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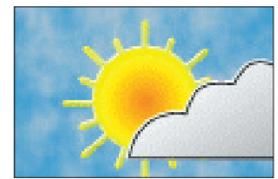


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Water restrictions? Not yet

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say current efforts to conserve water are being promoted to Crossroads customers strictly on a voluntary basis — for now. According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, there has been a great

deal of confusion in the community regarding water consumption restrictions currently in place. "We've had numerous calls for customers wanting to know what restrictions are in place," Darden said. "As of right



Darden

now, there are no formal restrictions in place. We're simply encouraging our water customers to do everything they can to conserve water." At least one area news station reported that water restrictions began Friday for several West Texas cities — including Big Spring. However that information, which included a directive for watering on certain

days of the week based on an alphabet system, was incorrect — at least for Big Spring and nearby Stanton. Darden said voluntary conservation efforts will likely give way to a city water conservation plan, expected to go before the Big Spring City Council later this month for final reading. See **WATER**, Page 2A

Guerra guilty

Big Spring man gets maximum 20-year sentence

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

MIDLAND — A 49-year-old Big Spring man on trial for possessing an instrument with the intent to commit kidnapping and sexual assault received the maximum penalty Friday by a Midland jury.



Guerra

Juan Jose Guerra was sentenced to 20 years in prison after being found guilty by the same 185th District Court jury Thursday. Jurors deliberated only about 90 minutes before returning the sentence. He was on trial for possession of a bungee cord gag with the intent to commit aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault. Guerra faced a sentence of two to 20 years but was also eligible for probation. Guerra had been stopped by Immigration

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Humorist Blakely to be here Monday

Free, but tickets are required

Special to the Herald

Acclaimed humorist Doc Blakely will be the guest speaker at a Howard College Foundation Speaker Series event to be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.



Blakely

Blakely is a popular humorist, musician, rancher and author of seven books including "Keep 'Em Laughing" and "The Handbook of Wit and Pungent Humor." He is also a regular weekly columnist of the syndicated

See **BLAKELY**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

The Powwow is back in town, offering Native American tradition and more than 40 vendors at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event will continue Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. with a Native American church service and conclude at 5 p.m. Vendors are offering fry bread, jewelry, beadwork and more. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 years old and under are admitted free.

Local powwow highlights Native American heritage

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Native American heritage, once so common in Big Spring, is starting to fade away.

According to Robert Downing, president of the Big Spring Powwow committee, the powwow is one way the community can preserve the once-so-rich history. "This is a celebration of Native

heritage which was once so prevalent in the Big Spring area," Downing said.

The seventh Big Spring Powwow is going on at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Those attending can expect to be embraced with Native American culture.

"You can expect to hear the sound of the drums and see the colorful regalia of the Native Ameri-

can dress," Downing said. "This event is important to help keep the Native American history alive. We need to know the history that is being lost."

The powwow will continue Sunday. Activities begin at 9 a.m. with a church service. Gourd dancing will start at 10 a.m. and the grand entry is at 12:30 p.m. Dance

See **DANCE**, Page 3A

House plods through debate on lean budget

APRIL CASTRO
JAY ROOT

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House plodded through a marathon debate Friday, stopping after 15 hours of discussion about staggering cuts to the state budget, including the first reduction in overall public education

funding in decades.

The House broke after discussing health and human services and education but planned to come back Sunday to finish discussion of prisons, highways, courts and a myriad of other state agencies, all facing stiff cuts.

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A dozen Big Spring High School students have advanced to the Region I, Class 3A UIL Academic Meet. See Monday's Herald for details.



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WATER

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City officials say the plan, which is part of an area-wide effort to conserve water resources provided by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, would provide a lawn watering schedule and other restrictions as soon as May 1.

Efforts by the city of Big Spring and other CRMWD customers to curtail water usage, especially when demands are at their highest, come on the heels of the district's announcement earlier this year that water deliveries would be cut by 10 percent.

Other cities supplied by CRMWD — including Midland, Odessa and Snyder — are also in the process of developing water conservation plans, according to city officials. However, those plans are not necessarily the same.

"Each city is developing their own plans, so there has been some confusion regarding what restrictions have already been put in place and which ones may be on the way," Darden said. "We'll be getting the word out to the residents as soon as the plans are adopted, but until then we're imploring Big Spring water customers to do everything they can to cut their water use."

The council approved first reading of a water conservation plan, drought contingency plan and a new ordinance prohibiting the "wasting of water" during its March 22 meeting.

If the amendments pass final reading later this month, stiff fines could be awaiting residents who are careless or wasteful with their water.

"We talked about different ways to rate the fines. We looked at a tiered system, but in the end we felt it was best to just set a maximum fine and let the judge hearing the case decide the fine," Darden said.

The amendment sets out a fine not to exceed \$2,000, according to city officials, and while the threat of a hefty smack to the wallet may inspire some local residents to watch their water use, Darden said he expects to see due diligence when the ordinance is being enforced.

"We would much rather see our residents comply with the water plans because they know it's important, especially out here in West Texas," he said. "However, this amendment will give the ordinance some teeth, just in case they don't care."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

Take Note

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 15. More information and the application may be found on the club website: www.westexags.com

• 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. Call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

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Harlan H. Bristol

Harlan H. Bristol, 81, (aka "Mr. B") formally of Big Spring, left peacefully from this earthly realm to be with our Father in Heaven on April 1, 2011, at 6:55 a.m. in Richardson, following several long battles, he finally succumbed the war to complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Harlan was born Sept. 26, 1929, in Valentine, Neb., to Homer and Dorothy Bristol and later relocated to Steamboat Springs, Colo., where he resided until moving to California. Once in California, he worked for the ranch of Jack Haley, the Tinman of the Wizard of Oz and graduated from Elk Grove High School in Sacramento.

He traveled the United States showing Haley Herford's champion bull at state fairs. He served three years in the California National Guard before enlisting in the Air Force in 1951, serving during the Korean conflict and proudly served in the Vietnam War, making more than 30 trips across the Pacific.

He was stationed at Webb AFB in Big Spring immediately upon returning from Vietnam and was a jet engine mechanic and jet engine instructor. He served as a scout master with the Boy Scouts of America in Big Spring. He retired from active duty in 1971 and began his 24 years of civil service with the Air Force at Dyess AFB in Abilene as their mobile maintenance technician on the flight line.

His many interests included woodworking, metalworking, and was known to be able to fix anything with anything. Harlan was known as a man who never met a stranger and would help anyone, friend or foe. He had a penchant for animals, raising a doe from a baby, rescuing a baby eagle whose mother had passed and raised a pair of woodchucks as a young man. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved and respected him.

He is survived by a son, Alan M. Bristol of Corsicana, formally of Big Spring; a loving daughter, Susan Holley of Sachse, formally of Big Spring and Barbara Stokes of Council Bluffs, Iowa, as well as five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sally A. Blackmon Bristol of Big Spring; brothers, Lester Bristol, Wayne Bristol, Eldred Bristol; and sister, Hope David. He was one of 10 brothers and sisters. He is survived by brothers Merle and Margie Bristol of Fort Morgan, Colo., Arlo and Ruby Bristol of Fort Morgan, Elaine and Floyd Ford of Ropesville, Frances Barrett of Loveland, Colo., Arlene Foley of Brush, Colo.; and countless cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral with full military honors will be scheduled for a later date where he will be interned next to his mother in Fort Morgan, Colo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Charles W. Smith & Sons Funeral Home of Sachse, Texas.

The family asks that any memorials be sent to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association or the Boy Scouts of America.

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Obituaries

Manuela M. Hernandez



Manuela M. Hernandez, 90, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder Trinidad Sanchez officiating.

She was born Aug. 14, 1920, in Colorado City. She lived most of her life in Fresno, Calif. She moved to Big Spring Jan. 6, 2011.

She was a homemaker and a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by three daughters, Olga Hernandez and her husband Ignacio, Mary Valencia and her husband Raymond, all of Big Spring and Rosa Ramirez of Ventura, Calif.; two sons, Joel Ybarra and his wife Gay of Fresno, Calif., and Manuel Ybarra of San Bernardino, Calif.; three sisters, Gregoria Ybarra of Grand Prairie, Carmen Badillo and Angelita Rodriguez, both of Odessa; and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husbands Mike Ybarra and Victor Hernandez; and three sons, Joe Ybarra, Jessie Ybarra and Mike Ybarra.

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

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

• JOHN ALLEN SILEN, 19, of 3224 Cornell, was arrested Friday on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct language, possession of alcohol by a minor, and three counts of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• THOMAS EUGENE DEMENY, JR., 42, of 1809 Mittel, was arrested Friday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRIANNA MICHELLE GRAHAM, 31, of 1404 Wood, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• LESLIE SMITHWICK, 26, of 600 NW 8th, was arrested Friday for seven warrants from other agency.

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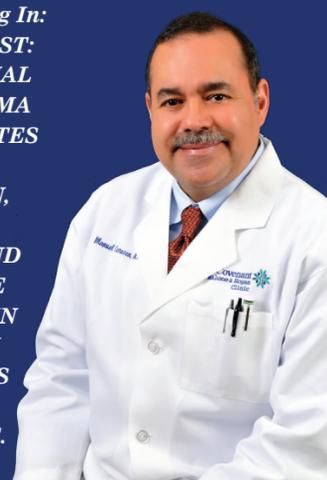
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GUERRA

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and Customs Enforcement agents in the 1500 block of Idlewilde Drive in Midland on April 10, 2010, after authorities were informed of a suspicious individual near a church playground and a dance studio. A search of Guerra's vehicle revealed the gag, rope, duct tape, plastic flexicuffs, condoms, Viagra pills and lubricant — which law enforcement officers referred to as a rape kit. They later found other allegedly incriminating items at the man's Big Spring residence at 1 Courtney Place, including firearms, ski masks, computer hard drives and child pornography, according to police reports.

He was indicted May 19, 2010, by a 385th District Court grand jury on four counts of possession of a criminal instrument with the intent to

commit aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault.

During the punishment phase of the trial Friday, the defense presented Dr. Carmen Petzold, who told jurors Guerra was sexually molested by his brother as a child. The prosecution countered with Dr. Matthew Ferrara, who said Guerra is a "compulsive sexual sadist."

Friday's conviction wraps up the first of what could be four trials for Guerra. Prosecutors indicated they would see Guerra in court again on the other three counts on which he was indicted, which involve other items they say the man was prepared to use for restraint or assault, such as the flexicuffs.

According to reports, Guerra could also be brought up on federal charges because an FBI computer technician allegedly found several thousand child pornographic images on a computer in his possession.

Toddler craving fries found in parking lot

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — A San Francisco Bay area toddler has been reunited with his mother after apparently stepping out for a bite to eat.

The 2-year-old from Pleasanton was found in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart wearing only a white T-shirt and diaper around 3 a.m. Thursday.

Pleasanton police Sgt. Maria Munayer says he told investigators he wanted McDonald's french fries.

There is a McDonald's inside the Wal-Mart.

The boy appears to have awoken in the middle of the night, opened the front door of his apartment and headed out, crossing four lanes of a usually busy thoroughfare. Police say the knob on the front door is set low and automatically unlocks the deadbolt.

His mother called 911 when she awoke around 6 a.m. to report her child missing.

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BLAKELY

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To obtain tickets or more information, contact Laura Hughes at 432-264-5063 or by e-mail at lhughes@howardcollege.edu.

DANCE

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contests will take place all day and will conclude with an award ceremony at 4:30 p.m. The event will end at 5 p.m.

In addition to the traditional dances, there are more than 40 vendors offering different wares — Native American food, jewelry, art and traditional fry bread. There will also be a silent auc-

tion.

Those wanting to help a good cause can bring canned goods to donate to the food drive. The food collected during the powwow will benefit the local food bank.

"It is sure to offer an uplifting experience," Downing said.

Admission is free for children 12 years of age and under. Adults admission is \$5. For more information visit the website at www.powwowbigspring.com.

BUDGET

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The proposal is \$23 billion less than the amount spent in state and federal funds in the existing two-year budget. With almost 400 amendments to slog through, the debate on the 2012-2013 budget is expected to last well into the weekend before a vote is taken.

The House plan underfunds Medicaid, which provides health care to the poor and disabled, by more than \$4 billion. Some parents brought their severely disabled children in wheelchairs to line up outside the chamber before the debate began.

