he never gets mugged or his house broken into or the many activities that policemen/women are subjected to, risking their lives. "Waitresses? Put on too much eye makeup and carry a tray and bingo, you're a waitress," obviously Mr. Dion never eats out and I wager he cannot boil water without scorching it. Next, "firefighters? These people get paid to sleep at work." I hope his house never burns. Last one I shall discuss is "The military? They only work when there is a war." Mr. Dion is too stupid to realize that the sacrifices of the military make it possible for him to write such insulting tripe. I wonder why he didn't have some comment about politicians, TV celebrities, sport figures and last, but not least, editorial writers. I know it sounds like I am guilty of what I have complained about, but it makes the same sense. In closing, let me say that I am disappointed in the *Herald* for printing such garbage, but then again I thank them for printing my letters!

CAD WINGERT
BIG SPRING

Unemployment rates

To THE EDITOR
I have an opinion about the unemployment rate that is always presented on the news as a "show stopper." I really think that the rate needs to include an analysis, but it doesn't because of politics. Of this unemployment rate there are those who do not pass a drug

screening test. So they live off their working spouse or significant other, their parents or their grandparents whose only income is social security. The codependency game is so effective because the enabler won't say no. We have to get real sometimes, tough love.

Criminals who have a DPS check hit record or who have done hard time and can't find a job need to be included in the unemployment rate. There are those who do not want to work because it's convenient to draw unemployment compensation that liberal politics keeps allowing. Liberals, especially in the social services, say that these people have been without a job so long that they are too discouraged. Perhaps so and let us give our shirts off our back to help them. We could be next. On the other hand, there is another side of the fence.

A person does not have to choose to be vocationally vulnerable. I have held six or more part-time jobs while simultaneously working full time. Let's get real. True, a highly trained, experienced, well educated, licensed individual who's looking for work may have no luck for a long time finding a job that will equal his or her resume. I worked at Whataburger while being an administrator with the state. Also, an administrator, I was a janitor when I got off work. I made more money cleaning restrooms and toilets than at my full time state job that required my education and license.

The unemployment rate: it is so very interpretive.

ORAND CARROLL
BIG SPRING

YOUR VIEWS

being "rigged" and who is "rigging" them.

Remember these voting machines are computers and they are programmed by the company that owns them and their programmers, with a "memory card" that these company owners install themselves. Almost all of these voting machines do not have a paper trail, that will "verify the vote" and in most cases "our votes" are not allowed to be verified by our electoral judge. They are verified by the programmers. This is not acceptable! So we "really do have a secret ballot." It is so secret, we the people don't know if our vote went to the candidate of our choice. So you might think "I voted a straight ticket, so I'm alright." Not necessarily so many voters across all states have reported that their votes automatically "flipped" to the other side...What? They are stealing "our money" and the last one freedom "We the People" have; now they are stealing our votes. They are "stealing" our elections with "the electronic voting machines," for Republicans and Democrats.

The last election in 2010, in Rankin, in Reagan County there were 600 more votes counted than there were voters. This was reported by Bo Berman with Channel 7 in Odessa. Maybe we need to go back to paper ballots!"

The voting machines that are in question are the DRE machines; the ones we use here in Howard County. There are three other voting machines that are being used across the country, but they are having the same problems. On Feb. 16, 2011, HB 1419 was introduced in the Texas House, that addresses this problem, but does not go far enough. Its other provisions do not move us forward in any particularly meaningful ways and also contains confusing and probably unenforceable language. I am asking all voters to get involved and let us all speak with "one loud voice and put a stop

Website theory

To THE EDITOR:
I recently came across this website and it verifies what I have suspected for quiet a while. It is www.blackboxvoting.org by Bev Harris. This is one of the best and most trusted websites I have found about electronic voting machines and how easily they can be "rigged," how they are

the quartet provided the most memorable entertainment we've experienced in a decade of cruising. The drummers produce marvelous orchestral sounds on numbers ranging from Broadway to Beethoven...and beyond.

It is easy to understand why the quartet ranks number 1 in fleet entertainment. The Vista Lounge fills to near its 850-plus capacity for both shows on "Island Magic" night. Standing ovations are common, as they are for a voluntary "encore show" on the final day at sea. It was standing room only then, too, with intermittent "standing O's," the longest for the Christian group's gospel medley. It includes "To God Be the Glory," "Amazing Grace" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." All members of the group are refreshingly humble, freely mingling with guests throughout the cruise.

A highlight, of course, was experiencing the Panama Canal, one of the world's wonders. That this remarkable engineering feat was accomplished, now almost a century ago, boggles the mind. It is difficult to describe the work and sacrifice that made it possible. A stark example is the devastation of Yellow Fever and Malaria, diseases that claimed more than 30,000 lives.

Three years from now, a second canal 70 feet wider will become operative to accommodate the world's largest ships.

To visit the Panama Canal invites additional research. A visit with Dr. Koop warrants the same. *And the indescribable talent of Island Magic makes a search of YouTube for their musical numbers a "must."*

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have a heavenly keeper.
Amen

LETTERS

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to this criminal boon doggie.”
Other trusted websites: www.texasTURF.org by Terri Hall, www.projectcensored.org; and www.democracy-now.org by Amy Goodman, www.truthbe-tolled.com and www.augustreview.com

TRAVIS REID
COAHOMA

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:
Wednesday, March 30 is National Doctor's Day. If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, we'll swear them off, thank you! Throughout the year, the members of the medical staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center touch the lives of so many of our friends and families here in Howard County. We couldn't imagine what a day would be like without them. For all they have done and all they will do in the days ahead, we honor our physicians and simply say, "Thank You!" to: Alan Abel, MD; Steve Ahmed, MD; Scott Barclay, DO; Manuel Carasco, MD; Mario Castillo, MD, PhD; Josheph Chavez, MD; Carlos Dimidjian, DPM; Rudy Haddad, MD; Robert Hayes, MD; Daniel Hinckley, DDS; Ladd Hoffman, MD, MBA; Rudy Izzard, DDS; Melencio Juan, MD; Cezary Kuprianowicz, MD; John Lang, MD; Keith Ledford, MD; David Long, MD; Clark McDan-

iel, MD; Nandlal Patel, MD; Susan Roberts, DO; Cynthia Rutledge, DO; and Manish Shroff, MD.

LARRY RODGERS, CEO
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Relay for Life

TO THE EDITOR:
I am working with the survivor communications for the 2011 Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life and wanted to make everyone aware of a change in how we are able to communicate with our survivors. Not everyone is comfortable sharing their cancer experience and the American Cancer Society has asked the committee to address our survivor letters simply to "Relay Supporter." This may seem a little impersonal to some of you, but the HIPPA law was established to protect your privacy and if a survivor letter is sent to the wrong address with your name on it, we have violated your privacy. We have survivors every year who ask us not to announce their name during the opening ceremonies, but they attend the event and use the services of the American Cancer Society, and we want to honor their wishes. I am a two-time cancer survivor, a Hero of Hope for the American Cancer Society and have been a part of the Howard/Glasscock Relay for more than 15 years. I started working with Relay when my daughter lost her best friend their junior year

in high school to cancer, and no parent should ever have to go through something like that. Please join me Friday, May 6, at Blankenship Field to remember those who have lost their battle and to honor those who are fighting back against cancer. If you do not receive your registration form or are a first-time participant, please call the Chamber at 263-7641 and Vicky or Debbye will mail you a registration form.

BONNIE MILLER
BIG SPRING

Big Spring VA

TO THE EDITOR:
I have used the Big Spring Veteran's Medical Center for many years for my health care. The staff is caring, understanding, friendly, helpful, well qualified, keeps their appointments on time, and shows great concern and interest in their patient's well being. Preventive medical measures are utmost in their services, and the staff has a sincere interest in their patient's welfare and good health for future years. We are very fortunate to have such a facility in Big Spring and commend the staff for a job well done!

AURIEL LAFOND
BIG SPRING

Thank you Mr. Perez

TO THE EDITOR:
I am one of many with sleep apnea. My doctor recognized the repercussions possible with it

and sent me to the sleep tech at Scenic Mountain for a sleep test. I had done this several years ago in Midland. It was of no value to me whatsoever. I definitely wasn't impressed. I was rather reluctant to do it again, but since my doctor set it up, I decided to do it. Well surprise, surprise, surprise!

The sleep tech is Raul H. Perez. I was so impressed with him. I never thought a sleep test could be so extensive and thorough. He very patiently explained everything he did and

why it was done. He explained the results and what it meant to my particular condition. I am very impressed with Mr. Perez and highly recommend him. Big Spring is very fortunate to have him.


SINCERELY
MARGIE MYERS
BIG SPRING

Commending Duncan


TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to commend Mayor Duncan for his efforts to give the voters of

Big Spring more input in major issues facing our city. Expenditures like "water parks" that will cost us millions of dollars and will continually operate in the red should always be brought to a vote. The recent vote by the city council to deny voters the right to decide on term limits is just more of the same from these five council members. I wonder if they would continue to vote this way if they were paid a salary ... probably not.

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BULLETIN



Rich in History, Big in Community

Special Thanks!

The City of Big Spring would like to thank the Big Spring Fire and Police Departments and the Howard County volunteer firefighters for their service during the two large fires we have had recently; one of which was on Interstate 20 and the other located near the hilltop road area.

Thank you for your service and commitment to our city!

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 Park on Perimeter Road.

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

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

Free Hearing Tests

Beltone Hearing Aid Centers will be giving free hearing tests and screenings on March 24, 2011 from 9 am to noon at the Big Spring Senior Center on 1900 Simler.

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 info.

Pay your water bill or traffic ticket online at

www.mybigspring.com

Support Groups

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

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

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

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place

at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

LETTERS

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Part of the reason our politicians and state and local governments are under fire right now is

because they are slowly taking away the rights of the taxpayers to make decisions regarding how their money is spent. This is how that happens on the local level. Even though there

is no salary involved for the council, there is always the issue of power when it comes ot long term service in a political position. We needed to use this water park money to ensure the quality and quantity of our drinking water and continue to repair and replace our city streets. But instead, we are told that there is no "going back" as far as the water park is concerned. It is a "done deal," set in motion by the previous c o u n c i l / m a y o r . With that being said, let's go forward and let Mayor Duncan do what he was elected to do. Let the voters decide how our money will be spent from now on. And, if this council is not willing to

hear from the taxpaying public on major issues at the ballot box, then let's wend them a clear message at election time.

J.O. BARKER
BIG SPRING

time.
 REGINA SLEDGE
BIG SPRING

Volunteer heroes

TO THE EDITOR:
 In the wee hours of the morning of Thursday, March 10 we had need for the services of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. A grass fire had erupted on the west side of our property at approximately 1:30 a.m. Fortunately, a good Samaritan called 911 and stopped to wake us up. Thank you to that unnamed hero! You have no idea how much we appreciated your actions.

The volunteers are also heroes for us. The water trucks arrived within minutes and had the fire doused quickly. Fortunately, only minor damage was received. Thank you to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the Howard County Sheriff's deputy who responded.

