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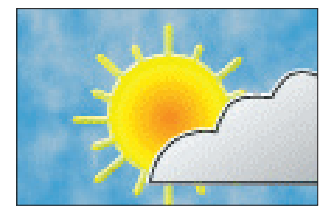


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For 13 years, area residents have been trying to Master the Mountain. The 5k fun run/walk took place Saturday morning atop Big Spring State Park. The annual event encourages people to get out and test their abilities on the terrain of Scenic Mountain while raising funds for the park.

Federal fiasco avoided

Lawmakers reach last-minute deal on cuts, budget

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A last-minute budget deal forged with tough bargaining averted an embarrassing U.S. government shutdown, cut billions in spending and provided the first major test of the divided government that voters ushered in five months ago.

Working late into Friday night, congressional and White House negotiators finally agreed on a plan to pay for government operations through the end of September while trimming \$38.5 billion in spending.

Lawmakers then approved a measure to keep the government running for a few more days while the details of the new spending plan are written into legislation.

Actual approval of the deal is expected in the middle of next week.

"Americans of different beliefs came together again," President Barack Obama, a Democrat, said from the White House.

Amid the biggest clash yet between Democrats and the resurgent

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Candidate forum nears

Event slated Thursday on college campus

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Candidates vying for the District 1 and District 3 seats on the Big Spring City Council in May will have a chance to discuss their platforms Thursday during a debate between the five political hopefuls.

District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton is set to defend her seat on the council from challenger Marcus Fernandez.

Horton and Fernandez squared off for the District 1 seat three years

ago, with Horton edging out the challenger with a single vote, 33 ballots to Fernandez's 32 ballots.

The race for the District 3 seat has is a three-person affair, as incumbent Councilwoman Joann Staulcup will attempt to hold off challengers Shannon Thomason and political newcomer Glenn Carigan.

Dana Baker, coordinator for the



Baker

event, said the debate — which is slated for 6 p.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room — will give the candidates a chance to answer questions from a variety of sources.

"We're asking the people of Big Spring to send their questions to us so we can address what's really on the mind of the Big Spring voters," Baker said. "Questions can be submitted in writing to Big Spring Debate, P.O. Box 2733, Big Spring

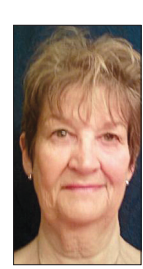
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Intent of upcoming Tea Party rally to inform citizens, organizer says

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

A better informed public is the goal of Howard County Conservatives, who will host a Tea Party rally from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at the Heart of the City Park.

"The concern of the Tea Party



Fryar

movement is excessive government spending and taxation," said Bo Fryar, rally organizer. "Our mission is to attract, educate, organize and mobilize our fellow citizens to secure public policy consistent with

our three core values — fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets."

Special guests will be State Rep. Jim Landtroop and Dr. Donald May. Local conservative candidates will also be present at the rally,

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency responders with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department put out a blaze on Ratliff Road, less than a mile north of Hughes Road, Friday afternoon. Firefighters on the scene said the fire, which was contained quickly, was a minimal danger thanks to a break in the high winds.

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Property tax proceedings on commissioners' agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners face a rather routine agenda Monday, as the court looks at a pair of properties currently tied up in tax proceedings.

Commissioners are expected to meet with officials from law firm Mouton

& Mouton, which handles delinquent tax cases for the county and several other local taxing entities, to discuss property to be auctioned to the highest bidders.

Mouton & Mouton is also expected to discuss accepting the deed to a

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Obituaries

Charles William Brumley



Charles William "C.W." Brumley, 85, of Colorado City, died Friday, April 8, 2011, in a Big Spring nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2011, at Westbrook Baptist Church in Westbrook, with the Rev. Terry White, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born March 12, 1926, in Remiel, Ark., and married Betty Jo Cottongame on May 17, 1947, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on March 27, 2008.

C.W. was a longtime resident of Big Spring. He worked as production manager for Dr. Pepper Bottling Company and then for WesTex Telephone, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Westbrook Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He loved his pet, Buster.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Vickie Thompson of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Hillje of Alpine; one sister, Thelma Ditto of Big Spring; two brothers, James Brumley of Gatesville and Charles Brumley of Rule; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

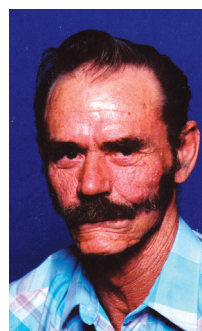
He was also preceded in death by one son, Jerry Brumley; one daughter, Christene Brumley; and three brothers, Ed Brumley, Buster Brumley and Bobby Brumley.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2511, or a charity of your choice.