"Why are you voting to hurt me?" read a placard sitting in the lap of 9-year-old Charles Miller, who was born with hydranencephaly, meaning most of his brain tissue is missing. His parents are fighting steep reductions in reimbursements for home-based health care.

Public education, representing more than half the state budget outlays, faces historic cutbacks. The plan on the House floor Friday would reduce full-day pre-kindergarten, teacher incentive pay, college financial aid and numerous education programs. Dan Casey, co-author of "The Basics of Texas Public School Finance," said it's the first time since the current school finance structure was put in place in 1949 that public schools would get less than

called for under state funding laws from one budget to the next.

Rep. Larry Taylor, leader of the House Republicans, says the proper comparison stretches back to the Great Depression. He said before the debate began Friday morning that the Legislature was on the verge of enacting the first reduction in public education funding since 1929. But GOP leaders, in firm control of the Legislature, are vowing to balance the budget without raising new taxes.

"This is the hand that we've been dealt," Taylor said. "If we don't have the money, we don't have the money."

Taylor said legislators "don't have the luxury to pander to every constituency" and pointed to reforms that could soften the blow to school districts before the session ends in May.

Rep. Jessica Farrar, leader of the House Democrats, said the GOP created the financial mess and has the supermajority to get Texas out of it. She said the Legislature should take more money out of the reserve Rainy Day Fund and close tax loopholes to raise more money.

"They have to stop the politics and begin to govern," Farrar said.

The proposal cuts Medicaid reimbursement rates by 10 percent. That's on top of a 3 percent rate reduction state leaders requested this year. The federal-state Medicaid health care program serves 3.1 million Texans — mostly children, pregnant

women and adults with disabilities.

For nursing homes, the cuts could come closer to 33 percent because of recent changes in the federal-state funding formula. The state's share has increased, but budget proposals are not paying for that increase. Experts say that could jeopardize 45,000 residents in the state's 550 nursing homes that depend on Medicaid.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services would be directed to develop a contingency plan for displaced disabled and elderly residents, under an amendment adopted without objection Friday.

Republicans also re-directed more than \$60 million from family planning services for needy Texans to other programs, including to services that encourage alternatives to abortion.

"You're moving it into a strategy that has nothing to do with prevention," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, a Democrat from San Antonio. "It's about counseling women who are already pregnant. Isn't that counter-productive?"

Democrats warned that the move would cost the state more in lost federal funding, more unplanned pregnancies and higher Medicaid caseloads.

About six Republican-backed amendments cut funding to the family

planning program from \$99 million to about \$38 million.

Money also was moved to programs for children with autism, early childhood care and mid-size homes for the deaf, blind and disabled.

The effort outraged Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

"I will not be put in the position of choosing from one need to another when we are underfunding them both," Turner said. "If we were not willing to pull from the Rainy Day (fund) to meet the needs of these children and elderly folks, I will not be caught trying to decide if I should fund child one or child two."

He and several Democrats began voting "present not voting" on the reshuffling efforts.

The divisions were much less partisan when the debate turned to education.

Several efforts to gut funding to a program that offers schooling to prisoners were rejected, as were attempts to strip funding to the Texas Education Agency, which critics said had become a "bloated bureaucracy."

"I think TEA is out of touch," said Rep. Harold Dutton, a Houston Democrat. "I believe if TEA went away tomorrow nobody would notice."

Others unsuccessfully attempted to put more money into school fund-

ing. The plan does reinstate funding to four community colleges that had been set to have their funding cut off. Those cuts would instead be evenly distributed among all community colleges in Texas.

The Senate is working on its own version of the budget and plans to spend billions more on education. That sets up a budgetary battle that will likely stretch into the final days of the biennial legislative session — or force a special session this summer.

Rep. Jim Pitts, the Waxahachie Republican who sponsored the budget legislation, said the sweeping cuts in the House plan underscore the "economic realities

facing our state."

"This budget does not raise taxes, it does not rely on any spending, any new tax revenue, to pay for programs or services," Pitts said. "This budget does not grow government."

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Manuela M. Hernandez, 90, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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YOUR VIEWS

Goodbye Johnny

TO THE EDITOR:

I couldn't help but cry when I got the March 10 Big Spring Herald and saw that God had taken my friend Johnny Moore home.

Johnny was a very special person. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. Johnny was a true Christian. One only had to talk to him a short time to know that God, family and friends were the most important things in his life.

Johnny had been fighting a battle with something he couldn't see, that something was cancer. He never gave up hoping that a cure would be found, but it didn't happen soon enough for Johnny.

That hurts because he dearly loved life and his dear wife Lallye. I'm going to make a small donation to the American Cancer Society's Big Spring Relay For Life in memory of Johnny because nothing would of made him happier then to know the he was helping others that are fighting a battle with cancer.

Johnny was a good person and I'm asking anyone who knew Johnny to please make a donation to the American Cancer Society's Big Spring Relay For Life to honor his memory.

Goodbye Johnny Moore, my friend. Thank you for all the times you made me smile, but today I am crying because you are gone.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

Term limits

TO THE EDITOR:

In recent weeks we have seen several letters here attacking the idea of term limits for the Big Spring city council. Rather than attempt to debate the attackers in this forum, I thought I might simply point out a few facts regarding term limits.

First off, term limits are not a new idea. The idea of limiting legislators' time in office dates back to the ancient Greek republics of Athens and Sparta, approximately 500 years before the birth of Christ. The Roman republic also applied term limits to elected officials. These ancient democracies were closely studied by our own founding fathers, who were educated in the classics and were quite familiar with the notion of rotation of office.

Formal term limits in America date back to the 1682 Pennsylvania Charter of Liberties and the colonial frame of government authored by William Penn. During the Continental Congress of 1789, a proposal from the State of Virginia was written by Thomas Jefferson urging a limitation of tenure, "to prevent every danger which might arise to American freedom by continuing too long in office the members of the Continental Congress..." The subsequent U. S. Constitution omitted term limits, however, largely due to popular support of the

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take today, Lord, and ask
You into our life for our life. Amen

Double takes in the news...

School superintendents and presidents of public higher education institutions no doubt did double takes--maybe triples--upon learning of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst's pronouncement on March 26. Editors re-arranged front page headlines; radio and TV anchors had new lead stories.



DR.
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NEWBURY

After all, Dewhurst's bombshell that no education funding cuts are needed runs counter to Governor Rick Perry's numbers by a few billion dollars. School heads read and re-read Dewhurst's account, searching for small print, misprints or maybe a small asterisk noting a wilting disclaimer at article's end.

One skeptic, maybe feeling foolish that he hadn't already considered the possibility, chilled his colleagues with this thought: Maybe it was an April Fools' Day story released five days early? Other shoes will drop on this hot potato issue.

Late columnist Molly Ivins, often outspoken and always colorful, feasted on goings-on in Austin. And that was when the state typically had the wherewithal to grant funding increases.

She was oft-quoted, and her musings remain all over the 'net. One of her best described the legislature's painting of itself into a small corner, then deciding there was nothing left to do but apply a second coat.

There was no middle ground for Molly, and that's the way she liked it.

My Uncle Mort down in the thicket got lots of laughs from

Molly, as well as his pastor, who is forever getting into predicaments. Last year the parson pressed the deacons to buy a "marquee on a two-wheel trailer."

He promised to change it regularly, and take careful mind to spelling, good taste and creativity. In Mort's words, "He did pretty well in the summer months, usually filling up all four lines."

The parson's fingers weren't so nimble during the Super Bowl cold spell, when only two lines were needed for "MAPQUEST GOT YOU HERE--GOD GETS YOU THERE."

The deacons are hoping that his sermons will become as succinct as the marquee sign. Aunt Maude says if he had to wear her girdle and high heels, they'd never have to mention brevity to him.

The parson, sometimes excessive in his attention to detail, dropped by the cemetery a couple of hours before a funeral service was to begin. He judged the work to be no more than half done. (The two men with shovels were paid by the hour.)

"Think it'll be ready when the service is over?" he asked.

One of the men, leaning on his shovel, seemed to have it all figured out. "If you 'funeralize' as long as you 'sermonize,' it'll be ready with an hour to spare."

Attention to grave detail, part two:

They said Elizabeth Taylor often mentioned that she'd be late to her own funeral.

And it came to pass; the service began 15 minutes after the announced time.

Good news, bolstered by a 15-year-old with religious convictions, common sense and uncommon judgment, is worth repeating. Kudos to the networks,

ESPN, newspapers and other publications for giving generous coverage to the decision made "on his own" by Joel Northrup, a 112-pound sophomore wrestler in Iowa.

With a 35-4 season record, he qualified for the state tournament, but chose to default rather than compete against a female opponent. He's due double kudos for doing the right thing. Iowa has 275,000 young men and 6,000 young ladies in a marquee sport begun there 85 years ago. So far only two females have qualified for the state tournament.

It is surprising to learn that most states have co-ed wrestling. Though most states' wrestling programs require girls to wrestle boys, five states--California, Hawaii, Texas, Washington and Tennessee--sponsor girls-only high school tournaments. (Hopefully, the legislature will let us keep separate wrestling rings.) May young Joel continue to demonstrate such values, courage and judgment.

I fall into the "equal opportunity" category of limited knowledge about wrestling and numerous other sports. For the life of me, I'll never understand why some people consider bullfighting to be a sport.

A proper English woman visiting Mexico City asked a resident if bullfighting is, indeed, the country's favorite sport. The resident nodded, and the visitor countered, "Isn't it revolting?"

"No," the host responded. "Revolting is our second-favorite sport."

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Sarah Palin and the dozen dwarfs: The tea party effect

There are those — I won't name them, they know who they are — who have taken to calling the slate of Republican presidential hopefuls "Sarah Palin and the Seven Dwarfs." That's unfair.

There are way more than seven GOP politicians ready to run. I put the list right now at about 12, give or take a dwarf.

And there'd be more except that John Thune withdrew from the race a month or so ago.

Most of the rest of the GOP gang showed up in Washington a few months ago to try out their acts at the Conservative Political Action Conference. Generally speaking, the candidates spoke with one voice — for God, guns, and Ronald Reagan. They were uniformly against health care, taxes, and Barack Obama. (Have I mentioned that the conference was about a quart low on new ideas?)

The 10,000 attendees listened to all of the speeches, then made Ron Paul, the Texan flat-earthier, their choice for president. (Did I also mention that its sense of reality was running on empty?)

Ironically, the only Republican that a clear majority of Americans could pick out of a police lineup — Sarah Palin — failed to

show up at the conference. She and Mike Huckabee, the comfort-food candidate, were busy organizing their sock drawers. Or something.

To call the Republican field weak is to understate the obvious. It's a collection of has-been (Newt Gingrich, Haley Barbour, Mitt Romney), never-were (Tim Pawlenty, Rick Santorum, Mitch Daniels) and "who's he?" candidates (Herman Cain, Jon Huntsman).

The real problem the Republicans have, however, isn't the relative anonymity of their candidates — after all, hardly anyone knew who Obama was two years before he was elected. It's the fact that no Republican who can win the general election in 2012 can be nominated. Call it the tea party effect.

Republican candidates aren't merely afraid of tea party conservatives, they're terrified. One after another, they've repudiated past votes, policies, and beliefs in fear of offending those wild-eyed people in the funny hats.

Romney? As Governor of Massachusetts he advocated and got passed a health care plan much like President Obama's. He's now against it.

Pawlenty? When he was Governor of Minnesota he backed cap-and-trade legislation, a scarlet letter to real conservatives. He has apologized for the error.

Newt Gingrich? The former Speaker of the House may be a great advocate for the sanctity of

marriage, but both times this do-what-I-say-not-what-I-do adulterer got divorced, he was dumping a wife suffering from a severe illness. The first was recovering from uterine cancer and the second had recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Go through the list. Everyone's got something about him for conservatives to hate.

No wonder they look back so fondly on Ronald Reagan, the mythological figure bearing the name of our 40th president.

To hear Republicans talk, Reagan was George Washington, Winston Churchill, and John Wayne rolled into one.

He really wasn't. The real Ronnie wasn't as bad as Democrats made him out to be, but he was guilty of one great sin: He convinced the American people that they could have all the government they wanted without having to pay taxes for it.

He tripled the national debt during his time in office and set his party on the disastrous course the United States still travels.

Yet, given the yahoos and know-nothings the Republicans are left with today, I can see why they look back upon Reagan with fondness. He was a man of great charm.