You are what makes

Howard County a great and safe place to live. Thank you for all you do! Sincerely,
 LANDON AND CINDY STURDIVANT
HOWARD COUNTY

District 3

TO THE EDITOR:
 Glen Carrigan is running for City Council District 3. We have known Glen for approximately 18 years. He has been a member of Hillcrest church for many years and taught our Sunday school class. Glen is a knowledgeable Sunday school teacher. He is kind, honest and caring. Glen is outgoing and knows a lot of people in Big Spring who will vouch for him. He has conservative views and loves our community. He is a person that you can count on.

He is a caring man with a heart for Big Spring. Please join us in supporting Glen by voting for him in May.

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Silver mine gets new life after closure

SHAFTER, Texas (AP) — A highway sign proclaims “Shafter Ghost Town,” and on either side of the two-lane blacktop are ruins of stone and adobe structures amid a handful of houses.

About 70 years ago this patch of West Texas desert was home to a bustling community and one of the nation’s most reliable sources of silver. That all began to wither in 1942 when a wartime work force shortage and plummeting silver prices forced the Presidio Mine to close and hastened Shafter’s demise.

Today, a Canadian company is reviving the mine to take advantage of silver prices that have tripled since 2009, giving the few dozen residents still living in the area more action than they’ve seen in decades. The mine will return significant metals production to Texas for the first time in many years.

“No doubt the price of silver makes this a viable project,” said Sandy McVey, the project manager for Vancouver-based mining firm Aurcana Corp., referring to prices that have spiked to more than \$30 an ounce. “And we need to get this mine up and running fast before the window of opportunity closes.”

The Rio Grande Mining Co., acquired by Vancouver-based Aurcana Corp. in 2008, is building roads and installing underground equipment. It expects to begin producing 800-pound silver bars by

The original mine opened in 1880, and in 1943 Shafter was home to 1,500 people. It once had a post office, a school, two saloons and a dance hall but now only has about 60 residents.

the middle of next year. Production is estimated at 3.8 million ounces of silver annually — about half the amount the nation’s largest single silver operation, the Greens Creek mine in Alaska, produces now. Idaho and Nevada are also major silver mining states.

A groundbreaking last month at the site 190 miles southeast of El Paso may have been the biggest event locally in a couple generations. The last high point came in 1971, when film director Robert Wise, who directed “The Sound of Music,” used the mountains and ghost town of Shafter for scenes in the science fiction thriller “The Andromeda Strain.” Generally, humans are few and far between.

The original mine opened in 1880, and in 1943 Shafter was home to 1,500 people. It once had a post office, a school, two saloons and a dance hall but now only has about 60 residents.

“There used to be a restaurant here, probably before 1980,” said Patt Sims, a retired school

teacher who has lived here since 1976. “One cook, one baker, one entertainer, one waitress. They got tired of working 80 hours a week.”

The new project could employ as many as 180 people. A feasibility study published last year suggested oil field workers could be hired from nearby Presidio and Marfa. Another source of manpower is Ojinaga, Mexico, a town of about 20,000 across the Rio Grande and famously occupied 100 years ago by Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa.

Sims, among other residents, wonders what the mine will mean for the area, where people like the quiet life. “It’ll be interesting to see what comes of it,” she said.

State history records show the Spanish prospected the area in the 1600s and Franciscan friars operated silver mines near El Paso about 1680.

In 1880, the 4,000-foot-long, 1,500-foot-deep Presidio Mine opened and employed as many as 400 people. It accounted for more than 92 percent of all the silver and 73 percent of all the gold produced in Texas.

Rich Kyle, a geology professor at the University of Texas who has explored the mine, said the Shafter project is a major step for a state that hasn’t had significant metal production for decades.

“There are a lot of silver resources on the planet certainly a lot larger and much better, but that’s not the point,”

Kyle said. “I’m excited about it personally as a mineral geologist in Texas, a state obviously dominated by the petroleum industry.”

Aurcana notes mining at Shafter wasn’t stopped more than a half-century ago because the ore ran out. “We are mining exactly the same vein of silver, the same ore body,” McVey said. “We’re mining where it’s a little bit deeper, where the grade is a lit-

tle bit lower.”

McVey said Rio Grande Mining is taking advantage of the previous work. “We’ve got tunnels we can get into. Some are fairly small, but it’s easier to get into existing tunnels than break into new rock,” he said. “You have a 60-year database of operating here, from 1880 to 1940.”

One attempt to resurrect the mine was aborted in the early 1980s

when silver prices rose, then crashed as brothers Bunker and Herbert Hunt notoriously tried to corner the silver market in a scheme that led them to financial and legal troubles.

Modern mining techniques and sophisticated chemical processes that separate silver from rock make the mine more attractive — including the piles of waste left behind by the old mining operations.

From the Family of Lola Vela Rodriguez



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair and said a prayer.

Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend would say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you for your part.

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International jets take action in Libya

BENGAZI, Libya (AP) — Jets from an international force launched missions over Libya on Saturday, hours after Moammar Gadhafi dispatched troops, tanks and warplanes to the heart of the 5-week-old uprising against his rule in a decisive strike on the first city seized by rebels.

Crashing shells shook buildings, and the sounds of battle drew closer to the center of Benghazi, where a doctor said 27 bodies were brought to the hospital by midday. By late in the day, warplanes could be heard overhead.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said after an emergency summit in Paris that French jets were already targeting Gadhafi's forces. The 22 participants in Saturday's summit "agreed to put in place all the means necessary, in particular military" to make Gadhafi respect a U.N. Security Council resolution Thursday demanding a cease-fire, Sarkozy said.

"Our planes are blocking the air attacks on the city" of Benghazi, he said, without

elaborating. French planes have been readying for an attack in recent days.

In an open letter, Gadhafi warned: "You will regret it if you dare to intervene in our country."

Earlier Saturday, a plane was shot down over the outskirts of Benghazi, sending up a massive black cloud of smoke. An Associated Press reporter saw the plane go down in flames and heard the sound of artillery and crackling gunfire.

Before the plane went down, journalists heard what appeared to be airstrikes from it. Rebels cheered and celebrated at the crash, though the government denied a plane had gone down — or that any towns were shelled on Saturday.

The fighting galvanized the people of Benghazi, with young men collecting bottles to make gasoline bombs. Some residents dragged bed frames and metal scraps into the streets to make roadblocks.

Abdel-Hafez, a 49-year-old Benghazi resident, said reb-

els and government soldiers were fighting on a university campus on the south side of the city, with government tanks moving in, followed by ground troops. In the city center, tank fire drew closer and rebel shouts rang out.

At a news conference in the capital, Tripoli, the government spokesman read letters from Gadhafi to President Barack Obama and others involved in the international effort.

"Libya is not yours. Libya is for the Libyans. The Security Council resolution is invalid," he said in the letter to Sarkozy, British Prime Minister David Cameron, and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

To Obama, the Libyan leader was slightly more conciliatory: "If you had found them taking over American cities with armed force, tell me what you would do."

Government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim said the rebels — and not Gadhafi's forces — broke a cease-fire called by the government.

"Our armed forces continue

to retreat and hide, but the rebels keep shelling us and provoking us," Musa told The Associated Press.

In a joint statement to Gadhafi late Friday, the United States, Britain and France — backed by unspecified Arab countries — called on Gadhafi to end his troops' advance toward Benghazi and pull them out of the cities of Misrata, Ajdabiya and Zawiya. It also called for the restoration of water, electricity and gas services in all areas. It said Libyans must be able to receive humanitarian aid or the "international community will make him suffer the consequences" with military action.

In Benghazi, crowds gathered at the courthouse that is the de facto rebel headquarters. About 200 people were in the area, drinking tea and talking. Some brought a tank and a mounted anti-aircraft gun they said they had captured today.

Dr. Gebreil Hewadi of the Jalaa Hospital and a member of the rebel health committee said that 27 dead had been

taken to the hospital since Friday night.

Misrata, Libya's third-largest city and the last held by rebels in the west, came under sustained assault well after the cease-fire announcement, according to rebels and a doctor there. The doctor, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared reprisals, said Gadhafi's snipers were on rooftops and his forces were searching homes for rebels.

Foreign Minister Moussa Koussa said that Libyan officials had informed the U.N. and the Security Council that the government was holding to the cease-fire and called for a team of foreign observers to verify that.

"The nation is respecting all the commitments put on it by the international community," he said, leaving the podium before answering any questions about Benghazi.

In the course of the rebellion, Libya has gone from a once-promising economy with the largest proven oil reserves in Africa to a country in turmoil.

No health threat along West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Minuscule amounts of radiation from Japan's stricken nuclear plant have reached the west coast but federal and state officials say it poses no health risk.

They said Friday that the doses of radiation that a person normally receives from rocks, bricks, and the sun are 100,000 times the dose rates detected at a monitoring station in California and another in Washington state.

Concerns that Japan's nuclear disaster was assuming international proportions grew as a radioactive plume released from the Fukushima Dai-ichi reached Southern California on Friday.

But the results of testing reflected expectations by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency that radiation had greatly dissipated by the time it reached the U.S. coastline.

The U.S. Department of Energy said extremely small amounts of the radioactive isotopes iodine-131, iodine-132, tellurium-132 and cesium-137 had reached a Sacramento monitoring station tied to the U.N.'s Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization, but the readings were far below levels that could pose any health risks.

A detector at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington State earlier this week also detected trace amounts of xenon-133 the DOE said.

The DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in a joint statement that the doses of radiation people generally get from the surrounding environment are 100,000 times greater than dose rates detected at the two monitoring sites.

That assessment con-

firmed statements from diplomats and officials in Vienna.

Air pollution regulators in Southern California said they have not detected increased levels of radiation. The South Coast Air Quality Management District said radiation measured at its three sites was not higher than typical levels.

The agency's monitors are part of the EPA's network of more than 100 sensors across the nation that track radia-

tion levels every hour.

In Alaska, Dr. Bernd Jilly, director of state public health laboratories, also said monitoring had shown no readings of above-normal levels of radiation.

The same was true in the state of Washington, health department spokesman Donn Moyer said. The levels would have to be hundreds of thousands of times higher than current readings before health officials would recommend any response.

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Radiation found in Japan's food chain

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP) — In the first sign that contamination from Japan's stricken nuclear complex had seeped into the food chain, officials said Saturday that radiation levels in spinach and milk from farms near the tsunami-crippled facility exceeded government safety limits.

Minuscule amounts of radioactive iodine also were found in tap water in Tokyo and elsewhere in Japan — although experts said none of the tests showed any health risks.

The discovery came as officials said the crisis at the nuclear plant appeared to be stabilizing, with near-constant dousing of dangerously overheated reactors and uranium fuel, but the situation was still far from resolved.

"We more or less do not expect to see anything worse than what we are seeing now," said Hidehiko Nishiyama of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency.