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

J.C. Woodard

Paid obituary



J.C. Woodard, 69, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 8, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends Sunday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Johnny Cockerham officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 9, 1941, in Lamesa to Maudie and Charles C.

Woodard. He grew up in Lamesa and then moved to Big Spring. He worked as a floor hand for drilling companies.

He is survived by three daughters, Debrah Buchanan, Brenda McGuire and her husband Kenny of Big Spring and Lagene Garza and her husband Steven of Lubbock; four sons, Willie Woodard and his wife Deeanna, Robert Woodard and his wife Yong, Shane Anderson and Shawn Anderson, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Nancy Crumpton and her husband Charles, Barbara Stewart and Charlene Cravy, all of Fort Worth; one brother, Sonny Woodard of Eastland; 21 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Shirley Sampley.

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

Travis Turner

Travis Turner, 82, of Colorado City passed away Thursday, April 7, 2011, Funeral services were to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bobby Matlock will be officiating services.

Travis was born Jan. 10, 1929, in Thackerville, Okla., to Walter Marvin and Viola Mae Turner. Walter and Viola Mae moved the family to Colorado City area in 1934. Travis attended school in Colorado City. He married Lucy Seay Oct. 12, 1950, in Colorado City. Travis farmed all of his life in Mitchell County. He was a Baptist. Travis served in the United States National Guard.

Survivors include a daughter: Robyn Hammond and husband Clay of Colorado City; a son: Tony Turner and wife Darla of Colorado City; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; brother: Wendell Turner and wife Elna Rae of Portland, Texas; and a sister: Joy Phillips of Odessa.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Drive, Abilene 79605, or a charity of your choice.

Patsy Cantu Padilla



Patsy Cantu Padilla, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday April 6, 2011, at Covenant Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock. The vigil will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born in Charlotte on Sept. 26, 1939, to Guillermo and Concepcion "Chonita" Cantu. She married Humberto G. "Bert" Padilla Jan. 15, 1956, in Charlotte. They came to Big Spring in 1967 from Odessa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1997.

She was a member of the Guadalupanas and a Cursillista at St. Thomas Catholic Church. She worked at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria. She later worked as a nurse's aide at Malone and Hogan Hospital until retirement.

She is survived by her companion, Santos Barrera Sr. of Big Spring; sons: Gilbert Padilla Sr. and wife Beverly of Arlington, Tenn., Humberto Padilla Jr. and wife Juana of Houston, George Padilla and wife Christy of Big Spring, and Eric Padilla of Big Spring; daughters, Adela Padilla Rudd of Big Spring, Josephine Parras (Josie) and husband Frank of Dallas, and Sylvia Guzman and husband Danny Sr. of Midland; sisters, Dora Bermea and husband Juan of Big Spring, and Felipa Cantu and husband Juan of Charlotte; brother, Willie Guillermo Cantu Jr. and wife Apolonia of Big Spring; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Olga Zulaica and brother, Adolfo Cantu Sr.

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

Take Note

• A World For Children of Big Spring will have a rally and grand opening at 11:30 a.m. on the north-side lawn of the Howard County Courthouse. The local office is being located at 302 Scurry in the building that formerly housed Leonard's Pharmacy. Everyone is invited. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available.

• Monday's jury call for 118th District Court has been canceled.

• 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.

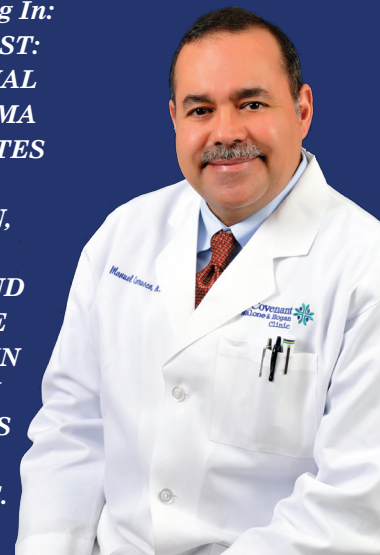
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Republicans who control the House of Representatives, Obama had warned that a shutdown would damage the economy's recovery by putting an estimated 800,000 government employees out of work.