Then again, so was Bernie Madoff.

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principal of rotation, rapid turnover in Congress prevailed due to extra-constitutional means. Our first president, George Washington set the precedent of "traditional" term limits for the president and tradition was followed until the four terms of Franklin Roosevelt. The two term tradition was codified into our constitution as the 22nd Amendment in 1951.

Secondly, term limits work in many other Texas cities. Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and our neighbor Midland are all "Home Rule" cities and all have some form of term limits in their city charters. Under the Texas Constitution, a "Home Rule" city is one in which the citizens establish their own form of government. In each of these cities, the citizens voted to establish term limits. The Big Spring city council had the opportunity to put their own version of term limits before the voters, but they ultimately voted not to place their amendment on the ballot. In other words, the council did not vote for or against term limits, they voted not to let you vote on it.

Finally, the term limits proposed by the Concerned Citizens Council are very simple and straightforward. They consist of three sentences, which are:

"No member of the council may run for

election to the same council position more than two (2) consecutive times. No person may be appointed or elected to the council in a general election or in a special election as provided by section 2 of this article within two (2) full terms of having previously held a council position. No member of the council may retain office while seeking election or appointment to any other city, county, state, or federal office."

We at the Concerned Citizens Council are very pleased to be able to give the citizens of Big Spring the chance to decide for themselves whether or not term limits are wanted or needed on the Big Spring city council. As in all questions, some people are in favor of them and some people are against them. We simply ask you, as a citizen of Big Spring, please read the amendment carefully, make up your own mind, and then, on May 14th, vote your conscience.

SINCERELY,
SHANNON D. THOMASON
BIG SPRING

Reply to Mr. Marquez

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to answer a letter written by Tony Marquez.

Mr. Marquez, where did you get your information on "term limits?" And who are "they," "others" and "them?"

No one is trying to strip the citizens of Big Spring of their rights or force anything down anyone throats, on the

contrary, five of the City Council members voted to prevent "term limits" from being placed on the May 12 election ballot. Does that mean they are afraid of how the citizens will vote? The citizens have the right to vote "for" or "against" term limits. Several members on the current City Council did not want to give the citizens that "voted" them in office, the opportunity to "vote" term limits or no. Our right to "vote" is our right and should not be determined by the City Council.

If term limits are voted by the citizens, it will mean our council member will serve for two (2) terms (6 years), and will sit out one term before eligible to run again. If a council person cannot accomplish something in 6 years, they should no longer be in office. We do not need people to be in office too long or they get too comfortable and forget who they are there for, us as the citizen who voted them there.

Mr. Marquez, you are right to encourage citizens to get out and vote, as well as getting involved in the community, when we don't, we end up paying for a 6.2 million dollar water park we did not have a vote on. Citizens, please go to the polls and vote "for" or "against" term limits. At least you will be able to decide for yourself in the privacy of the voting booth.

PROUD TO BE A VOTER,
JOANNE SAYLES
BIG SPRING

Let the sun shine in

Government must be transparent

Everyone seems to be on edge lately. While I consider myself an optimist by nature, I have to admit, all this negative energy is starting to wear on me.



NEAL WHITE

With everything that's going on in the world I can understand why folks are walking around with a case of mad on their shoulder. High unemployment, rising prices, gridlock in government and increasing deficit spending, revolutions in the Middle East and the recent disaster in Japan — well, we're all well aware of the problems.

It's understandable why there seems to be this general feeling of malaise.

I've always been one of those "the glass is half full" kind of guys. In every dark cloud I'm the one looking for the silver lining.

Like everyone else, I'm looking for the answers.

And while I'm upset about a lot of the things taking place in Washington and Austin, I refuse to sit on my hands.

This past week was the national observance of Sunshine in Government Week. We, along with newspapers throughout the country, published numerous stories relating to the ongoing struggle by the media to ensure our governments conduct public business in an open and transparent manner.

Not surprisingly, despite campaign promises for transparent government made by nearly every elected official — including President Barack Obama — our governments are moving in the opposite direction.

Earlier this week we published a series of stories on proposed legislation in Austin that would reduce and/or eliminate government entities in Texas from having to publish public notices under the guise of reducing spending.

On the surface, it may seem like an innocuous piece of legislation that could have a positive impact on the taxpayers.

From a fiscal standpoint, the legislation is absolutely pointless, as most government entities spend less than 1/100th of 1 percent of their annual budgets on publishing public notices.

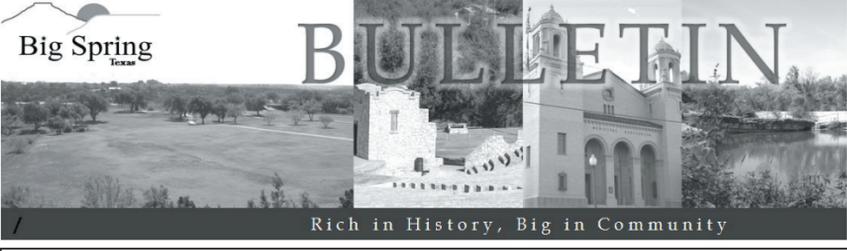
The legislation would, however, make it more difficult for the general public to find out about the public business that is being conducted by the entities in Texas communities. The proposed legislation would also do away with the certification process and publishers' affidavits proving public notices were filed according to the law.

During testimony in the Texas Legislature, Keith Elkins of the Freedom of Information Institute of Texas stressed to lawmakers that by publishing public notices, "There is proof of verification by an independent source. You don't have a fox guarding the henhouse kind of thing."

If you don't think that will happen by allowing government entities to publish notices on their own website — or a third party contracted site out of jurisdiction — the comments made by Cedar Park purchasing manager Cindy Hallet made what little hair I have stand on end.

In her testimony urging to do away with the publishing of public notices requirement in local newspapers for the government bidding process, Hallet said: "As a steward of my citi-

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Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Juan Rodriguez Jr. on his retirement. Juan has given the City of Big Spring 25 years of dedication and hard work. Thanks for your commitment to the City and best wishes on your retirement.



Community Job Fair

SWCID Campus is hosting a job fair open to all community job seekers. It will be on April 19, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The address for The SWCID Activity Center is located on 3200 Avenue C, in Big Spring.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 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.

Kid Print!

Create a kit to keep your child safe! The Big Spring Police Department will be giving out Kid Print kits at the Community Health Fair on April 9th from 8 am-1 pm which include fingerprints and a photograph of your child. The Health Fair will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and for more information, on Kid Print please call Wayne Jones at (432) 264-2571.

BSPA Spring Fling

The Big Spring Police Association will be hosting a Spring Fling, a 100 mile Poker Run, to benefit the Blue Santa Program. The cost is 20 dollars per bike and 10 dollars per passenger. The Spring Fling will be on April 30; registration is a 9 a.m. and the first bike will out at 9:15 a.m. The bike run will start and finish at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Pay your water bill or traffic ticket online at www.mybigspring.com

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News in brief

4 dead in crash of small plane

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say four people are dead after a fiery crash of a test aircraft at Roswell airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration says two pilots and two flight test engineers were aboard the Gulfstream G-6 plane when it went down about 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says the plane was practicing takeoffs and landings. He says it had just taken off when it rolled and slammed into the runway.

He says the plane's gear collapsed and the craft burst into flames.

There were no immediate reports of any other injuries.

Lunsford says the plane was owned by Georgia-based Gulfstream but it's not immediately known whether the four victims were employed by the company.

Columbia University votes to end 4-decade ROTC ban

NEW YORK (AP) — Student and faculty leaders at Columbia University have voted to welcome the military's ROTC program back to campus four decades after it was banned during the Vietnam War peace movement.

The University Senate voted 51 to 17 with one person abstaining Friday to "explore mutually beneficial relationships with the armed forces of the United States, including participation in the programs of the Reserve Officers Training Corps."

The vote was reported in The New York Times. Columbia is the latest in a string of Ivy League schools to consider overtures to ROTC following the repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which many universities considered discriminatory.

Harvard University officials announced last month that they would formally recognize the Naval ROTC 40 years after the program was banned, and Yale and Brown universities are considering lifting their bans. ROTC has units at more than 300 campuses nationwide.

2 arrested in beating of 73-year-old crossing guard

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police have arrested two Michigan parents they say beat a 73-year-old school crossing guard after he tried to break up a fight between their son and another 7-year-old boy.

Lt. Noel Garcia tells the Lansing State Journal the boys were involved in an altercation at Lyons Elementary School on Wednesday. Garcia says the next morning the parents drove to the area, let out their son and told him to beat the other boy.

Garcia says the couple's 7-year-old punched the other child, knocking him to the ground. When the crossing guard intervened, Garcia says the couple attacked him.

The State Journal says the parents were arrested Friday and are expected to be arraigned Monday on charges of assault or assault and battery and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Japan PM visits tsunami-hit towns for first time; more radioactive water leaks at nuke plant

RIKUZENTAKATA, Japan (AP) — Japan's prime minister surveyed the damage in a town gutted by a massive tsunami, as officials said Saturday that highly radioactive water was leaking into the sea from the nuclear plant stricken by the disaster.

The Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex has been spewing radioactivity since March 11, when a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and ensuing wave knocked out power, disabling cooling systems and allowing radiation to seep out of the overheating reactors.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan went to the plant and flew over the tsunami-damaged coast soon after the wave hit, but Saturday was the first time he set foot in one of the pulverized towns.

Dressed in the blue work clothes that have become almost a uniform for officials, Kan stopped in Rikuzentakata, where the town hall is one of the few buildings still standing. All its windows are blown out and a tangle of metal and other debris is piled in front of it.

The prime minister bowed his head for a minute of silence in front of the building. He met with the town's mayor, whose 38-year-old wife was swept away in the wave and is still missing. Officials fear about 25,000 people may have been killed, many of whose bodies have not been found.

Afghan official: 5 die, 46 wounded in Quran burning protest

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — At least five Afghan civilians died and scores of others were wounded Saturday in southern Afghanistan during a protest against a Florida church's burning of the Muslim holy book, the latest in a wave of new violence

sweeping the nation.

In the capital, two suicide attackers disguised as women blew themselves up and a third was gunned down Saturday morning when they tried to enter a NATO base on the outskirts of Kabul, NATO and Afghan police said. That attack came a day after Afghans protesting the Quran burning stormed a U.N. compound in northern Afghanistan, leaving seven foreigners dead.

The desecration of the Quran has outraged millions of Muslims and others worldwide. The Rev. Terry Jones' small church, Dove Outreach Center, threatened to destroy a copy of the holy book last year. The pastor backed down but the church went through with the burning last month.

Wayne Sapp, a pastor at the church called the events "tragic," but said he did not regret the actions of his church.

"I in no way feel like our church is responsible for what happened," Sapp said in a telephone interview on Friday.

Passengers say sound like gunfire when hole tore in plane's fuselage, forcing Ariz. landing

PHOENIX (AP) — One passenger said it was a "real quick blast, like a gun." Another called it "pandemonium." Still another described watching a flight attendant and another passenger pass out, their heads striking the seats in front of them as they lost consciousness.

Federal officials said it was a "fuselage rupture" — a large hole on the top of the Boeing 737 — that led to a loss of cabin pressure and a terrifying but "controlled descent" from 36,000 feet to an emergency landing at a military base in the Arizona desert.

No serious injuries were reported among the 118 aboard, according to Southwest Airlines, and the FBI said it was a "mechanical failure," not an act of terror or other foul play. The cause of the hole was not immediately known.

Passenger Brenda Reese said Flight 812 had just left Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport for Sacramento, Calif., when a "gunshot-like sound" woke her up. She said oxygen masks dropped for passengers and flight attendants as the plane dove.

Ian Gregor, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman in Los Angeles, said the pilot "made a rapid, controlled descent from 36,000 feet to 11,000 feet altitude."

His safe emergency landing at a military base in Yuma, about 150 miles southwest of Phoenix, drew applause from relieved passengers.

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zens' tax dollars, which I take very seriously, if I have a contract that's going to be over \$50,000, I don't necessarily want your mom and pop business ..."

Huh? A government bureaucrat doesn't want to put notices in the

paper because she doesn't want local businesses bidding on the contract?

Believe it or not, this was a comment made during open testimony before a Legislative committee.

Give me a break.

When a government contract is awarded to a local business, that money stays in the community and has tremendous economic impact, unlike contracts that are awarded outside of the community where, in many cases, very little of those local tax dollars remain.