Japan has been grappling with a cascade of disasters unleashed by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake on March 11. The quake spawned a tsunami that ravaged Japan's northeastern coast, killing more than 7,300 people and knocking out cooling systems at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, causing the complex to leak radiation.

Nearly 11,000 people are still missing, and more than 452,000 are living in shelters.

Chief Cabinet Sec-

retary Yukio Edano, meanwhile, insisted the contaminated foods "pose no immediate health risk."

The tainted milk was found 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the plant, a local official said. The spinach was collected from six farms between 60 miles (100 kilometers) and 75 miles (120 kilometers) to the south of the reactors.

Those areas are rich farm country known for melons, rice and peaches, so the contamination could affect food supplies for large parts of Japan.

More tests were being done on other foods, Edano said, and if they show further contamination, then food shipments from the area would be halted.

Officials said it was too early to know if the nuclear crisis caused the contamination, but Edano said air sampling done near the dairy showed higher-than-normal radiation levels.

Iodine levels in the spinach exceeded safety limits by three to seven times, a food safety official said. Tests on the milk done Wednesday detected small amounts of iodine-131 and cesium-137, the latter being a longer-lasting element that can cause more types of cancer. But only iodine was detected Thursday and Friday, a Health Ministry official said.

After the announcements, Japanese officials immediately tried to calm an already-jittery public, saying the

amounts detected were so small that people would have to consume unimaginable amounts to endanger their health.

"Can you imagine eating one kilogram of spinach every day for one year?" said State Secretary of Health Minister Yoko Komiyama. One kilogram is a little over two pounds.

Edano said someone drinking the tainted milk for one year would consume as much radiation as in a CT scan; for the spinach, it would be one-fifth of a CT scan. A CT scan is a compressed series of X-rays used for medical tests.

Masayuki Kubo, an environmental protection official in Tochigi prefecture, where the highest tap water reading was found, said the water was also safe.

"You can drink it safely without limiting the amount of water you take," Kubo said.

At the Fukushima plant, emergency workers have been struggling to cool the reactors and the pools used to store used nuclear fuel, as well as to put the facility back on the electricity grid.

A replacement power line reached the complex Friday, but workers needed to methodically work through badly damaged and deeply complex electrical systems to make the final linkups without setting off a spark and potentially an explosion. Company officials hoped to be able to switch on the cooling

systems Sunday.

Once the power is reconnected, it is not clear if the cooling systems will still work.

A fire truck with a high-pressure cannon pumped water directly from the ocean into one

of the most troubled areas of the complex — the cooling pool for used fuel rods at the plant's Unit 3. Because of high radiation levels, firefighters only went to the truck every three hours to refuel it.

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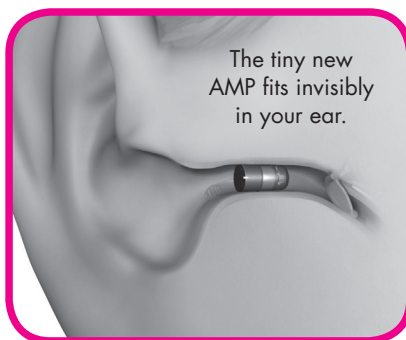
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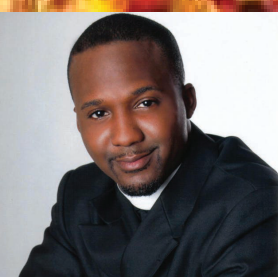
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Big Spring's Ayanna Gomez makes a running catch during the Lady Steers' softball game against Sweetwater Friday night. Rain and lightning forced the game to be suspended in the bottom of the fourth inning with Big Spring holding a 7-6 lead.

To be continued

Mother Nature puts brakes on wild Big Spring-Sweetwater showdown

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers had no shortage of opponents Friday night.

For starters, there was the visiting Sweetwater Lady Mustangs, who spotted the Lady Steers a six-run lead, then came roaring back with six runs of their own.

Then, there was the Lady Steers themselves, who gave the Sweetwater rally a helping hand with ineffective pitching and two three errors.

Finally, there was Mother Nature, who proved to be the toughest opponent of the night.

Lightning and the threat of an caused Big Spring's District 5-3A showdown with Sweetwater to be halted in the bottom of the fourth. The game was to resume at 6 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex with the Lady Steers clinging to a

7-6 lead.

The temporary halt to the game served as a somewhat fitting conclusion to a strange night of softball.

The Lady Steers' offense dominated in the early going, torching Sweetwater starter Alicia Finn for four runs on four hits in the first inning.

Valerie Ross launched Big Spring's early with a leadoff double, went to third on a flyout from Logan Yarbar, then scored on a Hayley Dimidjian single to right field. Dimidjian stole second and scored on a single from Jillian Valle, who subsequently advanced to third on a base hit by Angelina Castillo. Both runners later scored to give Big Spring an early 4-0 lead.

The Lady Steers tacked on a pair of runs in the second to stretch their lead to seemingly comfortable margin of 6-0, but Sweetwater had other ideas, striking back in

its half of the third with four runs, three of which came on a towering two-out home run to left field off the bat of Finn. Taylor McKay added an unearned run when she reached on an error and subsequently scored on a Keyli Turner single to close Big Spring's margin to 6-4.

Big Spring added a run in the third on a RBI single by Ross, but Sweetwater answered with two more runs in the top of the fourth to make the score 7-6, chasing starting pitcher Yarbar in the process. The Lady Steers' ace had a rough evening, walking five and allowing all six Sweetwater runs after pitching a spotless first two innings.

That's when Mother Nature apparently decided that enough was enough. Officials halted play in the bottom of the fourth when the lightning alarm sounded

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Buffs blast D-City

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes broke out the lumber to claim their second district victory of the 2011 baseball season, pounding Denver City 16-8 at the FHS field Friday afternoon.

The Buffs spotted Denver City an early 2-1 lead, but came roaring back in the middle innings to put the game out of reach.

Peyton Parker pitched five innings to earn the win, with relief help from Trevor Burchett.

"It wasn't our best game, but I'm not going to gripe about getting a win in district," FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "Hopefully, we can build on this."

Forsan returns to action at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Trinity.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan's Peyton Parker delivers a pitch during the second inning of the Buffaloes' game against Denver City Friday afternoon.

Sports calendar

SATURDAY

Track — Big Spring girls at Bluebonnet Relays, Brownwood.

Softball — Howard College at Central Arizona CC tournament.

MONDAY

Softball — Sweetwater at Big Spring (conclusion of suspended game), 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball — Snyder at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Forsan at Midland Trinity, 5 p.m.

Softball — Snyder at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.

Softball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.

Softball — Lubbock Christian at Forsan, 5 p.m.

Golf — Forsan boys at Big Lake tournament.

WEDNESDAY

Golf — Coahoma boys and girls at Roosevelt tournament, Lorenzo CC.

Golf — Forsan girls at Big Lake tournament.

Tourney notebook: Another early exit for Georgetown

The Associated Press

Chris Wright and Austin Freeman stared straight ahead, hurt and sadness etched across their faces.

Their Georgetown careers are over, far earlier than they wanted or most would have expected. And no matter what they accomplished, there will always be those who say it wasn't enough.

"Four years goes fast, and they've given a lot and worked their behinds off," coach John Thompson III said. "A lot will be said about what this group did or didn't do in their four years in the postseason. But they've given a lot to this school, and I just want to thank them."

Since going to the Final Four in 2007, Georgetown has won only one NCAA tournament game since then. With a 74-56 loss to VCU in the second round Friday night, the Hoyas were victims of an ear-



his non-shooting hand in the second half against Cincinnati on Feb. 23, and the Hoyas collapsed.

They lost four straight as their offense stalled without Wright. Despite his return Friday, they were clearly a flawed team. Wright, Freeman and Jason Clark combined for just 25 points on 10-of-35 shooting. Georgetown committed 17 turnovers, compared with just six for the Rams.

Georgetown fell behind with 7:49 left in the first half and never led again.

"Right now, my thoughts are with the four seniors who, for the last time, were able to wear a Georgetown jersey," Thompson said. "And that hurts."

REF RETURNS: Jim Burr, one of the officials who withdrew from the Big East tournament after missing key late-game calls, was on the

crew for the Arizona-Memphis game on Friday.

The game came down to the final 5 seconds, when Derrick Williams blocked a put-back try by Memphis' Wesley Witherspoon to seal Arizona's 77-75 victory.

Memphis coach Josh Pastner hadn't seen a replay, but his first impression was that the final sequence was officiated correctly.

"I thought actually Jim Burr reffed a good game. I have no problems with Jim Burr," Pastner said. "I thought the crew was good. ... I had no problems with Jim Burr reffing our game, and the bottom line is Arizona hit some shots late and, they deserved to win."

Burr has worked 16 Final Fours and seven national championship games. But in the closing 1.7 seconds of a 65-63 win by St. John's over Rutgers, he and his crew failed to notice when a player traveled

and stepped out of bounds. The Big East admitted the errors and the crew pulled out of the tournament.

This time, the situation wasn't so clear-cut.

"Honestly, with a second or two left on the shot clock, most refs don't call that type of foul, especially when you're trying to make a hard play on the ball," Williams said.

"Earlier in the game they might have called it a foul just because he did fall on the ground. But late in the game, most refs don't call that. That's why I went up so hard to try to block it and save the game."

RECORD WATCH: Pac-10 player of the year Derrick Williams seems on the verge of breaking an unlikely record.

Williams hit his only attempt Friday against Mem-

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In brief

Former Hawks in NCAA tourney

Former Howard College basketball player Jae Crowder and the Marquette Golden Eagles are still alive in the NCAA Men's National Basketball Tournament.

Crowder, who helped lead the Hawks to a national junior college title in 2010, scored 10 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds as Marquette downed Xavier, 66-55, in an East Region game in Cleveland Friday.

Marquette advances to face Syracuse at 7:45 p.m. Sunday.

Another former Hawk Lamont Austin, now a backup guard for Morehead State University, will be on the floor today when the Eagles face the University of Richmond in a third-round tournament game today at 5:15 p.m.

KBSB to host kickball event

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NCAA

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phus, improving his season 3-point shooting percentage to 61 percent. If that holds up through the Wildcats' tournament run, the 6-foot-8 forward will eclipse Steve Kerr's school record of 57 percent set in 1987-88. That's also the NCAA mark for players who have made at least 100 3-pointers in a season.

Williams is 36 for 59 this season — not enough to qualify even for the NCAA's lower benchmark of 50 3-pointers made in a season. Glenn Trof of Holy Cross holds that record at 63 percent, also in 1987-88.

"It would be the greatest upset in NCAA history if Derrick breaks Steve Kerr's record, and I say that only because Derrick is such a gamer," coach Sean Miller said. "If we got in the gym and those two guys shot it out, I'd put all money on Steve Kerr. But in the game — and Derrick hit a big one here tonight — the bigger the moment, he's such a gamer."

Kerr also holds Arizona's career record at

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Mike Krzyzewski,
Duke head coach

57 percent and went on to set the NBA's career mark at 45.4 percent.