The political stakes of a shutdown were huge ahead of next year's presidential and congressional elections. During the last government shut-

down in Bill Clinton's presidency, Republicans got most of the blame — but there was no assurance that would have happened again.

Since taking control of the House in January, Republicans have vowed to slash what they described as out-of-control spending and curb the federal deficit. Democrats have accused Republicans of wanting to cut vital government services and pushing a social agenda.

The agreement was negotiated by Obama, Republican

House Speaker John Boehner and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

The administration was poised to shutter federal services, from national parks to tax-season help centers, and to send furlough notices to hundreds of thousands of federal workers.

All sides insisted they wanted to avoid that outcome.

Shortly after midnight, White House budget director Jacob Lew issued a memo instructing departments and agencies to continue normal

operations.

Boehner said the deal came after "a lot of discussion and a long fight." He won an ovation from his rank and file, including the conservative tea party adherents who made inroads last November by calling for spending cuts.

Reid declared the deal "historic."

The deal marked the end of a three-way clash of wills. It also set the tone for coming confrontations over raising the government's borrowing limit, the spending plan for

the budget year that begins Oct. 1 and long-term deficit reduction.

The deal came together after six grueling weeks as negotiators virtually dared each other to shut down the government.

House Republicans intend to pass a 2012 budget in the coming week that calls for sweeping changes in the federal health programs for the elderly and needy families, and even deeper cuts in domestic programs to gain control over soaring deficits.

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79721, or by e-mail at bigspringcitydebate@gmail.com. We have officials with the Republican and Democratic parties who will be helping us sort through the submissions and form them into questions for the candidates."

The debate is being coordinated by volunteers within the community, according to Baker, to help voters make an informed decision during the May election.

"I just felt like we need to give the candidates a

chance to speak out on what they feel is important to the community, as well as give the people that will be casting the ballots a voice in the matter," Baker said.

One of the issues expected to see a great deal of coverage during the debate will be a proposed charter amendment placing term limits on members of the city council. The amendment — an issue discussed by the city council earlier this year and dismissed on a 2-5 vote — calls for council members to serve no more than two terms (six years) before being required to sit out a

term. The amendment was placed on the ballot by way of a petition circulated by the local Concerned Citizens Council.

Baker said the moderator for the debate will be Michael Quinn Sullivan, president and CEO of Empower Texans and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. Sullivan also moderated the mayoral debate in 2010.

"We are really excited to have Mr. Sullivan come back to Big Spring and help us with this debate," said Baker.

Sullivan is a former newspaper reporter, Capitol Hill staffer and

think-tank vice president who recently garnered praise from the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* for his work slaying "taxpayer dragons in Austin" during the most recent legislative session.

"Empower Texans exists to create a system of strong fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas government," said Sullivan in literature provided to the *Herald*, "ensuring the greatest amounts of economic and personal liberty. It also promotes public policies that provide individuals with the freedom to use their strengths and talents in

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RALLY

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according to Fryar.

"This is an opportunity for all citizens to become better informed on the critical issues facing our country and what they can do to make a difference," Fryar said.

"We, the members of the Tea Party Patriots, regard the constitution of the United States to

be the supreme law of the land. We believe it is possible to know the original intent of the government our founders set forth and support that original intent," said Fryar. "Like the founders, we support states' rights for those powers not expressly stated in the constitution."

Fryar said "runaway deficit spending" has compelled Tea Party

members to make their voice heard.

"The increasing national debt is a grave threat to our national sovereignty and the personal and economic liberty of future generations," she said.

"Tea Party Patriots is a non-partisan, grassroots organization of individuals united by core values. We support grassroots organizations that are powered

by activism and civic responsibility at a local level.

"Please join us on Saturday, April 16."

Heart of the City Park is located in downtown Big Spring, north of the Howard County Courthouse.

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COUNTY

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property in lieu of tax foreclosure, according to county officials.

The court will hear from Brenda Rue concerning the district extension agent position, while County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices and purchase requests. Olson is set to present preventive maintenance contracts for security electronics and detention hardware, as well as a contract for a water softening system at the county jail facility.

Olson will also present the court with any budget amendments and her office's monthly financial report, as well as a budget workshop.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and a payroll report, while Irene Rodriguez, director of the county's Indigent Care,

will ask for consideration and approval of software from Indigent Health Care Solutions.

The meeting will get

under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For

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OUR VIEWS

Pops in the Park Planning for the Big Bang



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The Pops in The Park committee has begun making plans for the 2011 celebration. The community event that everyone near Big Spring along with others far away anticipates every summer is approaching sooner than we realize. Sunday, July 3, is the special day set aside for everyone to enjoy. This event has blossomed into a family tradition for area residents. Jan Hansen, committee chairperson says "This year will be bigger and better than ever."