Making it more difficult for the public — as well as Ms. Hallet's "mom and pop" local companies — to know what business is being conducted in our government entities is a giant leap in the wrong direction.

And if you don't think people read the legal notices in the local newspaper, try answering my phone for a week.

A few years ago the county published a legal notice in the paper before the newsroom had received our agenda packet. At that time, the news pages

were built before the ads were placed on the page, and no one in the newsroom had a chance to see the ad until after the paper had been printed.

Within a half hour of the paper hitting the street, my phone was ringing off the hook, each angry caller giving me an earful about how wrong it was for the county commissioners to vote themselves a \$10,000 pay raise.

When I received the first call, I had no idea what the caller was talking about. I knew we hadn't written a story about the issue and at that time we hadn't received our advance agenda packet. When the caller told me the pay raise was listed as an agenda item posted in our paper's legal notices, I grabbed a copy of the paper to read the notice. It was more than two hours later before my phone

stopped ringing long enough to start calling the commissioners and get the story for the next day's edition.

Am I angry about the lack of transparency in government?

Absolutely.

I am a firm believer that public business should be done in public.

We need more sunshine and openness. It is wrong to allow our governments to hide behind lame excuses for refusing to release documents when Freedom of Information Act requests have been filed and it is most certainly asinine that our lawmakers are even considering new legislation that allows government business to be conducted even further out of the public's eye.

While I don't have the answers to solve all of the problems in Austin and Washington, I honestly believe if government opens the doors and lets the sun shine on their deliberations and actions, this feeling of malaise might just lift off of the populous.

By governing in the full light of day, maybe, just maybe, the government may actually let the people become part of finding the solutions instead of passing intrusive legislation our leaders feel we need because we are not capable of taking care of ourselves.

I know, I'm a "glass is half full" kind of guy. But I've studied enough history to know that approach has worked before. While I would like to believe that everyone who initially runs for public office does so for noble reasons, in nearly three decades of experience as a working journalist, it is becoming more apparent to me that Lord Acton's observations were right on the mark: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My husband and I own a business together that would collapse if we divorced. The business is starting to prosper after several years of debt and difficulties.

At this point, we cannot afford to rock the boat, as we surely would not survive financially. We also have two teenagers at home, and the eldest has proved to be challenging.

Six years ago, I made plans to leave my husband, but financial catastrophe hit. I decided then to postpone the divorce and made up my mind to wait until our kids are out of the house.

But it isn't working. I pretend everything is OK and hope that if I act the part, the rest will follow suit, but the emptiness is always there. I am constantly daydreaming, living in my head and



KATHY MITCHELL
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waiting for the day I get out.

It is another three years until the youngest goes to college. It seems like a life sentence. What should I do? — *Trapped*

Dear Trapped: Have you attempted counseling? If not, please try it before spending three years being miserable. When kids believe they live in a stable, loving home, it is usually better for them, so we understand and admire your decision to stay. But it is not going to be easy.

You can make things more tolerable for yourself by getting involved in activities that will get you out of the house more often, occupying your time and allowing you to focus on more pleasant things.

And since you do not know what the condition of your business will be in three years, please see a lawyer about maintaining an amicable professional relationship if you separate from your husband. It can be done.

Dear Annie: My granddaughter insists that the first three numbers of one's Social Security number represent the state in which you were born.

I say that prior to 1972, those first three numbers (the area numbers) were assigned based on the state in which a person first applied for a Social Security card. Who is right? — *Golden Oldie Grandma*

Dear Grandma: You are. According to the Social Security Administration, prior to 1972, cards were issued locally and the area number represented the state in which the card was issued, whether or not the applicant lived there.

Since 1972, cards have

been issued centrally from Baltimore and the area number is based on the zip code of the mailing address provided on the application. Again, the mailing address doesn't have to match the place of residence. Where you were born has no direct bearing on those first three numbers. (Thanks for an interesting question.)

Dear Annie: This is for "Tired of Walking on Eggshells," the woman who thinks it is rude that her daughter-in-law speaks only Russian to her parents.

I have been married for 35 years to a man from another country, and whose language I know little of. My mother-in-law and my husband's sisters speak with one another in their own language.

I had determined from the beginning that I was not going to be paranoid about what they were discussing. One time, they apologized for carrying on in their language when I couldn't follow.

I replied that it was natural for them to speak to each other in their native tongue. My mother and I do the same thing.

I took no offense. The main thing was how I was treated — and I was always treated well. "Tired" should make it her business to learn a few key phrases in Russian so she can follow some of the conversation.

I did that, and we would all giggle at my mispronunciations and misunderstandings.

Attitude is everything in dealing with in-laws. She should consider this an opportunity to demonstrate to her son the love and respect she has for his wife and her heritage. — *J.D. in St. Louis (and Sometimes India)*

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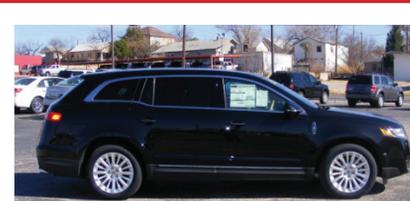
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Serna leads HC to sweep



Effort in relief key as Hawks down MC

By **STEVE REAGAN**
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Sandra Serna re-defined the term "long relief" Friday.

Serna, a freshman from Albuquerque, N.M., came on in emergency situations twice to help lead the Howard College Hawks to a 9-8, 5-0 sweep of Midland College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball action Friday at Foundation Field.

The wins kept the Hawks atop the WJCAC standings with a 6-0 league mark (24-12 overall), while Midland fell to 4-2 in league play. The two teams continued their series with a doubleheader in Midland Saturday.

In Friday's first game, Serna took the pitcher's circle in the third inning with Howard staring at a 7-0 deficit, and allowed only one run the rest of the way. Then, in the

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard pitcher Sandra Serna goes through her windup during the Hawks' doubleheader sweep of Midland College Friday at Foundation Field.

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Hawks split with Western

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

It was a classic case of good news and bad news for the Howard College Hawks Friday.

The good news is that they rode home runs from Tyler Collins and Nathan Burns and solid pitching from Michael Franco and Josh Walker to a 4-2 victory over Western Texas College in the first game of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader Friday.

The bad news is that all the good news evaporated in the second game, as WTC erased a two-run deficit in the ninth inning to take a 9-8 victory over the Hawks. The teams resumed their series with a doubleheader in Snyder Saturday.

Friday's split left the Hawks with a record of 22-10 overall and 9-5 in WJCAC play, while WTC has an overall record of 24-12 and 10-8 in league action.

Howard Coach Britt Smith said mistakes plagued the Hawks all

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College left fielder Tyler Collins makes a diving catch for an out during the Hawks' doubleheader with Western Texas College Friday.

BSHS tracksters roll at Seminole

Herald Staff Report

SEMINOLE — The Big Spring High School track teams kept to their winning ways Friday, sweeping the boys' and girls' divisions at the Indian Relays.

The Lady Steers delivered a dominating performance, scoring 217.5 points to win their division by more than 80 points over runner-up Leveland.

"It was about what I expected," BSHS Coach Nick Roberson said. "We had some personal best times at the meet ... and the girls are starting to peak at the right time."

Leading the way for the Lady Steers were the relay squads — BSHS swept all three events, taking the 400-meter relay in a time of 48.5, the 800-meter relay in a time of 1:44.34 and the 1,600-meter relay in a time of 4:12.90.

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Sports calendar

SATURDAY

Baseball — Howard College at Western Texas College (DH), noon, Snyder.
Baseball — Coahoma at Post, noon.
Softball — Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m., Midland.
Softball — Coahoma at Post, noon.

MONDAY

Golf — Garden City and Sands at District 10-1A tournament, Big Spring Country Club.
Golf — Coahoma and Forsan at District 3-2A tournament, Comanche Trail Golf Course.

To submit a calendar item, contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

In brief

District 5-3A golf tournament date moved

The second leg of the District 3-5A boys' golf tournament, originally scheduled for Monday, will be held Wednesday at Big Spring Country Club.

The date was moved because of scheduling conflicts at the country club, officials announced.

Big Spring currently is in first place after one round of the district tournament. The Steers shot a team total of 308 during the first round, 10 strokes better than second-place Abilene Wylie.

Blake Brorman had a team-best 68 for BSHS.

CGA tournament set for April 10

The Chicano Golf Association will host an individual play tournament April 10 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is set for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and a 9:30 a.m. signup deadline.

Fee is \$20 per person.

For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at 935-0410.

Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit

the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held April 16-17 at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble.

Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned. The field will be flighted after the first round.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight.

Entry fee is \$75 per person plus a \$22 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website (www.hchawk.com), under the Cheerleading tab.

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538 or hallred@howardcollege.edu.

Area roundup

Lady Steers fall to Alpine

MONAHANS — Very little went right for the Big Spring Lady Steers Friday, as they dropped a 14-2 decision to Alpine in non-district softball action.

The Lady Steers took a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning, but that soon evaporated under a barrage of Alpine runs.

"We just had too many errors ... and at times, we acted like we didn't want to be out there," BSHS Coach John Sparks said. "We did OK in the first inning, but after that, it was over."

Big Spring returns to action Tuesday at Sweetwater. Game time is 5 p.m.

Andrews blanks Steers

ANDREWS — The Andrews Mustangs lived up to

their billing as one of the area's top Class 3A teams as they shut out the Big Spring Steers 13-0 in non-district baseball action Friday.

Big Spring's Jarred Doportto was tagged with the loss as the Mustangs erupted for five runs in the bottom of the first, then added four runs in each of the next two innings to secure the victory.

"Andrews is a good team, just like everyone in our district," BSHS Coach Burt Otto said. "We're just struggling right now. We can't seem to put it all together."

The Steers return to District 5-3A action Tuesday when they travel to Sweetwater. Game time is 7 p.m.

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day Friday.

"We played pretty poorly on defense all day and we were fortunate to win the first game," Smith said. "Then we had a two-run lead in

the ninth inning (of the second game) and gave it away. We got back to within one run in the bottom of the ninth, and we had the bases loaded with one out, but we just didn't get it done."

In Friday's first game, Franco struggled at times, but was able to battle through the

tough times. He finished the day with six strikeouts while issuing four walks and surrendering five hits in five innings of work. Walker pitched two innings of scoreless relief to earn the save.

"Franco wasn't sharp at all, which is unusual for him," Smith said. "But he competed and

kept us in the game. Sometimes, you've got to do that. You're not always going to have your best stuff."

With the score tied 1-1 in the bottom of the third, the Hawks provided Franco and Walker with all the runs they needed on the homers from Collins and Burns.

Forsan tops C-City

FORSAN — Foster Burchett limited Colorado City to four hits as the Forsan Buffaloes took a 6-2 victory in District 3-2A baseball action Friday.

The Buffaloes broke a 1-1 tie by scoring two runs in both the third and fourth innings, and Burchett — with relief help from his brother, Trevor, was able to make that lead hold up.

"We played a solid, all-around game," Forsan Coach Jason Phillips said. "Foster and Trevor both pitched well and we put the ball in play well enough to win. Any time you can score six runs in a district game, that's always good."

The Buffaloes return to action Tuesday when they travel to Coahoma to face the Bulldogs in a Howard County showdown. Game time is 7 p.m.

Western	100 010 0	—	2	7	1
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W — Franco;	L — Cunningham;	SV — Walker;	2B — Western (Studer);	HR — Howard (Collins, Burns).	

GAME 2					
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Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

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Big Spring had some fine individual performances as well. Desiree Anderson took first place in the 100-meter dash with a personal best time of 12.1 seconds, while Donisha McGee and Chanel Cuviello were third and fourth, respectively.

Carson Riebe had the winning time in the 300-meter

hurdles, crossing the finish line in 49.61 seconds, while April Turner was tops in the 200-meter dash in a time of 26.05. They were joined in the winner's circle by Andi DeLeon (who won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:01.63) and Jaycee Williams, who took first in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:33.31.

The Lady Steers also shined in the field events. Bianca Ryle won the shot put with a distance of 31 feet, 9.25 inches, while Cerbi Ritchey took

gold in the discus with a toss of 116 feet and Bridget Tuitt won the long jump with a distance of 18-2.75.

With the District 5-3A meet two weeks away, Roberson said his team is appearing to be rounding into shape at exactly the right time.