COMING UP BIG: It was roughly this time a year ago when Duke's big men started playing up to their size and became key reasons why the Blue Devils won the national championship.

If their tournament opener was any indication, it might be happening again.

Miles Plumlee had 13 rebounds, nine on the defensive end. Little brother Mason Plumlee added five rebounds, made five of his seven shots and scored 12 points. Both were forces inside early against Hampton — Duke led by double figures before the outmanned Pirates managed their first rebound. The Blue Devils

went on to establish a 38-29 rebounding edge in their 87-45 win.

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COACHING PEDIGREE: When UCLA's Ben Howland stepped into an NCAA tournament meeting earlier this week, it hit him: There are some coaching legends in Tampa, Fla.

Kentucky's John Calipari, Florida's Billy Donovan and West Virginia's Bob Huggins are in Tampa. Michigan State's Tom Izzo was here, too.

Howland was taken aback by the talent surrounding him.

"Everybody that gets to this level is a good coach. But you look at Huggins, you look at Izzo, you look at Billy obviously, you look at Calipari, I mean, unbelievable success these guys have had," How-

land said. "All those guys will undoubtedly be Hall of Fame coaches. Huggins is incredible what he's done, and he started really young as a head coach. I think he's in his 28th year as a head coach. He got his first job when he was in his late 20s. Billy was really young, too. I mean, these guys are all Hall of Fame coaches. It's pretty incredible."

LIGHT(S) MOMENT: After a series of serious questions and responses during Friday's media session, Wisconsin players were hit with a bout of giggles.

Someone walking through the media room tripped over a light stand in the back, turning a row of lights away from the table where the players were sitting and darkening the room.

After a few quick snickers, point guard Jordan Taylor and forward Jon Leuer couldn't hold back, turning away several times to giggle away from the microphone.

As they walked away, the moderator of the session got them laughing again.

"Watch your step over there," he said. "We seem to be having a problem with that."

The players were still laughing when their coach showed up for his portion of the interviews.

"That's a tough act to follow with what just happened here," Badgers coach Bo Ryan said. "I only heard bits and pieces."

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Florida State knocks off Aggies

CHICAGO (AP) — Florida State had just knocked off Texas A&M for its first NCAA tournament win in 13 years, and one thought crossed Derwin Kitchen's mind.

Don't stop now. "It feels pretty good, but we're not satisfied with the win," Kitchen said. "We want to try and keep playing as long as possible."

Kitchen scored 15 points, and the 10th-seeded Seminoles moved on in the tournament for the first time since 1998 with a 57-50 victory over the seventh-seeded Aggies in the second round on Friday.

Bernard James added 10 points and three blocks, keying a go-ahead run in the second half, and the Seminoles (22-10) advanced even though star Chris Singleton strug-

gled in his return from a broken right foot, finishing with five points and four fouls.

The nation's leader in field-goal defense, they held Texas A&M (24-9) to 31.4-percent shooting on the way to their first NCAA win since they beat TCU in the first round in 1998.

The Seminoles had dropped three straight NCAA games, losing to Wisconsin in overtime in 2009 and Gonzaga last season.

Now, they can start a different kind of streak.

If they beat Notre Dame on Sunday, they'll head to San Antonio for the next round in the Southwest Regional, with the Final Four in Houston.

Khrist Middleton scored 16 for Texas A&M — 11 in the first half. Nathan Walkup

added 11, David Loubeau scored 10, but a team that was hoping to two-step its way to tournament games in Texas can forget about that.

So a season in which they exceeded expectations and reached their sixth straight NCAA tournament screeched to a halt.

"It's an amazing accomplishment we were in this tournament," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "We earned it. I even thought we earned a little bit of a higher seed; we didn't play like that today. Finished third in our league, a good league, won a lot of close games, executed, showed a lot of toughness. One of our keys today was little things leading to big things. We just made so many little mistakes

defensively in that stretch."

Florida State got going early in the second half, erasing a 31-23 deficit with a 13-0 run in which James scored eight straight.

"He wasn't following the game plan in the first half," Seminoles coach Leonard Hamilton said. "I didn't think he did a very good job of running the floor, he didn't do a very good job of posting up strong. I didn't think he was doing what we needed him to do. We challenged him at halftime, along with our other guys, just to be a lot more aggressive inside."

James said Hamilton "called our character into question."

"He just emphasized on the point that we acted like we really didn't want it," James said. "All the work that we

had done was leading up to this game and we were being nonchalant about it and acting like we didn't want to play. Everyone took that to heart, and we went back out and gave it some."

Particularly James during that run.

The 6-foot-10 junior converted a put-back after the Kitchen nailed a 3, then dunked off a nice feed from Ian Miller to pull the Seminoles within one.

He scored down low to give Florida State the lead after blocking Kourtney Roberson and scored again just over seven minutes into the half to make it 34-31.

Michael Snaer added a floater to make it a five-point game before Loubeau followed his own miss with a basket.

Top-seeded Ohio State routs UT-San Antonio

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ohio State's seniors didn't want to be at their graduation ceremony. Now, they'll definitely miss Sunday's commencement.

"It's cool," guard David Lighty said. "I'd much rather be here."

Caps, gowns, diplomas and strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" can wait.

These Buckeyes are out to earn a national championship.

William Buford scored 18 points, freshman Jared Sullinger added 11 before getting some extended rest, and Ohio State showed why it's the top overall seed in this year's NCAA tournament by rolling to a 75-46 win over Texas-San Antonio in the second round Friday.

Playing a two-hour drive from their Columbus campus, the Buckeyes (33-2) were cheered on by more than 15,000 fans, who made Quick-Loans Arena feel just like home. Shaking off a sluggish start, Ohio State built a 16-point halftime lead that stretched to 38 in the second half and was never threatened by the No. 16 seed Roadrunners (20-14), who did all they could to keep the game close.

That lasted about 10 minutes.

"Wow," said UTSA coach Brooks Thompson. "They're good."

Ohio State could have named its score, and the blowout allowed coach Thad Matta to rest his starters for Sunday's East region matchup with George Mason, a

61-57 winner over Villanova. The Patriots are no stranger to March magic after making the Final Four in 2006.

They now stand in the way of an experienced Ohio State squad with no obvious weaknesses. A team, that at times, seems unbeatable.

"Well, I don't know about unbeatable," Lighty said. "But it's awful hard to beat us when the offensive weapons that we have are all clicking at the same time."

Devin Gibson scored 24 points to lead UTSA, which beat Alabama State on Wednesday night in Dayton for the right to face the powerful Buckeyes.

Melvin Johnson III, who scored a career-high 29 in UTSA's open-

ing-round win, was held to five on 1-of-9 shooting. Matta warned his players about what could happen if their opener if they weren't careful. They listened.

In 1996 he was an assistant for No. 16 seed Western Carolina, which came within a

missed last-second shot of stunning No. 1 seed Purdue in the tourney. Matta didn't want the Buckeyes, as loose a group as you'll find, to be overconfident against an inferior opponent.

Ohio State didn't take things lightly.

The Buckeyes were

supremely efficient on offense, setting a tournament record with 26 assists. They also handled UTSA's slowdown game, which was a surprise.

"We weren't expecting them to slow the game down the way they did," Sullinger said.

the game," Sparks said. "I think we'll be OK. The girls were excited about playing their first district game."

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in the bottom of the fourth. After a 30-minute delay, it was decided to call it a night.

"It was just one of those things," BSHS Head

Coach John Sparks said. "You can't fight Mother Nature."

Sparks said he hoped the break would allow his team to regain its focus.

"Hopefully, this will allow us to get back to how we were playing during the first part of

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Martin, Patterson lead Rockets past Boston

HOUSTON (AP) — Chuck Hayes showed Kevin Garnett he wasn't intimidated, and the Houston Rockets took a cue from their tough forward and routed the Boston Celtics.

Kevin Martin scored 25 points and rookie Patrick Patterson had 18 points and a career-high 12 rebounds in the Rockets' 93-77 win Friday night.

Hayes had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who've won three in a row and moved within 1½ games of Memphis in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The Rockets shot well and pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring Boston 34-18. As the deficit widened, the Celtics started losing their poise.

Garnett and Hayes traded shoves and words, and referee Jason Phillips gave them both technical fouls. Hayes

was glad to get one and make a statement that the Rockets weren't going to back down.

"They tried to isolate him on the block, and that was the wrong time to do it," Hayes said. "I had so much adrenaline rushing, I was determined not to let him get a score."

On the next play, Glen Davis fell into the crowd along the baseline after he was pushed by Jordan Hill, then got up yelling and pointing at Hill. The Houston backup forward was called for a personal foul, and Davis got a technical with 2:45 remaining.

"It was just a wild sequence there," Hayes said. "We took the momentum. They tried their best to be aggressive. We fought them right back."

A minute later, Delonte West was whistled for a flagrant foul when he hammered Hill under the Rockets' basket.

Houston took advantage of Boston's outbursts, hitting

all the resulting free throws and extending the lead to 58-37. Kyle Lowry swished another 3-pointer just before the buzzer to put the Rockets ahead 62-40 at the break.

"We were just terrific," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "That was about as good as we can play at both ends of the court. We were reactive, we really moved the ball well, we were getting good opportunities."

Jeff Green scored 17 points and Davis added 16 for the Celtics, who've lost four of six. Boston slipped a half game behind Chicago for the best record in the East.

Paul Pierce scored 10 points, but went 2 for 10 from the field, and Rajon Rondo had only four points on 2-for-11 shooting. Boston's point total was a season low for a Rockets' opponent.

Coach Doc Rivers rested his starters for the entire fourth quarter, about the only posi-

tive thing to come out of the performance.

"I just thought, 'Let's just throw this one away,'" Rivers said. "This is one of those games where they did everything better. You just go on to the next game."

The Rockets went 7 for 14 from 3-point range and 15 for 15 from the free throw line in the first half. Martin had 19 points and Lowry had 16 in the first half, while the Celtics had no players in double-figures.

"We can't let our offense dictate what our defense does," Garnett said. "We couldn't get stops. It seemed like when they took over the game, they just ran with it."

Patterson slipped inside for a two-handed dunk early in the third quarter, and the Rockets kept control. He slammed home a rebound later in the quarter to make it 81-52.

Houston mustered only 12

points in the final quarter, but still never let the lead dip below 16. The Rockets went 21 for 23 from the free throw line.

"We knew that they were very physical and they were going to grab and pull and they were going to try and intimidate," Adelman said. "We've got a young group, and all we talked about before the game and at timeouts was that you play through it. I was really pleased with the way our guys approached it."

The Rockets led 28-22 after the first quarter, and reserves Goran Dragic and Brad Miller hit 3s early in the second to push the lead into double digits. Rivers had his starting lineup back in by the midpoint of the second quarter, but Martin's 3 with 4:25 left gave Houston a 47-33 lead.

The Celtics let their frustration boil over after that, and the Rockets were never threatened again.