The celebration, heading into its 14th year, will be set once again to take place at the historic Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. The committee plans for the same fun as usual, along with a few extras. Additional details will be announced as the event nears. Getting the word out in advance allows those outside of the area to plan for the event. It also allows planning time for those who want to help out with volunteering and gives the committee time to raise the funds needed as well.

The main daytime attraction will bring lots of excitement and energy. John, Paul, George and Ringo will be here to entertain. Not really! But their look alike will be. The Fab 4, a Beatles tribute band, Colorado's Premier Beatles Tribute Band, quoted by Ted Nelson of The Daily Times Call saying "The Fab 4 is a rock band that sounds more like the Beatles could if the Beatles could get back together today." Check them out on UTUBE and on their own web site. These guys will likely draw people from afar so get there early to get a good seat and plan for a rare event that I am sure you will long remember. The committee hopes the attractions planned will appeal to the young and the older audience alike.

The evening will feature music from our very own Big Spring Symphony who will lead us to the grand finale. The Symphony will perform in sync with our Grand fireworks display guaranteeing to take your breath away. Special performances featuring local artists will also be an entertaining feature during the day. There will be food and novelty booths for those searching for that festival treat.

The event requires many hours of preparation and volunteer work as well as an expense of nearly \$50,000. Rising travel expense and cost of doing business will make the challenge of raising the funds more difficult this year but, take my word for it; the event will be well worth the price tag. If you have questions or need information on how to help call the local Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

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Time to give dogs their dues

Our only pet--a three-year-old "mostly Jack Russell terrier"--escaped death row when food and keep were offered at our home back in '09. She takes me on walks.

Sadie is 70 years my junior--10 in dog years--so maybe we can grow old(er) together. I'll try to do my part. During a recent "Komen on Deck for the Cure" cruise event, our pet remained at home, some 2,000 miles away.

Another canine played a major role, however, albeit on another person's leash. Still, we walked together--some 75 of us--as we sailed on the beautiful Caribbean, en route back to Fort Lauderdale from the Panama Canal on Holland America's Zuiderdam. I hope word doesn't get back to Sadie that this bunch settled for a surrogate pet. I'm pretty sure she'd understand, though, given that this was a one-time thing, and for a wonderful cause.

By way of explanation, it actually is an initiative to support breast cancer research through Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Holland America Lines introduced the deck walks five years ago, and soon, four other cruise lines came on board. Guests on HAL vessels have contributed some \$2.5 million to the foundation, or about half the total amassed by all cruise lines.

It's always a "gung-ho" group, proudly wearing pink t-shirts and sipping pink lemonade on the 5-kilometer walks. My wife Brenda is a breast cancer survi-

vor, and we always participate.

Our most recent walk was unique, though, in that one of the participants was a 4.5-pound Chihuahua that was leading her master on a leash.

It is uncommon to see a dog on a cruise. This one--I apologize that I didn't get her name--is no ordinary canine. Having successfully completed medical training, she goes where her master goes, as a bona fide "medic alert" doggie.

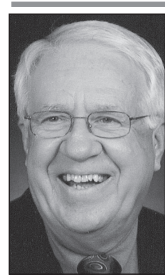
She's always within leash-length of her master, who counts on the prissy little partner to bark big-time in advance of diabetic reactions or heart arrhythmia. The owner, nearly as petite as the Chihuahua, is a heart patient, diabetic and breast cancer survivor. From her we learned that such animals are allowed on board for certified medical reasons.

I know this: The quick-stepping dog set a rapid pace we found hard to match. Only because she made a brief "stop" did my wife and I get a few paces in front, albeit temporarily.

Long since believers that cruise lines think of everything, we found yet another reason when the canine made a "stop" at what looked like a miniature sandbox a few feet from the walking track.

Instead of sand, a square of sod, topped by lush, green grass, provided something of a "necessary room" for the canine medical specialist.

(This brings to mind the old story of a woman who was aghast upon finding a rabbit inside her refrigerator. "What are you doing in here?" she demanded. "This is a Westinghouse, and I'm 'westing'," the bunny answered.)



DR.
DON
NEWBURY

YOUR VIEWS

First-generation American

TO THE EDITOR

I am a first-generation American. In saying that very short line of fact, I am saying many things. Words like freedom, honor, respect, human rights and slogans like "Only in America," "Made in the USA" and "Be All You Can Be."