"I'm happy we're staying the course," he said. "They're not getting complacent, they're staying humble and they know that if they want to win district, they have to stay focused — and it will be a

heck of a fight at district between us, Abilene Wylie and Brownwood."

The district meet will be held April 12-13 in Snyder.

Big Spring's boys also won their division, paced by their relay squads, who swept their three events.

Individually, the Steers were led by Mike Menefield, who took first place in the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter dash.

While pleased with his team's performance, BSHS

Coach Mitch Woodard said there is still room for improvement.

"They're not quite where I'd like them yet," Woodard said. "I'd like for them to reach their optimal performance level around time for the regional meet. I think we still need to get better. The kids are still growing."

The Steers will participate in a practice meet Wednesday in San Angelo before heading to the District 5-3A meet April 12-13 in Snyder.

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nightcap, she pitched four innings in relief of injured starter Salina Mitchell and limited Midland to three hits.

"We couldn't have asked for anything more from her," Howard Coach Kelly Raines said. "They weren't able to really hit anything that hard off of her ...

She was definitely the MVP for the day."

After falling behind in the first game, Howard got two runs back in its half of the third when Olive Naotala belted a two-run home run, and the Hawks began steadily chipping away at their deficit from there.

They picked up two more runs in the fourth, courtesy of an RBI single from Lana Dominguez and a Midland error, then tacked on two

more runs in the fifth on a run-scoring double from Naotala and a RBI single from Dominguez before tying the game at 7-all in the sixth when Carlynn Teichmann scored on another MC error.

The score remained knotted into extra innings. In their half of the eighth, the Chaparrals notched a run when Hannah Raubolt's single brought home Kayla Parra.

But the Hawks responded with a two-run double to left field by Andrea Gutierrez in their half of the inning to close out the game.

"We had a couple of errors early, and Midland was hitting the ball pretty well, so I made a change," Raines said. "We went with Sandra and she shut them down."

Serna was called on once again in the nightcap after Mitchell was hit on the elbow by a pitch in the third inning and, once again, she provided sterling relief, pitching out of a bases-

loaded jam in the fifth to preserve the shutout.

Alexis Beltran provided the Hawks with all the runs they needed with a sacrifice fly that scored Faith Korja in the first inning, while Naotala clubbed another home run to provide the Hawks with some insurance.

"They did what the they needed to do on defense and were able to get a couple of runs, also, Raines said. "(The sweep) was definitely important, but now we have to go to Midland's place and try to win two games on the road."

The Hawks return to action Friday when they travel to Snyder to take on Western Texas College in a doubleheader that begins at 1 p.m.

GAME 1					
Midland	421 000 01	—	8	12	1
Howard	002 221 02	—	9	14	2
W — Serna;	L — Kamaka;	2B — Midland (Kamaka);	Howard (Naotala, Gutierrez);	HR — Howard (Naotala).	

GAME 2					
Midland	000 000 0	—	0	3	2
Howard	102 110 x	—	5	8	1
W — Serna;	L — Losoya;	2B — Howard (Dominguez, Naotala);	HR — Howard (Naotala).		

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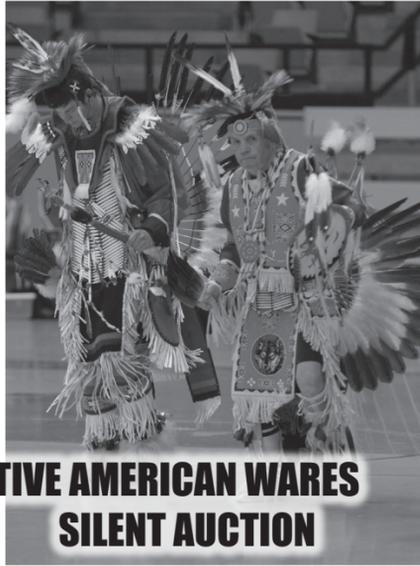
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Women's Final Four: Experience counts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — This is one year when Connecticut isn't the only team relying on experience in the women's Final Four.

Sure, the Huskies are two-time defending champions, but is there a point where the law of averages catches up? Consider:

— Just to get to the championship game, UConn will have to beat Big East rival Notre Dame for a fourth time this season, never an easy task.

— If they do that, they might have to play Stanford, which has four straight years of Final Four experience itself, plus confidence from beating UConn and snapping its 90-game winning streak earlier this year.

"I think that there's maybe a certain amount of more calmness. That's all I would say having gone back," said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer. "People know a little bit more what to expect."

None of that phases UConn coach Geno Auriemma.

"One thing is the absolute truth: There's only one team playing right now that knows how to win a national championship," he said. "Only a couple kids playing know how to win a national championship, and I'm fortunate to have them on my team."

One of those players is Maya Moore, a four-time All-American with 3,000 points and the key to the Huskies' unprecedented run over the past few seasons.

She's working on adding three-time national champion to that impressive resume.

"Where does she fit in among the great ones? Should we mention her name? I would say you're not going to be able to mention a lot of names before you get to her name," Auriemma said. "For sure, I'm certain of that."

UConn's first opponent is a familiar one: Notre Dame. The two teams played three times this season and the Irish hung with Connecticut in those games — including a three-point home loss in January.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw needs only to look across the bracket for inspiration since Texas A&M beat Baylor in the regional final

after falling to the Lady Bears three times this season.

"We will definitely reference Texas A&M; the fourth time's a charm," McGraw said. "I think it's going to be a mental hurdle to get over. It's difficult, I hope, to beat a team four times."

While her players lack Final Four experience, McGraw does not. Her Irish team won the national title in 2001 after knocking off UConn in the semifinals, but that was Notre Dame's last trip to the championship.

In that season, the Irish lost to Connecticut in the Big East title game on a last-second shot by Sue Bird.

Notre Dame already has erased one losing streak by topping Tennessee in the re-

gional final after dropping 20 straight to the Lady Vols.

Stanford has done only one thing recently in the Final Four — lose.

The Cardinal haven't won a title since 1992, and were beaten by Tennessee in 2008 and Connecticut last year.

"For Kayla and I and the other seniors, we're very focused coming into this Final Four," Stanford senior Jeanette Pohlen said, referring to Kayla Pedersen. "It's tough making it that far and not coming away with the national championship. I think it's motivating us even more and making us even more excited because we do know this is our last chance at it. We've gone this far. We're just going to give it all we have."

Defending AL champs open season with win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The defending American League champion Texas Rangers are already on the comeback trail.

Newcomer Mike Napoli quickly endeared himself to Rangers fans with a three-run homer and old favorite David Murphy delivered as a pinch-hitter with a tie-breaking two-run double as Texas rallied for a 9-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Like so many times while winning their first AL pennant a year ago, including the 2010 opener, the Rangers pulled off an exhilarating rally — this one after raising their championship flag.

"There isn't anything changed with those guys," manager Ron

Washington.

Napoli, who spent the last five seasons with the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels, put the Rangers up 5-4 with his homer in the fourth. After David Ortiz tied the game with a homer in the eighth, Napoli was on base in the bottom of that inning when Murphy hit a slicing liner off hard-throwing Daniel Bard.

"My first reaction was it was going to be foul," Murphy said. "Usually from that point, you see the ball tail off a little bit, but it stayed straight. ... I saw the chalk and kept running."

Napoli walked and Yorvit Torrealba singled before both newcomers ran home on Murphy's hit to break a 5-all tie. Elvis Andrus drove

Murphy home with a double before another double by AL MVP Josh Hamilton.

Bard said he threw the exact pitch he wanted to Murphy.

"Sinkers down and away. It was on the knees, outer black," Bard said. "He just barely got the bat to it. Three inches to the left and that's a foul ball, and we're having a different conversation."

While the Rangers are coming off the season of their first AL pennant, the Red Sox reloaded after missing the playoffs for only the second time in an eight-year span that included two World Series titles. They added a pair of All-Stars this winter in Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford.

Gonzalez, who came

in a trade from San Diego, had two hits and drove in three runs in his Boston debut. Crawford, who had played the past nine seasons in Tampa Bay, went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts while leaving a runner in scoring position each at-bat.

Napoli finished with two hits and scored twice for the Rangers, whose returning players will get their AL championship rings in pregame ceremony Saturday.

"When you're making your debut, that's what you want to do. It's a great feeling," Napoli said. "It's a good start. You don't want to start 0 for 3. When I got traded, I was happy to be with a winning team that went to the World Series."

The Angels had traded Napoli to Toronto in January, but four days later the Blue Jays shipped him to Texas for reliever Frank Francisco.

Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz also homered for the Rangers, whose opener came exactly five months after a Game 5 loss to San Francisco at home ended its first

World Series.

Darren Oliver, the third Texas reliever, got the victory even after the lefty allowed the homer to Ortiz, who had only one homer in April last season.

"We fought back. David hits that home run and it kind of changes the whole feeling in the dugout," manager Terry Francona said.

AP names Fredette top college hoops player

HOUSTON (AP) — Jimmer Fredette became a one-name star in his senior season at BYU.

Leading the country in scoring helped as did being on a team that spent the second half of the season ranked in the top 10.

On Friday, Fredette — excuse me; Jimmer — was selected The Associated Press' player of the year.

"It's been quite a ride and it's been a lot of fun and I wouldn't take anything back," Fredette said. "I had quite the career at BYU. There were a lot of ups and downs, but there were a lot more ups this year."

The Cougars won the Mountain West Conference regular-season title and lost to San Diego State in the tournament final. A No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament, they lost to Florida in overtime in the round of 16 and finished with a 32-5 record.

"I just knew right from the beginning we could have a very good year with the guys returning, and it was one of the most talented teams I've ever played on," said Fredette, who averaged 28.5 points. "Then we started to play well and beat Arizona, and I knew from there we could be a force. That's what happened because we stayed hungry all year, and that's what separated us from other teams."

Notre Dame's Mike Brey was selected the coach of the year as he

led the Fighting Irish to a second-place finish in the Big East and a No. 5 ranking in the final poll.

"The personality of this group was so stable whether it was a big win or a loss, they stayed stable," said Brey, who has been at Notre Dame for 11 seasons. "When they had great wins it didn't change them. When they had a tough loss it didn't change them. Stable is the word."

Fredette received 48 votes from the 65-member national media panel that selects the

weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Kemba Walker of Connecticut was second with 11 votes. Nolan Smith of Duke had five.

"To see Jimmer progress and become a leader of his team, that will be his basketball legacy," BYU coach Dave Rose said. "He is driven not just to be the best player he can, but it was how he helped his teammates to win. He always found a way. That's what I'll remember most."

Fredette is the first BYU player to win the

award and the first from the Mountain West since Andrew Bogut of Utah in 2005.

Next up for the 6-foot-3 Fredette is the NBA draft.

"I just feel like as long as I can get into the right situation I can be successful, but it's all about the situation," he said. "Hopefully when I get in that situation I'll prove that I can play and earn the respect of my teammates, coaches and general manager, everybody involved, and hopefully play well for them."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Perpetual Holdup

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
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♥ J 10 7 4
♦ K 10 7 4
♣ J 10 5 3

WEST EAST
♠ J 10 9 3 ♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ 8 6 2 ♥ A 5 3
♦ 5 3 2 ♦ A J 9
♣ 8 6 2 ♣ A 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 4
♥ K Q 9
♦ Q 8 6
♣ K Q 7

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣
Opening 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT

Pass jack — jack of spades.
This remarkable hand occurred in a team-of-four championship some years ago. East was Bill McWilliams, California expert, who had to make a highly unusual series of plays to defeat the contract.
West led the jack of spades against three notrump. Declarer took the jack with the queen and played the king of hearts, which held, and then played the queen of hearts,

which also held.
South thereupon shifted his attention to clubs, leading first the king and then the queen, and again McWilliams ducked twice. Next declarer led the queen of diamonds, and for the fifth time in succession, East refused to win the trick!

South was now at the end of his rope. There was no way he could escape the loss of a spade, a heart, a club and two diamonds, so he finished down one. Had McWilliams won any one of the five tricks he had refused, South would have made the contract.

Certainly this is one of the most extreme examples on record of the devastating effectiveness of a holdup play. It is not often that a defender must reject the opportunity to win five consecutive tricks — in three different suits — in order to defeat the contract.

Actually, McWilliams knew every high card in declarer's hand as soon as dummy came down, because South's two-notrump opening indicated 21 or 22 high-card points. Furthermore, McWilliams had to assume that declarer's only four-card suit was in spades — otherwise three notrump could not be stopped.