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Lady Raiders open tourney play

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — UC Davis seniors Heidi Heintz and Paige Mintun were in the stands cheering for Stanford against Connecticut back in December. They scored a couple of comp tickets and made the two-hour trek to witness what was deemed the matchup of the season.

Now, Heintz and Mintun have to try to slow down the very team they watched dismantle Maya Moore and Co. that night.

Top-seeded Stanford has the remarkable winning streak at Maples Pavilion, the marquee victory over mighty UConn and the pedigree that comes with being a perennial national powerhouse with Final Four experience.

So, do the three other teams playing here in the coming days even

stand a chance against the dominant Cardinal? Stanford, riding a 61-game home winning streak with 23 consecutive victories overall, begins its quest to reach a fourth straight Final Four with the game against NCAA first-timer UC Davis and retiring Aggies coach Sandy Simpson on Saturday.

Like the host Cardinal, Texas Tech has its own monumental win this season: a 56-45 upset of then-No. 1 Baylor on Feb. 19. That victory certainly helped the Lady Raiders (22-10), who lost in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament, earn an at-large bid to return to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2005.

They will play in Saturday's first game against ninth-seeded St. John's, which lost to DePaul in the Big East tournament

quarterfinals. The Red Storm (21-10) are in the tournament for a second straight season and no strangers to tough venues like Maples after falling 66-65 in overtime in the second round last March to Florida State on its home floor.

Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry calls it the "most intriguing 8-9 matchup in the country" between similar teams. And St. John's coach Kim Barnes Arico doesn't need any convincing.

"The way I feel about our team and how good we are and how I feel about their team and how good they are, and watching them beat Baylor, I'm sure they would say they're in the best league in the country as we would say we're in the best league in the country," Barnes Arico said.

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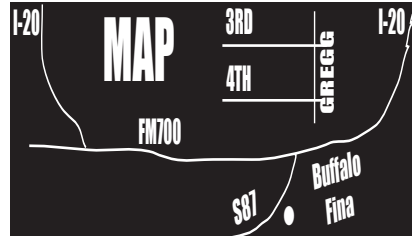


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Gestational Diabetes?

Healthy habits can help prevent diabetes in your future

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Gestational diabetes is diabetes that is found for the first time when a woman is pregnant. If you had gestational diabetes when you were pregnant, you and your child from that pregnancy have a lifelong risk for developing diabetes, a serious disease that can lead to health problems such as heart disease, blindness, kidney disease and amputations. The good news is there are steps you can take to prevent or delay diabetes and lower that risk for yourself and your child.

“Women with a history of gestational diabetes can lower their chances for developing diabetes by taking steps to reach and maintain a healthy weight, making healthy food choices, and being active,” according to Judith Fradkin, M.D., of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. “Keeping a healthy lifestyle as a family is good for everyone.”

Keep up healthy habits — even after the baby is born.

Many women who have gestational diabetes see a dietitian or a diabetes educator to guide them in developing healthy habits during pregnancy. But what many women don't realize is that it's just as important to keep up with those healthy habits even after the baby is born.

If you are a woman who had gestational diabetes, it is important to get tested for diabetes 6 to 12 weeks after your baby is born, and at least every three years after that.

It is also important to reach and maintain a healthy weight by making healthy food choices, such as following an eating plan lower in fat and calories and high in fiber, and being active for at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week. Even if women do not reach their “goal” weight, research shows that maintaining a healthy lifestyle can help reduce risk.



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Busy? Build physical activity into your day one step at a time.

Physical activity is an important part of maintaining a healthy weight and preventing type 2 diabetes. Set a goal to be active at least 30 minutes, 5 days per week. If you have not been active, start slowly, building up to your goal. Take small steps to include physical activity in your day-to-day routine.

Busy moms can use these tips to get started:

- Park your car farther away from the store, movie theater, your office, etc.
- Get your friends and family involved. Set a regular walking date, such as after dinner. Or do something

that all ages can enjoy — shoot hoops, take a bike ride, or just dance around the house.

- Take a walk during your lunch break or push the baby's stroller around the mall.
- Don't just watch the kids at the playground ... play with them.
- Deliver a message to a co-worker in person instead of by e-mail, and take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Exhausted from a busy day and just want to plop on the couch in front of the TV? Use the commercial breaks to stretch, take a quick walk around your home, do some sit-ups, or march in place.

For more information, visit the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) at www.YourDiabetesInfo.org/GDM.

Get Tested!

Women who develop gestational diabetes have high blood glucose (blood sugar) levels during pregnancy. Immediately after pregnancy, 5 to 10 percent of women with gestational diabetes are found to have diabetes, usually type 2. All women with gestational diabetes should be tested for diabetes 6 to 12 weeks after their baby is born. In many cases, their blood glucose levels show they are no longer considered to have diabetes at this time.

But what many people don't realize is that having gestational diabetes increases a woman's future chances of developing diabetes by 35 to 60 percent. Any woman who had gestational diabetes should get tested for diabetes and pre-diabetes at least every three years. This follow up testing is very important and usually consists of a simple blood test.

Women with a history of gestational diabetes should also talk to their health care provider about earlier screening for gestational diabetes in future pregnancies. Children born from a mother who had gestational diabetes are at increased risk for obesity and diabetes, so it's a good idea for mothers to let their child's doctor know that they had gestational diabetes and take steps to promote healthy habits for their child.



Holly's Story

Holly Romans was diagnosed with gestational diabetes when she was pregnant with her first child. After the baby was born, a blood test showed Holly's blood glucose was back to normal, so she didn't think any more about it. But later a follow-up test showed she was at risk for developing diabetes.

She shared her history of gestational diabetes with her daughter's doctor and a note was made in her daughter's health record. Holly also made sure a note was made in her own health record as well.

Holly joined a diabetes prevention program at a local hospital and learned how to have a healthy lifestyle for herself and her family. She lost weight by making small changes in her daily routine, such as replacing her chocolate snack-cake stash with fresh fruit, preparing more salads, eating smaller portions, and taking daily walks.

In just a few months, Holly's glucose numbers had returned to a normal level. And thanks to her lifestyle changes, she did not develop gestational diabetes when she became pregnant with her second child.

Today, Holly knows she needs to continue her healthy lifestyle habits and get tested for diabetes at least every three years. Holly continues to work to keep her weight down by doing aerobics and walking with her two kids. She makes sure she and her family maintain a healthy lifestyle by staying physically active and making healthy food choices.

- Had gestational diabetes
- Exercises daily

- Satisfies her cravings in a healthy way by adding a tablespoon of peanut butter to a smoothie
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Dear Annie: My husband and I were in a social group with several other women who I thought were friends. A short time ago, he told me that two of the women came to him under the pretense of being concerned about our marriage. They claimed I had said negative things about him

that he should be aware of.

Most of what they told him were lies, and the rest was blown out of proportion.

Unfortunately, he seems to believe them. I am hurt by this and no longer want to be friends with these women. My husband thinks I'm being unfair. This is

causing all sorts of trouble in our marriage. Please help. – *Hurt and Betrayed*

Dear Hurt: It is not unusual for women to talk about their husbands, both positively and negatively. A good friend understands that these comments are generally about blowing off steam and are not meant to be repeated. A woman with ulterior motives, however, would be happy to make the wife look bad and provide a reason to chum up to the husband. Although, since two women did this, we wonder what, exactly, you said to them.

Your real problem, however, is that your husband prefers to believe these women instead of his wife. Tell him those friendships are over, and if he doesn't trust you, it's time for marriage counseling. And we recommend in the future you be more careful about what you say and to whom.

Dear Annie: My wife could have written the letter from "Following in His Footsteps," whose husband always walks ahead of her. Here's the rub: If I slow down so my wife can walk beside me, she walks even slower. I don't know if it's unintentional or some kind of power move. When she wants to keep up, I hold her hand. By the way, the same thing happens when she follows me in

her car (not the holding hands part). – *Omaha*

Dear Omaha: It's possible you still walk too fast for your wife to comfortably keep up, so she eventually lags behind. But we are glad to know you don't hold hands while driving separate cars. Tricky.

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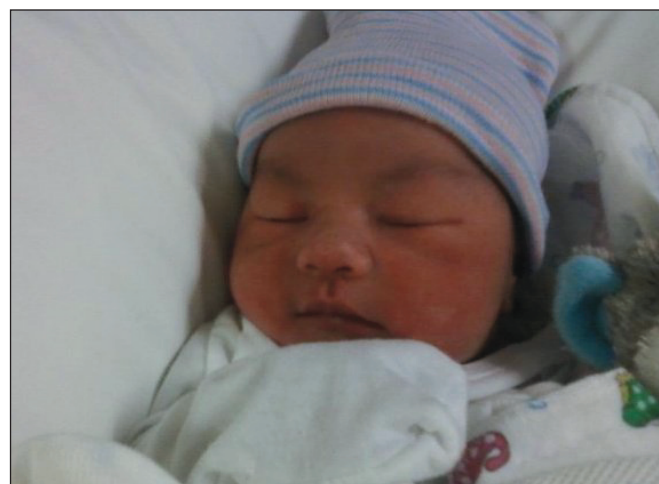
Births

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Guadalupe was born March 10, 2011 at Midland Memorial.

Weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandmother is Lucy Rubio and his paternal grandfather is Vicente Bustamante.



Guadalupe Angeal Cruz

Mike and Sonya Hernandez announce the arrival of their baby boy, Michael Arnulfo Shane Hernandez.

Michael was born Feb. 17, 2011 at 2:25 p.m. He weighed seven pounds one ounce and was 19 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are the late Rebecca Cannon of Big Spring and the late Harold Lee Hancock – Beckley of West Virginia. His paternal grandparents are Shorty and Emma Hernandez of Coahoma.

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6:30pm at the Colorado City Opera House

The Annual Friends of Scouting Leadership Dinner is given in honor of major contributors. This year we are privileged to have join us retired Army Air Corps and Eagle Scout, Edward (Shannon) Covington



Colonel Covington was born July 31, 1921 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, but spent much of his youth in Goodrich, Texas. He earned his Eagle Scout in Troop 47 on January 21, 1941 in Livingston, TX. Covington attended Sam Houston Teachers College in Huntsville, TX. In 1942 he joined the Army Air Corps. In 1946 he got out of the service and resumed studies at Sam Houston Teachers College. In 1948 he received in BS and Masters in Education. In 1948 he moved to Houston, TX and did advanced studies for 32 years. In 1981 he retired and became active in the Confederate Air Force (now called Commemorative Air Force), which is flying museum for WWII aircrafts. He presently resides in Colorado City where he stays active with his friends and family.

The registration fee is \$20, which includes the cost for the dinner and money raised goes into the districts FOS campaign. Funds raised will provide the Scouting program to more-than 500 youth members in the Lone Star district. Scouting continues to thrive in our area largely due to friends like you who support the mission "to instill values in young people that will last a lifetime."