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VCU, Butler plan to get defensive

HOUSTON (AP)— That Butler and VCU proudly wear the same small-conference, lovable underdog label is readily apparent.

Less obvious is their shared devotion to the not-so-sexy practice of hard-nosed, aggressive defense — long a trademark of Butler's game but much more of a surprising late-season development from the running, gunning Rams.

"That's what's got us here. For five straight games, we've been playing great defense," VCU forward Jamie Skeen said Friday. "If we play great defense again against Butler, we can probably come out with the win."

Eighth-seeded Butler (27-9) plays VCU, which has gone from the "First Four" to the Final Four, in the national semifinals Saturday night.

"It's more of a challenge because you know everybody is looking at their defense, how good they are," VCU point guard Joey Rodriguez said. "We want to come out and try to prove to people we can play defense just as good as

them." Virginia Commonwealth (28-11) is a shooter's dream team, a roster full of guys who think they're in range as soon as the bus nears the arena. (It's no coincidence TV analyst Steve Kerr joined the Rams for a shooting contest during practice at last weekend's Southwest Regional.)

The Rams have launched 895 3-pointers this year — no, that's not a misprint — and are shooting an unbelievable 44 percent from long range just in the NCAA tournament. They've finished with 12 3s in three of their first five games, with Brandon Rozzell making six on his own against Georgetown and Bradford Burgess doing the same against Florida State.

But don't mistake VCU for the Globetrotters. The Rams are not exactly Wisconsin wannabes, ranking 238th (out of 336 teams) in field goal defense and 134th in scoring defense. They're 298th in rebounding margin. Yet they're in the Final Four because they shut down Southern California, George-

town, Purdue and Florida State before manhandling top-seeded Kansas.

The Jayhawks, once the top-ranked team in the country, managed just 61 points while shooting 35.5 percent overall and 9.5 percent from 3-point range, all season lows. After not trailing by more than two points the entire tournament, Kansas was down by 17 before halftime.

Overall, Virginia Commonwealth is allowing an average of 62 points in the tournament, almost five fewer than their season average. They're holding opponents to 39 percent shooting, well below their season average of 44 percent.

"They keep teams off balance," said Matt Howard, Butler's leading scorer and rebounder. "You have to be prepared for multiple looks. They're going to press. They'll play a little bit of zone. Then they also have a good man-to-man. I think when you're really scoring the ball really well, too, that gives you energy defensively. I think you can make an argument

they've scored as well as anybody.

"When you're able to score and get into those different defenses, I think that really helps their defense."

If anyone knows that, it's Butler.

The Bulldogs are one of the soundest fundamental teams in the game — these are the guys who play in the gym where "Hoosiers" was filmed, after all. They can shoot, and they do it quite well. Howard shoots almost 49 percent, while Andrew Smith is averaging almost 9 points a game on 62 percent shooting.

But they came within 2 points of the championship last year thanks to downright nasty defense. Butler shut down K-State's Jacob Pullen in the regional final, hounding him into 4-of-13 shooting and four turnovers. It harassed Michigan State into 16 turnovers in the Final Four and allowed zero — zip, zilch, nada — fast-break points.

And when the Bulldogs' season was on the verge of slipping away this year with three straight losses and four

in five games, it was defense, not offense, that turned things around.

"We really focused on the defensive end of the floor," Howard said. "We weren't guarding the way we normally had, and I think that was really important for us to get back to that."

Butler now has won 13 straight, best of any of the Final Four teams. It is giving up a measly 59.6 points on average during the stretch, almost eight points better than its average through the first 23 games of the season. Only two teams have managed to get 70 or more off Butler during the streak.

The Bulldogs also out-rebounded Old Dominion, the nation's best team on the glass, 32-29 in the second round.

"Butler is probably the toughest defensive team we'll face all year," Burgess said.

That's saying something, considering VCU played Florida State, which leads the country in field goal defense, in the Southwest Regional semifinal.

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Calipari, Calhoun to match wits

HOUSTON (AP)— Nobody will dispute that they are great coaches, and the latest evidence lies in the teams they guided to this year's Final Four.

Nobody will argue that John Calipari and Jim Calhoun are saints, either.

The men on the sidelines for the Kentucky-Connecticut Final Four matchup have had their share of trouble — with each other, the programs they run and the NCAA.

They are a microcosm of everything that's right and wrong in college basketball — a coach-driven game where good leaders can elevate programs and players to new levels but the road to success often produces its fair share of cringeworthy dealing.

Calipari leads the fourth-seeded Wildcats (29-8) against Calhoun and the third-seeded Huskies (30-9) in the second semifinal Saturday. Both coaches coaxed a

turnaround out of their young, struggling teams to make unexpected trips to the game's biggest stage — the third for Calipari and fourth for Calhoun.

On the eve of the game, their histories were as lively a topic as the success of their teams.

One of the first questions Calipari fielded Friday was whether he is the 2000's version of former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, a coach who did a lot of winning in his day but did it with his phone number firmly entrenched on the NCAA's speed dial.

The question slid off the Wildcats coach as smoothly as good Kentucky bourbon.

"I respect everything that Jerry did — his kids, how they played, all those things," Calipari said. "But, no, I think I'm the 2011 John Calipari. I don't know what that means, and I hate to talk in the third party. But I am who I am."

Unlike Calhoun, Calipari has no qualms about how many of his players have had startlingly brief college careers and, indeed, views that as something of a feather in his cap. He recruits the best players, replaces them just as quickly — goodbye John Wall, hello Brandon Knight — and gets them to accept different,

sometimes uncomfortable roles to come together as a team.

He is back in Houston, where three years ago he won two games at the regional to lead Memphis to the Final Four, only to leave that school a year later, just as the program was running into NCAA problems involving the recruitment of Derrick Rose.

Calipari's first Final Four visit, with Massachusetts back in 1996, also has been scrubbed by the NCAA. Which led to another tongue-in-cheek question: How does it feel to be coaching in your first Final Four?

"I don't deal with that," said the 52-year-old coach, who spent four years in the NBA between his stints at UMass and Memphis. "We've been here three times. Those players played those games and did what they were supposed to. I'm so proud of what they've all accomplished."

The so-called problems between Cal and Cal began during those UMass days, when the coaches were on top of each other in neighboring states — one trying to protect his turf and the other trying to carve out his own. Things got testy during the recruitment of Marcus Camby, who wound up choosing UMass and whose issues there eventually landed the school on probation.

Both coaches acknowledged the relationship got off to a rough start.

"I mean, the northeast, you're so tight, you're right on top of each other, that it is a competitive environment," Calipari said. "Our radio shows and television shows are in each other's states, in our cities. That's how it is there."

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Students competed in six main events: bronc riding, milking, flag relay, bull riding and poles. The students weren't the only ones competing, as special guests Miss Rodeo Texas, Miss Rodeo Texas Princess and other special guests took part in different events.

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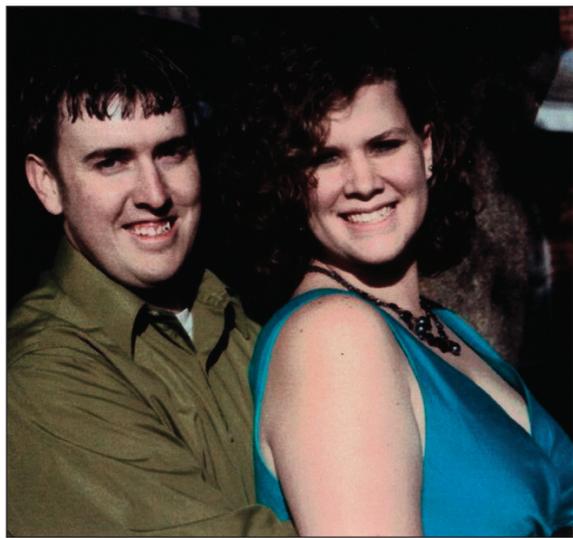
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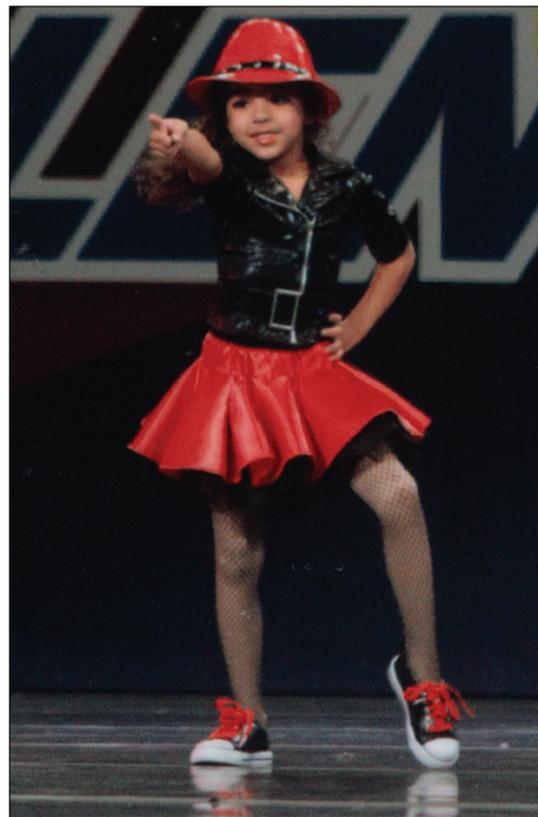
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Parks of Brownwood, formally of Brady, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittney Dee Parks to Jacob Taylor Bosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bosh of Green River, Wyo.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. James Fryar of Coahoma and Mr. and Mrs. George Parks of Ft. Stockton.

Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Wagemann of Burley, Idaho.

The couple plans a July 30, 2011, garden wedding at Christies of Genesee in Golden, Colo.

Cole receives platinum award in Dallas Revolution Talent Competition



R'Lonie Cole received a platinum award for her dance routine at the Revolution Talent Competition in Dallas.

She also received a first place trophy in the 5 to 8-year-old hip-hop category.

R'Lonie takes dance

lessons at the Dance Gallery, under the direction of Stevi McKinnon and Nadia Garcia.

R'Lonie is five years old and has been receiving dance lessons for two years. She attends school at Lakeview Head Start. She is the daughter of Shayna Sherman and Marcus Cole.

She is the granddaughter of Brenda and Dennis Cole, Cecil and Dafna Sherman and Toma and William Hale. Great-granddaughter of Helen and Ronnie Richardson.

Birth

Michael and Lisa Martinez of Surprise, Ariz., announce the arrival of their daughter Milena Lu Martinez.

She was 6 pounds 15 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. She was born Feb. 14, 2011, at Del E Webb in Surprise, Ariz.

Her maternal grandparents are Rudy and Lupe Hernandez and great-grandparents are Arturo and Linda Hernandez. Paternal grandparents are Felix and Linda Martinez and Diana Arlacon and great-grandparents are Helen Martinez and Willie and MaryLou Rangel.

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Dan Conley, a long-time Big Spring educator who was involved in writing the BSHS school song, served as band director and vocal music director in his early years with Big Spring Independent School District.

The grant winner must be a BSHS student or recent graduate who completes a project that improves, cleans up and/or beautifies an area within the city of Big Spring.

The student will plan, organize and supervise the project, using some of the grant funds or otherwise donated materials and labor.

The student will also be required to keep pictorial and written documentation of the work as it progresses. The documentation will be consolidated into booklet form to be entered in a Keep Texas Beautiful state competition at a later date.

Entry forms are available from the Student Services Office of Big Spring High School.

All entries must be returned to the Student Services Office by April 30.

For more information contact Keep Big Spring Beautiful member Janell Davis at 267-5745.

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Hungry and cold with a tired little pet
Tattered and lonely and lost and upset
Sometimes it's raining and gets them all wet
Sometimes we don't even know they're a vet

World War II or Korea, Vietnam or Gulf War
Now the young ones are showing up injured and poor
Their minds are amiss and don't work anymore
Their dreams are cluttered with unspeakable horror

They struggle with substances, struggle with drink
They self-medicate so they don't have to think
They can't readjust so they lose everything
They can't function and feel they have nothing to bring

They're dirty and sometimes have only each other
The only thing they can do is reach out to a brother
We send them, then act like they do not exist
We never learn, and their problems persist

We walk right by them on our way to the show
We step over them in a hurry to go
We never make eye contact, never look back
Ignore that they're human while turning our backs

We may not be cursing or slapping their face
Or spitting when they have returned from some place
But what we don't do speaks volumes, like what we don't say
And we should not be more ashamed than today

And all too often this leads to a very dark place
As they slide down a one way spiral staircase
They give up on others, they give up on giving
They give up on themselves, they give up on living

And we're safe with our own little house and our yard
And when faced with the truth, we try not to think hard
And every day that's gone by, another veteran's planned
Just how he'll die by his very own hand

*Kay G. Arthur
Big Spring citizen and veteran*

Justin Lindsey's research shines at the state Capitol



► Menu

COAHOMA ISD

Monday: Breakfast: waffles, sausage, syrup, apple juice, milk. Lunch: homemade burrito, chip, baby carrots, pears, milk, corn dog.
Tuesday: Breakfast: pop tarts, ham, grape juice, milk. Lunch: deli turkey, cheese, potatoes, oranges, bread, milk, burritos.
Wednesday: Breakfast: sweetened rice, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: nacho grande, ranch beans, apples, chocolate cake, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, variety juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty, gravy, rolls, cream potatoes, pineapple, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on stick, variety juice, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger pockets, baked beans, oranges, milk. Hot pockets.

FORSAN ISD

Monday: Breakfast: poptart, juice, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger, veggies, funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: fish, mac and cheese, cooked carrots, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, corn on the cob, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: burrito, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cinnamon apples, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: cereal variety, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, green beans, hot roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Breakfast: sunrise bites or cinnamon superstix,

assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, baby carrots, ranch dressing, rosy apple-sauce, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, garden salad, ranch dressing, corn, apricots, roll, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: beef taco, border beans, lettuce/tomato salad, mandarin oranges, salsa, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: pizza bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: hot dog on bun, mac and cheese, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: pancake on stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: chicken and beef fajitas, tortillas/Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce/tomatoes/cheese, mixed fruit with pineapples, milk.
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Wednesday: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, bread pudding, milk.
Thursday: chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, blacked-eyes peas, cornbread, pie, milk/V8 juice.
Friday: barbecue sausage cuts, ranch style beans, potato salad, cornbread, fruit cocktail, milk.

One undergraduate has not only received a stipend from the new UTPB Undergraduate Research Program, but he was invited to present his project on Feb. 14 during Capitol Research Day in Austin.

Justin Lindsey of Big Spring had studied terrorism in a class taught by Dr. Derek Catsam, researched the effects of the July 7, 2005, bombings in London and how the attacks on three tube stations and one bus changed the way those crimes are viewed.

Last fall, his mentor, Dr. Catsam, associate professor of history, suggested he apply for the new campus-wide research program administered by Dr. Diane Post, associate professor of biology.

Justin was one of 20 UTPB undergraduates selected for their independent research projects. He gets paid \$500 for this work that will be presented to the campus in April.

His study of the terrorist plot covered new angles that perhaps helped his abstract be chosen as one of 85 entries from 51 Texas Colleges and Universities, as the lone presenter from UTPB.

Justin's poster, titled "7-7: The Evolution of a Terrorist Attack" was set up in a room off the Capitol rotunda and it was viewed by legislators, advisors, university presidents and faculty. He focused on the inquest of the attacks themselves, profiling terrorists when there are no connections and reporting on the mortality of victims surrounding the suicide bombers.

In May, Justin will be the first in his family to graduate from college, and he plans to stay at UTPB for his master's degree in history. He is already student teaching at Big Spring High School (10th grade U.S. History) and at the junior high (8th grade U.S. History).

He was home schooled and has an interest in film which has taken him from Odessa College to Midland College and will propel him eventually toward a doctorate.

One day, Justin Lindsey hopes to teach history and film at the university level. Perhaps he will become known for his documentaries on historic events.

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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.

March Madness, indeed. It was another rough week for the bulls. Equity markets fell sharply from the opening bell on Monday in response to the natural disaster in Japan before recovering roughly two-thirds of their losses by the close. Volume was surprisingly light. Action Tuesday was similar, although more frantic, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell nearly 300 points before gaining ground on reports later in the session that progress had possibly been made in stabilizing the damaged Japanese nuclear reactors.

Playing well into our “madness” theme, on Wednesday we noted a slight change in the market’s personality. As stocks failed to rebound from their lows, volume again reached a three-week high, and the VIX volatility indicator jumped 20 percent as dire warnings that efforts were failing to stabilize the Fukushima reactors held sway over the trading session.

But by Thursday, equities regained their footing as the bulls celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with green stock quote screens. Fears of a nuclear meltdown in Japan faded, somewhat, and reports of coordinated G-7 intervention to halt the yen’s rise surfaced, stocks posted a relief rally, with the Dow trading up nearly 160 points on relatively light volume.

Stocks rallied further Friday (Dow up 83) points on hopeful signs that power might soon be restored to the crippled reactors in Japan, news of dividend hikes by major banks, and reports of a ceasefire in Libya. When the dust settled Friday, the Dow posted a decline of 183 points (-1.5 percent) for the week; the Standard & Poor’s 500 fell 25 points (-1.9 percent), and the NASDAQ declined 71 points (-2.6 percent).

Over the weekend, there were a slew of positive developments, most notably that the nuclear crisis in Japan “is on the verge of stabilizing,” according to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Air strikes in Libya have apparently successfully established a no-fly zone against Colonel Qaddafi’s forces; the yen is weakening; Japanese manufacturers are beginning to restore production; Warren Buffett says Japan is a “buy;” European markets are rallying on positive economic comments out of the UK; merger & acquisition activity is heating up in the U.S. after AT&T announced its intention to buy T-Mobile for \$39 billion.

As the end of March approaches, it means the start of first-quarter earnings season is right around the corner. Consensus expectations call for the earnings growth of the S&P 500 index in the current quarter to slow to 13 percent year-over-year from 37 percent in the prior quarter, according to Thomson Reuters. Early indications about the upcoming reporting season will come from a number of companies scheduled to report next week. We remain cautiously optimistic.

In reference to the energy markets, with regards to Middle East/North Africa, the Advisory Services Group (ASG) at Wells Fargo Advisors continues to watch events as they unfold. Given the current environment of uncertainty, ASG feels investors should avoid speculating on crude oil at current levels because potential price moves to both the up and downside could be steep and eventually be discounted as news develops in the region.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on March 22, 2011 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.

Dividends come roaring back in 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — Big companies increased their dividends by a record amount in the first quarter.

Since the start of the year, 117 companies in the Standard & Poor’s 500 index said they would raise or start paying dividends. The value of the new and raised annual dividends announced by these companies amounted to a record \$16.6 billion, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P. Just 78 companies raised their dividends in the same period a year ago.

The surge in dividends reflects a turning point in the long recovery from the financial meltdown in 2008. After the meltdown many companies slashed or eliminated their dividends and, like many Americans, put their cash in the bank and sat on it. As a

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—Kent Croft, manager of the \$421 million Croft Value Fund

result, U.S. companies have amassed a record \$940 billion in cash.

But now the economy is recovering, profits are rising and investors are demanding something for their patience. An easy way to keep shareholders happy is to restore or raise dividends. JPMorgan Chase & Co. is quintupling its annual dividend from 20 cents a share to \$1, amounting to an increase of \$3.1 billion. The value of the payout is a record for an S&P 500 company.

Even companies that have long resisted dividends are instituting them. Cisco Systems Inc. said it would begin

paying shareholders \$1.3 billion per year, a record amount for a first-time dividend payer in the S&P 500.

“The fact that dividends are increasing is a clear signal that the economy and businesses worldwide are on a much firmer footing than a few years ago,” said Kent Croft, the manager of the \$421 million Croft Value Fund.

Here is more evidence of the dividend boom:

— Financial companies announced they will raise annual dividends by \$7 billion, accounting for 42 percent of all S&P 500 dividend increases. That came af-

ter the Federal Reserve announced March 18 it would allow some banks to raise dividends if they passed certain “stress tests.” JPMorgan, Wells Fargo & Co. and State Street were among those that increased their dividends for the first time since the financial crisis. Citigroup Inc. reinstated its dividend.

— Ten S&P 500 companies announced during the first quarter that they would begin paying dividends. That’s the most for any three-month period since at least 2003, when Silverblatt began collecting data. Besides Cisco, discount department store Kohl’s and health benefits company WellPoint also became first-time dividend payers.

— Besides financials, industrial companies and businesses focused

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maurices seeks hometown models

Special to the Herald

maurices is putting out a nationwide casting call of sorts. The young women’s retailer is looking for 12 girls in all sizes to model maurices’ clothing and the runways for the photo shoots will be the models’ hometowns. The models will be selected through maurices Main Street Model Search.

“Fashion, small towns and community involvement are the heart and soul of mau-

rices,” said Brad Hartmann, maurices vice president of marketing. “Last year through our Small Town Charm campaign, we flew professional models into charming communities across America from St. George, Utah, to Miles City, Mont.; and Meridian, Miss., to Brunswick, Ga. The photos showcased our seasonal fashions as well as these locations. This year, the exciting twist is that we’ll be highlighting hometown girls in their hometowns for

our fall, holiday and spring campaigns.”

Women ages 18 and older can enter the maurices Main Street Model Search online. They’ll need to upload photos and a video about themselves. They’ll also need to answer a few questions about why maurices should select them and what makes their hometown special. Full model contest rules should be reviewed before entering.

Fashion designer Christopher Straub from Lifetime’s

Project Runway will lead the judging panel. “His passion for fashion and sense of style are a great fit for maurices Main Street Model Search,” said Hartmann.

Straub said he sees beautiful women in all shapes and sizes and was inspired when maurices approached him about the model search.

“Being in the fashion industry I have so many aspiring models who come up to me. They say, ‘I’m not your typical model – I’m not 6 feet tall

and thin – is there a place in the modeling world for me?’ I think it’s amazing that maurices is providing this chance for girls of all sizes to have their dreams come true.”

Judges will select models based on appearance, written and video responses, and their representation of the maurices’ image. The top 12 models will each receive a photo shoot in their hometown and national exposure

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Courtesy photo

Glasscock County youth Chapman Royall is pictured with his barrow which took first place in Class 7 Yorkshire Barrows at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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on consumer products announced the most dividend increases during the quarter. Among those raising their dividends: cruise operator Carnival Corp., retailer Limited Brands and manufacturer Eaton Corp.

A strong recovery in dividends hasn't made up for all the losses the

previous three. Even with the increases, quarterly dividends by companies in the S&P 500 are 13 percent lower than their peak in 2008.

Some companies that have raised their dividend still pay far less than before the recession. That is particularly true for banks and other financial services companies. Their dividend yield, which measures how much cash is being paid per share,

runs around 1.41 percent today, far below the 3.32 percent yield in 2007.

JPMorgan's annual dividend is still well below the \$1.52 a share it paid in 2008.

Citigroup will pay just 4 cents a year, the maximum federal regulators are allowing the bank to pay under the provisions of its bailout package. Citigroup had paid as much as \$2.16 per share before the financial crisis.

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at maurices store locations, www.maurices.com, mailers and social media; \$1,500 in maurices clothing; and a Flip Video camera to capture their path to becoming a maurices model. maurices will also work with each model to select a nonprofit organization in her hometown to receive a \$7,500 charitable makeover.

Women can enter online now

through April 7. Online voting is open from April 10 through 24, with each voter receiving a coupon for 20 percent off at maurices and a chance to win maurices' gift cards. Online voting will narrow the field of contestants to 50, and then maurices will select 20 models for a final casting call in Minneapolis, Minn., on May 5 and 6. The top 12 models will be announced May 9.