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Menus

STANTON ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles. Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, green beans, garden salad, mixed fruit, milk, pudding.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Oatmeal. Lunch: Corndog, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage and gravy. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, pears, wheat rolls.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pizza. Lunch: Beef/bean chalupa, corn, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple, milk, salsa.

Friday: Breakfast: Burrito. Lunch: Grill beef burger, potato puffs, sandwich salad, vegetable sticks, apply, Teddy grahams.

COAHOMA ISD

Monday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Smothered steak, creamed potatoes, pears, bread, milk, McRibs.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese, corn, peaches, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, fruit, bread, chocolate pudding, burritos.

Thursday: Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, grapes, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Pan-

cakes, sausage on stick, orange juice, syrup, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets, potato salad, oranges, milk, Hot Pockets.

BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Maple mini pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Corndog, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, ranch dressing, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: PBJ uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Honey bun, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange - pineapple Jell-o, fresh fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Honeybun, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, Cool Ranch Doritos, corn on the cob, pickle spears, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, seasoned corn, strawberries and bananas, sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Corndog, tater tots, pinto beans, mixed fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, veggies, Funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.

SENIOR CENTER

Monday: Chicken and dumplings, green beans, tossed salad, crackers, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, seasoned mixed greens, rolls, lime-pineapple gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls/pie, milk.

Thursday: Beef and macaroni casserole, zucchini, rolls, peaches with cherries, milk/V8 juice.

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Abundez and Cantu

Norma Jean Abundez and Rick Cantu, both of Mission, announce their engagement.

Norma is the daughter of Paul and Bonnie Abundez of Big Spring. She is a 2003 graduate of Mission High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Texas Pan American. She is currently employed as a middle school teacher.

Rick is the son of Eleazar and Maria A. Cantu, of General Bravo, Nuevo Leon. He is a 2001 graduate of Mission High School. He is employed by Geek Squad at Best Buy in McAllen.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows June 25, 2011 in Mission.



Rick Cantu and Norma Jean Abundez

Employee of the Month

Cindy Tercero

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation would like to congratulate Cindy Tercero for earning Employee of the Month. Cindy started with us in February 2003 as a nurse's aide and we are pleased to announce that she has worked her way up to a L.V.N. Cindy is doing a wonderful job.

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- If you are being abused, or suspect that someone else is being abused, do not remain silent. If you are aware of a specific act of abuse, neglect or exploitation, you are required by law to report it.

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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The Big Spring Tractor Supply Company store recently made a donation to the 4-H Club in Howard County in support of the organization's on-going programs. The funds were raised through 4-H Paper Clover Fundraising Program during which store customers donated proceeds during shopping visits to the Big Spring store. Left to right are Jackie Torbik, treasurer-Brynn Workman; Ali Knight, first vice president; Susie Averette; Katie Averette; Brance Workman; and Tara Workman, club manager; and back row, Mike Miller, Tractor Supply team member; and Travis Miller, store manager.

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.



Volatility is making a big comeback from the relative sanguine conditions dating back to last summer when the S&P 500 Index B percentegan its 30 sprint higher. A Bloomberg study two weeks ago noted that the stretch since July 2, 2010, has been the longest in which the S&P 500 has risen at least 30 percent and had so few one percent declines along the way — just 13 sessions.

However, in eight of the previous 10 sessions through Monday, March 7, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) posted a triple-digit intraday move. On a closing basis, the first two months of the year saw only seven changes of this magnitude. In our opinion, the biggest reasons for the increased volatility are, of course, the sharp rise in oil prices since mid-February compounded by the fact that the stock market was/is quite extended and bullishness in investor sentiment polls has shown extreme optimism. As the story goes then, the rise in oil has led to increased worries about the eventual economic impact and even talk once again of a double-dip recession. It has also brought the scaremongers out of the woodwork with dire forecasts of \$200, \$400 or higher per barrel oil.

During times like these, we advise investors to watch market action ever so closely and take cues from the 10's of millions that make up the marketplace and not a handful of grim predictions. During the 20 percent plus rise in oil prices since mid-February (using the April futures contract as our measure), the S&P 500 has risen 2.2 percent. So while many have said a pullback in stocks is coming, and we agree there will be one worthy of a title, it hasn't happened yet. That's the market's way of saying that for now, oil prices will not be the catalyst for a big pullback.

Collectively, the multitude of investors in the market is suggesting that oil prices will not maintain these lofty levels or derail the bull market. Can this change? Of course. Nobody knows the future or how far the unrest in the Arab region will spread. To this point, there have been only modest disruptions in oil supplies. Ned Davis Research presented an interesting study of oil prices last week which found that some of oil's greatest moves during the past 27 years have revolved around extreme intraday volatility. Most importantly, oil prices often fall as intraday volatility increases in size and frequency.

Finally, oil prices eventually find major bottoms near volatility peaks. On an added note, Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Bernanke chimed in during congressional testimony last week saying that the surge in oil and other commodity prices probably won't cause a permanent increase in broader inflation.

Amidst all the volatility and movements in oil prices controlling the stock market, resilience has prevailed again and the major averages managed small gains last week. After flirting with the \$100 level for two days, crude oil decisively broke above that level and by Friday, March 4, had almost reached \$105 per barrel. We were impressed that stocks held their own, albeit with wild swings, and the DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ all respected their prior week's intraday lows.

Overall, the stock market's action since mid-February has let some of the air and excessive optimism out of the balloon. We agree with a Baron's article from this past weekend which suggested that the bull case for sentiment is that the crowd is cautiously rather than aggressively optimistic. Liquidity is still ample thanks to the Fed, and the stock market continues to demonstrate its resilience as sidelined cash that missed the rally keeps a floor under prices. Economic data continue to support the recovery thesis, and we believe near-term volatility and the minor pullbacks are buying opportunities.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced March 8 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.

Members, Muffins and more to be held at Marcy House

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

New year, new name, new ideas.

Chamber Business Before Hours has officially changed its name to Members, Muffins and More.

"I wanted something different," Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce said. "It was time for a change."

According to ValVerde, the chamber's before hours programs are good ways for chamber members to network.

"It's a great time for them to drop by on their way to work and drop off a few cards or even stop and talk for a few minutes," ValVerde said. "It's a great time to network and promote yourself and your business."

Being able to network is what being a chamber member is all about, ValVerde said. It's about being able to get together, make connections and build a customer base through the partnership of other businesses, she added.

"It's always good to team up with another company," ValVerde said. "This is even a great time for members to bring non-members to show them everything the chamber is involved in."

The March Members, Muffins and More will be hosted by Marcy House, located at 2301 Wasson. Chamber members are encouraged to stop by between 7:30 and 9 a.m. There will be door prizes, tours, breakfast and lots of networking, according to ValVerde.

"We try and hold one of these each quarter," ValVerde said. "They are free to host for the business and free to attend for

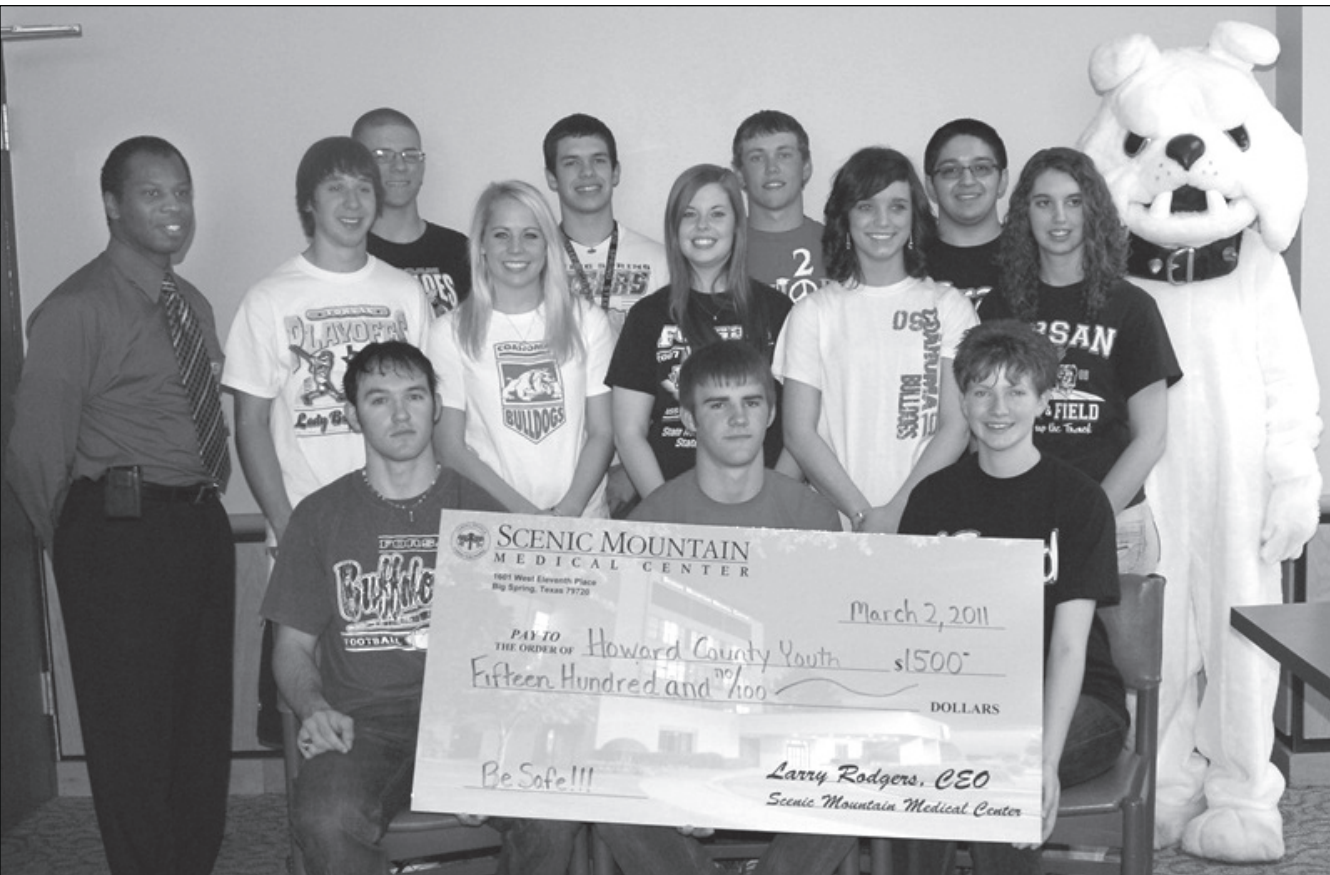
the members."

Those interested in hosting a Chamber Business After Hours or a Members, Muffins and More, should contact Nancy Davenport, chamber executive assistant or Debbye ValVerde, by calling 263-7641.

"This is a great way to not only promote themselves, but their business," ValVerde said. "It's a great way to let other members know what they do and what services they provide to the community."

The next Business After Hours will be hosted by Oncor at the Dora Roberts Community Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 5.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com



Courtesy Photo

To help concerned local parents keep Howard County youth safe as prom season begins, Scenic Mountain Medical Center recently gave a generous donation to the After Prom Committee of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high schools. These students gathered to accept the gift from SMMC CEO Larry Rodgers. Pictured from left to right Chase Pierce, Aaron Valle, Brandi Smith, Dennis Merwort, Dakota Steelman, Brent Wright, Shelbie Reid, Lucas Ontiveros, Brandy Wilson, CHS mascot "Bruiser", Jonathan Williams, Brayden Iden and Stormi Smith.

Emergency farm loan applications are being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain on July 1, 2010, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in Stanton, Pam Thomason said today.

Martin, Glasscock and Howard counties are three of eight in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting

from the excessive rain that occurred July 1.

Thomason said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agri-

cultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least

a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency load," Thomason said.

Farmers participating in

See **FSA**. Page 5A



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Hippy Chic, located at 2112 Scurry St held its official ribbon cutting Tuesday morning, marking it as a new member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of the chamber board as well as employees of the shop were on hand for the ribbon cutting. In the center is owner/manager of Hippy Chic, Niki Leuschner, cutting the ribbon. Also in the picture are employees Juanita Lewis and Lizz Hurst. Business hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 267-6022.

FSA

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the federal crop insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

“Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Nov. 20 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season,” Thomason said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.D. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

CRP signup is under way

According to Howard County Executive Director Rick Liles, a general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup began March 14 and ends April 15.

The signup is open to all eligible producers in Howard County, but no more than 4,424 acres will be accepted. CRP acres scheduled to expire Sept. 30 may be re-offered during this signup.

Producers interested in CRP should contact the Howard County Farm Service Agency at 432-267-2557.

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District Court Filings:
In Re Eliza Raye Hilario-Munoz, family.
Kalan Lejeune vs. Barbara Lajeune, divorce.
Ginger Ann Richter vs. Marty Lee Richter, divorce.
Laura Lara vs. Christopher Lara, divorce.
The State of Texas vs. Cedrick Jefferson, seizure.
Christina Dawn Rios vs. Calvin Jacob Lawson, protective order.
Cara Lynette Wilson vs. Danny Frank Wilson, divorce.
Gary Lee Smale Jr. vs. Alicia Saldivar Carmona Moran Smale, divorce.
In Re Leane Del Carmen De La Torre, family.
In Re Alyanna Marie Douglas, family.
In Re Carlos Manuel Manzo, family.
In Re Emmalee Nikole Johnson, family.
In Re Gilberto Guadalupe Morales Jr., family.
In Re Eliza Beth Ramirez, family.
In Re Jimmy Lee Faz Jr., family.
Eaglemark Savings Bank vs. Laura Averette and Stacy Saucedo, accounts, notes and contracts.
Eaglemark Savings Bank vs. Deborah Ashmore, accounts, notes and contracts.
Wanda Speaker vs. Judy Belyeu, accounts, notes and contracts.
Royce Cathleen Feaster vs. Richard Beatty, protective order.
Big Spring Independent School District vs. Logan Pierce, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
John Edward Nalley vs. Carolyn E.M. Nalley, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
Robert Justin Sloane, 27, and Jesse A. Genest, 29, both of Big Spring.
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Roderick A. Lyons, 35, and Melissa S. Johnson, 32, both of Michigan.
Manuel Rodriguez Jr., 49, and Judith M. Grant, 52, both of Big Spring.
Ronald W. Brodrick, 60, and Cathy B. New, 52, both of Big Spring.
Nicholas C. Maddox, 23, and Kellee M. Christopher, 23, both of Big Spring.
Curtis Lee Osburn, 23, and Laura Andrea Davila, 24, both of Wyoming.
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Timothy M. Greenfield, James L. Boudreau Jr. and Tia J. Grant
Grantee: Timothy M. Greenfield
Property: Tract D and Tract E out of a

2.5 acre tract in the SW/4 of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 28, 2011
Grantor: Corlis Brehm
Grantee: Chad Warren
Property: Lot 3, Block 5, Central Park Addition
Date: Feb. 25, 2011
Grantor: Barbara E. Enos
Grantee: Max Gonzalez and Elizabeth Luera
Property: A 408-acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 25, 2011
Grantor: Librado Calderon
Grantee: Isabel Calderon
Property: Lots 5-6, Block G, Earles Addition
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
Grantor: Ben Torres Gonzales
Grantee: Joann Hillario Gonzales
Property: Lot 12, Block 24, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
Grantor: Western Bank
Grantee: Edward Roach
Property: Lots 4-6, Block 23, Boydstun Addition
Date: Feb. 23, 2011
Grantor: Jason Irvin
Grantee: Yasmany Perera
Property: Lot 9, Block 25, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Feb. 23, 2011
Grantor: Roy R. Taylor
Grantee: Lillie Aleman
Property: The N/2 of Lot 11, Block 2, Wright's Addition
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: West Texas Centers for MHMR
Grantee: Tierra Group LLC
Property: Lot 36, Block 3, Belvue Addition
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Grantee: Robert Craig Bronaugh
Property: Lot 5, Block 4, Avion Village
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: Robert Vernon Fryar and Maleah Fryar
Grantee: Jose Cruz Jr. and Sandra Cruz
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Montie Watson
Grantee: Frank Long and Glenda Long
Property: An 845-acre tract out of Section 59 and other sections.
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
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Grantee: Jose H. Martinez and Brandy G. Martinez
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Indianola Addition
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ANSWERS

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2	7	4	3	5	8	6	1	9
8	1	9	7	4	6	3	5	2
7	9	8	1	3	4	5	2	6
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Aries sun trumpets the spring equinox and the zesty spirit of renewal well earned through the hard winter. As the first female published poet of England, Anne Bradstreet wrote, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's sometimes difficult for you to understand those who hang on too tight to the things that are obviously holding them back. You process everything easily. You take it in, use what you can and let the rest go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You do something that's right for you without even realizing that it's right for many others, as well. Your status as an accidental activist will soon be updated to intentional good-doer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll need to make quick decisions in order to navigate this day. You'll likely find yourself in a pretty pickle this afternoon, but worry not. Any problem you have that was created by you can also be solved by you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Differences of opinion can be easily remedied as long as you don't invest too much in being right. It will be well worth it to eat a small amount of crow in the name of peace and harmony.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One missed phone call or appointment, though inconsequential, may still throw off your rhythm. But because of your flexible attitude, you'll

quickly regain your equilibrium.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mutuality and reciprocity are the concepts by which you run your day. You care about other people's feelings, needs and experiences, and this comes through in your choices.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A certain relationship is finding its way to a sustainable reality. The bubble of specialness around a particular person will soon pop. You will still like this person, but you will see things as they really are instead of how you want them to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't have a license to psychoanalyze, this is a good time to refrain from doing so. Imposing your advice or assessment of other people's situation can only pull focus from your own productive day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can do your work with the tools you have now, but it will be so much more fun and exciting to change it up. It's about time you made the upgrades that others in your industry are adopting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not always a bad thing to prejudge situations and people. Your experience has, after all, taught you quite a lot about what to expect. But today, reserve your judgments for later, as you're likely to be surprised by someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As far as your conversations go, there is a good kind of silence and a bad kind of quiet. The bad kind is awkward. The good kind is attentive and purposeful and may mean that you really like someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You do not wish to

surround yourself with people who will obey, flatter and comfort you. You choose to spend your time with self-directed, purposeful and intelligent people who can enrich your experience.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). Life is not a race, but if it were, you would win. This year shows you moving along at a steady pace, like the legendary tortoise, taking in the sights and being present in each moment. April brings new elegance to your world, as well as romance and drama. Personal victory helps your family in May. You'll hit it off with Aquarius and Sagittarius people. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 21, 44 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The vernal equinox has been celebrated throughout the ages, although in recent times the equinox has been overshadowed by nearby holidays like Easter and Passover.

Even April Fool's Day gets more hoopla. If it weren't for the occasional stories of druids and pagans permitted near the ancient monument of Stonehenge, the transit of the sun into the first sign of the zodiac might go largely unnoticed. And yet there is an undeniable feeling of hope and excitement that comes with this transit. The daylight hours are equal in length to the night hours, but that's about to change. Light overtaking the darkness is more than a metaphor this time of year, and the evidence is everywhere. It is declared by daffodils in Dusseldorf and cherry blossoms in Kashmir. It sings out in the trill of the white-bellied warbler and echoes in the laughter of school children: Spring is here! It's really here!

At the end of the week, the love goddess Venus enters Pisces, the realm of spirit. Love's intuition is the strongest kind. There will be many serendipitous meetings,

as well as instances of love at first sight. These will turn into bonds that stand the test of time.

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7	9			3			2	
						4		3
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Backward Finesse

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 3
♥ 10 7 5
♦ K 6 2
♣ A Q 9

WEST
♠ A K Q J 8
♥ 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 10 8 6 2

EAST
♠ 10 5 4
♥ A 6 2
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 6 2
♥ K Q 9 8 4
♦ A J 9
♣ K J 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ Pass Pass 2♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

The backward finesse is a play seldom used by declarer. The proper setting for it occurs so rarely, and the play itself is so unnatural, that it is virtually a collector's item.

First let's define what is meant by a backward finesse. Usually, if declarer has the diamond combination shown in the diagram, he cashes the king and then plays a diamond to the jack. If East has the queen, the finesse wins, and South makes three diamond tricks. In the absence of clues indicating otherwise, South has about a 50 percent chance of winning the finesse.

Note that declarer would make only two diamond tricks in the actual deal, and would therefore go down one, if he played the suit in the usual way. But note also that South can win three diamond tricks by first leading the jack from his hand. Leading an unsupported jack is contrary to the canons of good card play, but it is undeniably effective in the present case.

If West ducks the jack, South scores three diamond tricks. If West covers the jack, declarer takes the king, leads a diamond to the nine and again has three diamond tricks.

The backward finesse is rarely used because it requires two cards to be favorably placed, while a simple finesse requires only one. The odds against a successful backward finesse are ordinarily 3-1.

Nevertheless, the backward finesse is the right play in this deal. When South ruffs the third round of spades and leads a trump, East turns up with the ace. Since East passed his partner's opening bid, declarer should conclude that East does not also have the queen of diamonds.