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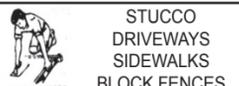
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Legals

Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing three (3) "Open Catalog" bids on behalf of approximately forty-six (46) Texas school districts. The bid categories are:
1. School and Office Supplies, Instructional Materials and Furniture (R18C057)
2. Computer Hardware, Software, Supplies and Accessories (R18C058)
3. PE and Athletic Equipment and Supplies (R18C059)

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 13, 2011 at Region 18 ESC, PO Box 60580, Midland TX 79711-0580. Bids will be opened and recorded as they are received. Bids will be approved by the Region 18 ESC Purchasing Committee at a special meeting to be held at the above address after all bids have been received and recorded. Bid forms are available from Gary Bond, Region 18 ESC at PO Box 60580, Midland TX 79711. Please call (432)567-3258 should you have any questions. #6913 April 3 & 10, 2011

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE Advertisement for Sealed Proposals
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids/proposals for the following:
RFP# 11-003

PREFERRED VRS PROVIDER
Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Administration A Wing, room 131, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning proposals submitted. The final determination of vendor award will be made at a future board meeting. There will be no pre-submittal conference. All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses. #6930 March 27 and April 3, 2012

Legals

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PYOTE WATER SYSTEMS II, LLC 400 W. ILLINOIS AVE, STE 950 MIDLAND, TX 79701. Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Spraberry, Canyon, and Fusselman, Ten Mile Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles Northeast of Klondike, TX in the Tex-Hamon, North (Fusselman) Field in Dawson County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4800 to 11,768 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #6948 April 3, 2011

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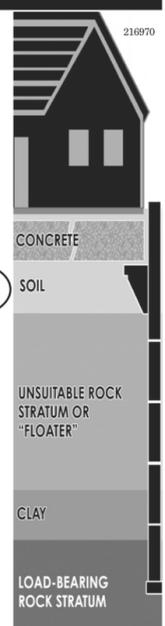


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The Face of Hunger

- Food-insecure households lack consistent access throughout the year to adequate food for active healthy living for all household members. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest annual study measuring food security in the United States, 14.7 percent of households were food insecure in 2009.
- The "Hunger in America 2010" study showed that Feeding America is providing food to 37 million people, including 14 million children each year. That means that one in eight Americans now rely on Feeding America's network of more than 200 food banks for food and groceries.

Stamping Out Hunger

The Stamp Out Hunger drive is a nationwide effort to provide food to local food banks and pantries.

On the second Saturday of May, the nation's 300,000 letter carriers will collect food donations left at the mailboxes of generous Americans in more than 10,000 local communities and deliver them to regional food banks and local hunger relief organizations. The timing is important, because many organizations would otherwise face depleted food stocks during the summer months, which is when demand increases to meet the needs of children no longer being served breakfast and lunch by school programs.

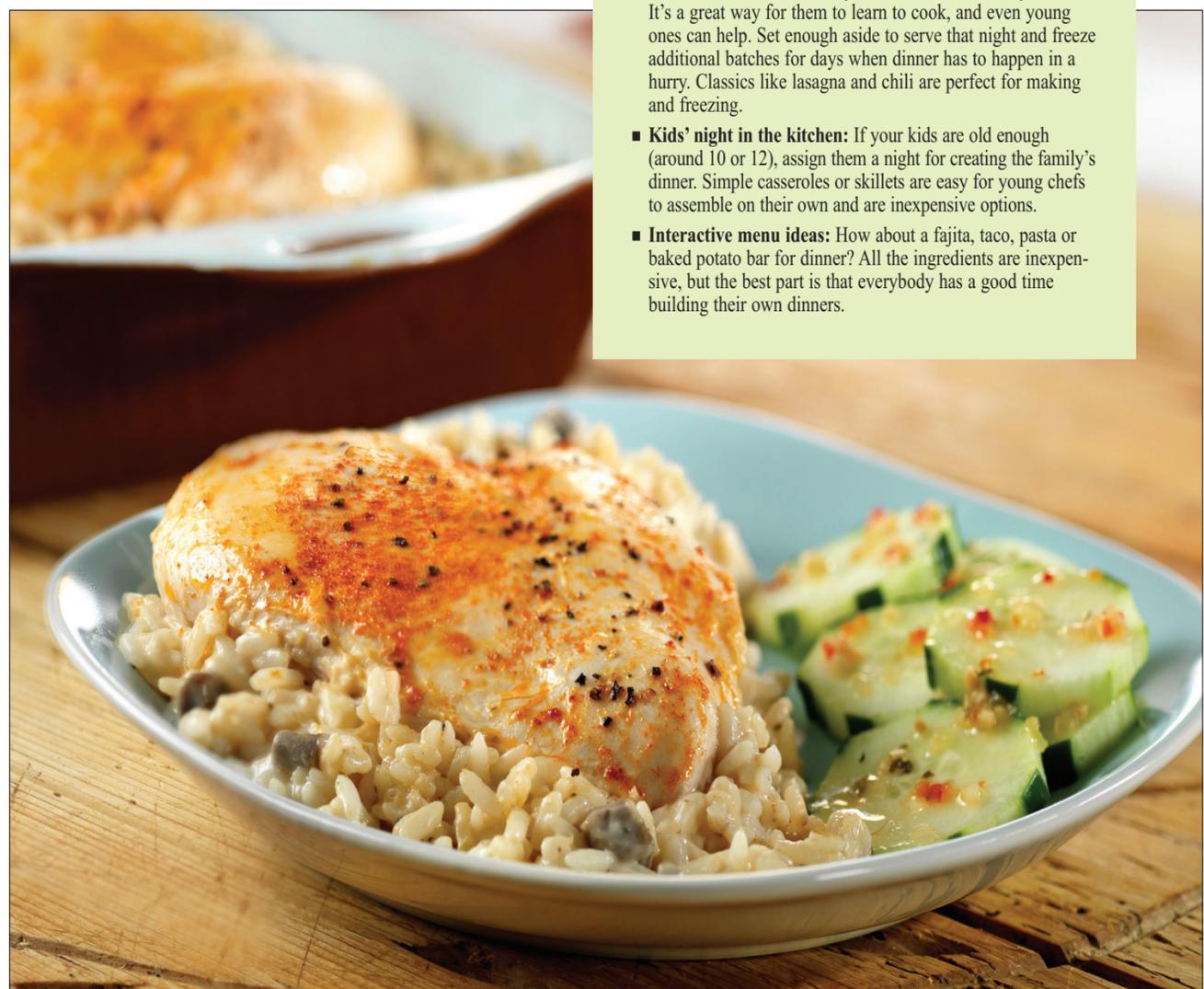
How You Can Help

Helping Stamp Out Hunger is as easy as checking your mailbox. Just leave a bag of non-perishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will then pick up and deliver the food to a local food bank. Examples of non-perishable items include:

- Canned soup
- Canned meats and fish
- Canned vegetables, fruits and juices
- Boxed goods (such as cereal)
- Pasta and rice

These items are not expensive and will go a long way toward helping others. For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger effort in your community, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

As part of Campbell's commitment to making a positive impact for its consumers and its community, the company is supporting Stamp Out Hunger by donating one can of soup to Feeding America (up to one million pounds) for each Facebook fan (Like) that joins the fight against hunger at www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger.



Budget Cooking Tips

Here are some creative ways to cook a good meal, save money and get the whole family involved.

- Double dinners:** If you have time on the weekend, prepare a double batch of the family's favorite dinner with your kids. It's a great way for them to learn to cook, and even young ones can help. Set enough aside to serve that night and freeze additional batches for days when dinner has to happen in a hurry. Classics like lasagna and chili are perfect for making and freezing.
- Kids' night in the kitchen:** If your kids are old enough (around 10 or 12), assign them a night for creating the family's dinner. Simple casseroles or skillet meals are easy for young chefs to assemble on their own and are inexpensive options.
- Interactive menu ideas:** How about a fajita, taco, pasta or baked potato bar for dinner? All the ingredients are inexpensive, but the best part is that everybody has a good time building their own dinners.

Great Budget Meals

While not everyone is food insecure, many are looking for ways to stretch their grocery budgets. These recipes let you create a delicious dinner for four — and they cost less than \$10. Find more budget-friendly recipes at www.campbellskitchen.com.

French Onion Burgers

Prep: 5 minutes / Cook: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's Condensed French Onion Soup
- 4 slices cheese
- 4 Pepperidge Farm Classic Sandwich Buns with Sesame Seeds, split

Shape beef into 4 (1/2-inch-thick) burgers.

Heat 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add burgers and cook until well browned on both sides. Remove burgers from skillet. Pour off any fat.

Stir soup into skillet and heat to a boil. Return burgers to skillet. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until burgers are cooked through. Top burgers with cheese and cook until cheese is melted. Serve burgers on buns with soup mixture for dipping.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with romaine salad tossed with fresh basil and Italian salad dressing. For dessert, serve orange slices.

One Dish Chicken and Rice Bake

Prep: 5 minutes / Bake: 45 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Stir soup, water, rice, paprika and black pepper in a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Top with chicken. Season with additional paprika and black pepper. Cover baking dish.

Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and the rice is tender.

No need to get trapped on the telephone

Dear Margo: I am often waylaid by a few friends who think nothing of tying up my time for hours on the telephone. I have tried being polite, and I have tried being rude — just short of hanging up — but nothing seems to get through to them. One of them has said to me about a mutual friend who clearly has the same problem that I do, “What else does he have to do?” Well, I read, I listen to music, I watch television, I write, I eat meals and snack, and I go out.

I have normal phone conversations with other people. What makes these telephone people think I want to spend two hours listening to them tell me about their meals in boring detail, how much they paid for yogurt at the super-

market, or how long it took them to get into town via the “T”? Is there a way that I can politely make it clear that even though I like them, I cannot tie up that much of my evening essentially talking about nothing? — *Extremely Annoyed but Too Polite, in Boston*

Dear Ex: I can't quite figure out your seemingly unbreakable attachment to these bores who can't take a hint, or why you would allow these phone talkers to tie you up for hours! When I get caught in an overly long or pointless phone call, I simply say, “Gotta go!” and no one argues with me. Your sense of politesse is misspent in this instance. If you don't have it, get caller ID and then don't pick up. Or: Tell each of these clods, once

they begin their food and yogurt recital, that you really must run, and then hang up the phone. All you need to do is decide you will not be held hostage to these time wasters. It's not that hard. (Brainflash: Introduce these people to each other!) — *Margo, decisively*

Dear Margo: My husband and I own two timeshare weeks. The unit we use is a two bedroom, with the master bedroom being the nicer of the two, offering better amenities and views. We have not only paid for these weeks, but also pay a fairly hefty maintenance fee annually.

On occasion, when my husband is unable to go, I will invite a friend or two to go with me. Because I invited them, I do not ask or expect

them to pay me a fair share of the maintenance fee that has been paid for the week. It would, however, be nice if they would at least offer. Also, should I be prepared to let my guests occupy the master suite? Should guests offer to pay for a rental car or a couple of dinners since they have no costs for the week? I don't know if guests are just unaware of the annual costs involved with timeshares or if they are just mooching! — *Just Don't Know*

Dear Just: Are you a hostess or an innkeeper, and are your friends guests or paying customers? When people receive an invitation to a vacation house, they do not think to ask, “How much will this cost?” — nor should they. As for a dinner or two out, that

is somewhat standard for houseguests, but inxay on the rental car.

If, however, money is a concern, when you issue these invitations, tell the friends what the cost will be. Some people may be up for it and willing to pay, while others will pass. It sounds as though you think your guests ought to pay — in which case, you can't expect them to figure this out themselves. Do know, however, that when issued an invitation — with no mention of money — the person is in no way mooching. (And the hostess never gives up the master bedroom unless she wishes, for whatever reason, to make that generous gesture.) — *Margo, correctly*

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Veteran's fund says thanks to local family

Herald Staff Report

Recently, the Veterans Families Fund presented \$500 to the Goillandeu family, Sebastian, April and Caleb.

Army Capt. Goillandeu has served his country for more than 10 years. He is currently deployed for a year.

During a mid-tour leave, he and his son Caleb spent time speaking with Caleb's classmates at Elbow Elementary School. They answered questions about being a soldier and a military child.

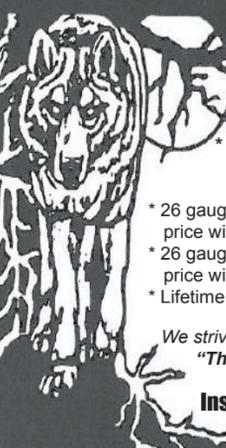
Capt. Goillandeu made quite an influence on the students and teachers. In fact, parents, students and teach-

ers decided to send care packages and snacks to Capt. Goillandeu during the 2010 holiday season. Capt. Goillandeu plans on presenting them with a special thank you gift upon his return.

The \$500 is a means to say thank you to veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Veterans Families Fund can make a contribution at Wood Forest National Bank in the Wal-Mart SuperCenter, account 590184.

Capt. Sebastian Goillandeu and son Caleb speak to students at Elbow Elementary.

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