Accordingly, after drawing trumps and cashing the A-Q-K of clubs, South leads the jack of diamonds, knowing that West has the queen and hoping that East has the ten. In the actual deal, the backward finesse succeeds, and South makes the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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7 Damsel's demand
15 Silver, notably
16 Best Picture also-ran vs. Kramer vs. Kramer
17 Came on strong
18 One at sea
19 Booth takeaway
20 Edgy
22 CD source
23 "Rouse up revenge from ___ den...": Shak.
25 "Hot" stuff
27 Leslie Caron title role
28 Quark-binding particle
30 Go through
32 Kin of -arian
33 Crack down
35 Well-groomed
37 Onetime Folies Bergère regular
38 Forswear
39 Pirate haven of old
42 Certain hats and shoes
46 NT epistle
47 Not as interesting
49 *The Lost World* author
50 Ayatollah, e.g.
52 Rootless type
54 Show partner
55 Trivial complaint

DOWN
1 Fictional nouveau-riche enclave
2 Steady
3 Rocket stage
4 One in a pack
5 All over
6 One at the front
7 Let go
8 Head
9 Certain swats, for short
10 Entries in bks.
11 ___ spray
12 Bagpipe music
13 Tearjerker
14 Long and sinuous
21 Compact staple
24 Units in scoring
26 Roll served cold
29 U.S./Canada partnership
31 British ___
34 Radical maneuver
36 Mint collectible

38 Preservation aid
39 Just-add-water debut of 1938
40 Swallowing trouble
41 Horror-film reactions
42 Show stoppers
43 Glance
44 Court order
45 Allied
48 I may stand for it
51 Martha Graham protégé
53 Deep-sixes
56 Sleuthing sister in *Psycho*
58 Something spun
61 Unnamed guy
63 River near Balmoral Castle

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Dear Margo: Grandma's beating the drum is unwelcome

Dear Margo: I need an objective opinion about a situation that has developed between my daughter (25) and my mother (75).

At Thanksgiving, my parents thoughtfully gave both of my daughters a gift of money that "is yours to do with as you wish."



MARGO
HOWARD

However, my mother suggested that "Annabelle" spend some of this money on therapy.

This was a huge insult to Annabelle, and I don't blame her for being insulted. Most every person on the planet could benefit from therapy, but to suggest that gift money be used for that purpose is very insensitive.

My mother is a social worker. She works in a mental health facility and loves to diagnose people

she knows and those she does not. ("Oh, she's a borderline.")

I am getting tired of this. My daughter is also fed up and has asked that my mother not contact her. My mother, however, persists in writing her letters and sending her e-mails every few months, and even calling.

I have told them both that it's between them and I don't want to be in the middle.

Last night, my daughter called to complain that my mother again called her and harangued her and belittled her busy schedule — she attends graduate school and works almost full time.

Should I again let my mother know how hurtful her behavior is and ask her to please leave Annabelle alone? (I have done this once already.) Or should I just keep silent? — *Squeezed by Relatives*

Dear Squeeze: I would

do a modified version of letting your mother know that she is out of line. And I would do it in writing. Once.

I am a great fan of written thoughts, especially on touchy subjects. The recipient can read it more than once, she cannot interrupt you, and arguing with a letter is not really possible.

I would tell your mother that if she continues being the Welcome Wagon for Therapy, she and Annabelle will likely wind up with no relationship at all.

After that, trust your daughter to handle her grandmother herself. It is too bad that your mother's profession has convinced her that everyone is nuts. — *Margo, tactically*

Don't Punish the Wrong People

Dear Margo: I recently met distant relatives from my mother's side of the family. I traveled to Mexico to meet them, and it went very well until my mother's arrival. I have a cousin who is

intelligent, goes to college and will study to become a veterinarian.

He is also addicted to marijuana. My aunt and uncle cannot control him. I went with his family on a trip to Cancun, and half of the time, he was intoxicated with the plant and alcohol.

Upon my arrival in Mexico, other family members warned me about his habits. He told me about his activities himself, and I told him not to do anything related to his drug abuse in front of my mother. I also told him to quit.

The day my mom arrived, my cousin decided to take out one of his dried marijuana plants and show it to her. They got in a big argument, with yelling and profanities.

My mother was upset and hurt. I don't know what his motive was. Now my mother doesn't want to talk to my uncle (her brother) because he allows such things to happen in his home.

I don't want my family to stop contact. My mother was great friends with her sister-in-law, and now they don't even

want to speak. What should I do? — *Liv from Texas*

Dear Liv: You do not particularly fit into this equation, though I understand your angst, and I'm not sure why your cousin went out of his way to let your mother in on his affinity for pot.

People with substance abuse problems cannot get clean until they choose to. Don't ask me how I know this.

Apparently, your aunt and uncle have made the choice to let their son continue to live at home. All you can do is point out to your mother that the young man's behavior should not damage the

friendship with her sister-in-law, and that, in fact, she should try to imagine this woman's unhappiness with her son's situation.

I think your mother's mistake is in imagining that your aunt and uncle can "control" the situation. — *Margo, realistically*

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

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A Variety of Homestead Exemptions could lower Your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption? Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower SCHOOL taxes this year...and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available? If you are disabled or if you are 65 years old or older you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on our home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2011 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

"PLEASE NOTE: If you are a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA) - (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year? No. If you had a homestead exemption on our home in 2010, you will not need to reapply for 2011 unless required by the chief appraiser. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home or if you have moved to a new home - you will need to file for an exemption for 2011. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file? File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact your appraisal district at:

Howard County Appraisal District
315 Main Street
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DUENO DE HOGAR
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general, si es dueño de su hogar el día primero de enero, 2011. La solicitud para la exención es necesaria si el dueño de la residencia cambio de hogar efectivo el primero de enero, 2010, o califica para exenciones adicionales desde el año pasado. Un dueño de hogar mayor de 65 años puede aplazar el pago de una porción de sus impuestos si el valor de su hogar de residencia aumento mas de 5% que el valor del año anterior. Un aplazamiento de impuestos sin embargo, solo pospone su deuda impositiva. Se aplica un interes de 8 por ciento al año y se mantiene una garantía sobre la propiedad. Para aplicar por el aplazo, contacte al distrito de valoración de su condado y complete la aplicación.

PERSONAS INCAPACITADAS
Personas incapacitadas bajo la Administracion del Seguro Social califican para las exenciones de dueño de hogar. Personas incapacitadas deben aplicar con su distrito de valoración con su prueba de incapacitado del Administracion del Seguro Social. Personas incapacitadas reciben todos los beneficios en su hogar igual que personas mayor de 65 años.

PERSONAS MAYORES DE 65 AÑOS

Personas mayores de 65 años o deshabilitados pueden aplicar para mas exenciones. Usted tambien obtiene un tope de impuestos para el total de sus impuestos escolares si usted cumple 65 años de edad durante 2011. Personas de 65 años o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su distrito de valoración en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus impuestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continuan a pesar del plazo con interes de 8% anual, pero no se hace esfuerzo de abrir un juicio hipotecario durante el plazo. La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas le podra dar mas informacion.

VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS
Usted puede calificar para una exencion de los impuestos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administracion de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar. El distrito de valoración solamente necesita documentacion el primer año de calificacion o si su porcentaje de su incapacidad cambia.

TERRENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoración/tasacion como terreno agricola disminuye el valor imponible del terreno. Se valora el terreno basandose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y raices. Obtenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoración. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva aplicacion. Tambien si el dueño del terreno cambia, el tasador principal puede requerir una aplicacion nueva.

SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitudes se pueden conseguir en el distrito de valoración mas cerca de usted.
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GLASSCOCK CAD
124 S. MYRL STREET
GARDEN CITY, TX 79739
432-354-2580

o de La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas en el 1/800-252-9121. Tambien se incluye solicitudes para exenciones totales para organizaciones religiosas.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT/COMPLIANCE PLAN RENEWAL

PERMIT/CP NO. 50140 APPLICATION. Alon USA, LP, 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit/compliance. The permit/compliance plan renewal will continue corrective action and groundwater monitoring for the existing Land Treatment Unit. The facility is located at the address listed above. The application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 14, 2011. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit/compliance plan and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number;

applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, LP, at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Robert DeOtte, RCRA Environmental Engineer at (432)263-9272. Issued: February 22, 2011 #6922 March 20, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of TOMMIE SALMON COOPER, Deceased, were issued on March 8, 2011, in Cause No. P-13941, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to TOMMY JAY SALMON.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being

administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: TOMMY JAY SALMON PO Box 1653 Big Spring, Texas 79721 DATED the 8th day of March, 2011
TOMMY JAY SALMON #6921 March 20, 2011

Legals

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable Property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition? You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

* You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

* You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.

* You can also file a 'report of decreased value' to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

When is the deadline to file? The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file? File renditions at your local appraisal district:

Howard County Appraisal District
315 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-263-8301
Glasscock CAD
124 S. Myrl Street
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Legals

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#6923 March 20, 2011

Legals

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the **Big Spring ISD Goliad, Marcy, Washington, and Moss New Elementary Schools.** Proposals are due by 3:00pm, April 5, 2011. No proposals will be accepted after this time. Please fax in proposals to the below referenced number.

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave.
Lubbock, Texas 79423
P:806-797-8400
F:806-797-8492

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted Monday March 21, 2011 @ 1:30pm at Big Spring High, 624 East 6th Street, Big Spring, Texas. All contractors must sign in at the **High Administration Office.** Meeting room number and directions will be issued at sign in.
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Legals

PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM, OR RANCH!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the productivity value" of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2011 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally do not need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more formation, call or come by:

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Are you eligible For Tax Relief?

Pick up a free copy of your pamphlet **Property Taxpayer Remedies**

Learn about property tax remedies available in the following:

* How to Protest property Value
* What can be protested
* What is an ARB

* When are protests filed

* You will learn what steps to take to prepare for the protest hearing, so you can decide if the appraisal district's value is reasonable. If you decide that the value is not reasonable, Property Tax Remedies will tell you how to prepare an appeal to the appraisal review board.

* You will learn the kinds of protests the appraisal review board can hear - and what kind of evidence you need to bring to your hearing.

* Key dates are listed, so you will know what you must do and when you are required to act.

Property Tax Remedies is free. A Spanish language version is also available.

Ask for yours today at:

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Garden City resident Lexie Schaefer's middle weight Hampshire took reserve champion at the San Antonio Stock Show in February.

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Updates from the following:

Big Spring Economic Development Corp.
City of Big Spring * CRMWD
Howard College * Howard County
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Pictured left to right are Aleya Sharp and Pamela, Addison, James and Cameron Harris.

Veteran's family gets some relief

Recently, the Veterans Families Fund gave \$500 to the veteran family of James (Tommy) and Pamela Harris.

On Feb. 27, they lost all of their belongings in a grass fire that destroyed a home they were renting in Colorado City.

James joined the Marines in November 2004 and served in Iraq from February 2007 to February 2008. He is currently in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The monetary gift is to say thank you to veterans and their families

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Anyone who would like to donate can do so at Wood Forest National Bank in the Wal-Mart Supercenter. The account is Veterans Families Fund, No. 5901848.

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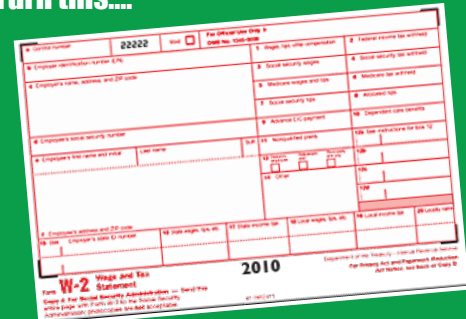
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