Being here in America means something to me. My parents were among those who fled communism. They left their land, homes and family members too young or too sick to flee the country. Some of my family members were taken to Siberian camps. My great-grandmother even died in Germany, buried in an unmarked grave, on the way to freedom. My parents held hopes and dreams of freedom and peace in a new country -- a country governed by everyday people.

My father lived into his 90s and mom is turning 80 this year. My dad became a voting poll judge in his 70s until he was not able to do the job in his late 80s. He truly believed that if the general public let government rule without checks and balances we were doomed to repeat communism.

I am truly grateful there are individuals who want to lead our government. I also believe it is the responsibility of the citizens to question those in power. It is our tax dollar that is spent. Here in Howard County, we can't just print more tax dollars. If we keep raising our taxes, people and businesses will be forced to move out of our community. Debates are an impor-

tant part of the elective process. Our candidates will have the opportunity to answer questions from the voting public. The candidates will not see any of the questions in advance. Each candidate will have the same amount of time to answer the question.

I can think of no other forum that gives the voter more unrehearsed answers from candidates. I think it is still important, to all citizens of Howard County, to know what decisions are being made in the city -- just like the city council passing the smoking ban. This change in law changed some businesses in our community. So as a community we need to be aware of governmental changes. You can bet if it cost a business owner, down the line the cost will be shared by the consumer.

Please take the time to ask questions of the candidates. Evaluate their answers and get out and vote. I am sure that each government leader thinks they are doing what is best for their community. Without hearing from their community, they will continue doing what they think is best.

SINCERELY,
DANA BAKER
BIG SPRING

Look at the options

TO THE EDITOR:

We have the opportunity in May this year to make a difference in Big Spring. Two city council members, Ms. Staulcup, District 3 council woman for the past nine years, and Ms. Horton, District 1 council woman for 18 years, are seeking re-election.

I ask the residents in these districts to look at the state of our city today and decide if these council persons have earned another opportunity.

Ten years ago, our property tax was 67 cents; it has risen on a regular basis to reach over \$1 until Mayor Duncan and Councilman Olson finally started to gain control over our spending this past year.

How much better are the streets and water today because of Staulcup and Horton's involvement in raising our taxes?

What message will we send to the council by re-electing people who refuse to allow the citizens to vote on issues and continue to ignore our basic needs in order to push their own agendas?

I support Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Carrigan for the council.

A.C. "COTTON" MIZE
BIG SPRING

Appreciate the help

TO THE EDITOR:

Saturday I had a benefit for survivors of domestic violence and victims of abuse and was really pleased with the turnout. I had eventually started planning for a small scale party for a friend, but before I knew it the word had spread and Saturdays event happened. I know it wouldn't have been possible to have the success that we did if it wouldn't have been for all the supports and volunteers.

There is no man, woman or child that deserves to be abused mentally or physically. Nobody should ever have to feel

Throughout the cruise, vacationers "buzzed" about the specially-trained doggie, and the owner was happy to explain that the animal is part of her life, 24-7.

The service animal reminded many folks of pets back home. None of them, however, wear colorful vests inscribed "Medic Alert Dog."

The affable owner refers to the canine as her "life saver."

We never spotted the popular Arizona "couple" on formal nights, despite trying to do so. We wondered if the Chihuahua wore a frilly formal, or maybe a slinky shawl.

During sunset walks around the deck, we checked the doggie rest stop. Sure enough, cabin attendants were pampering her, too. One night, they left a tiny towel, fashioned in the shape of a fire plug. On two other nights, we spotted a doggie bone and a kitty.

Back home, Sadie and I strike out to walk a couple of miles on pretty days. If we encounter a "medic alert" animal, I'll diplomatically assure her that she is loved, despite her lack of formal training. I know she's a probable former junk yard dog, but I'll tell her that experiences in the "school--or perhaps pound--of hard knocks" can trump advanced academic degrees. Should she desire such, we'll "pony up" for a mail-order "DOGtorate," and we'll call her "DOGtor Sadie."

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that pain or live with insecurity. Sometimes it doesn't take much more than a helping hand or someone who is willing to listen. Too often we turn a blind eye and the situation only gets worse. The more we can get people to speak up and stand up for those that can't, the faster we can get to the point of ending abuse.

We don't need to turn a blind eye when we see something or hear something. It's when we see those things that's when we need to take action. Everybody needs someone.

Saturdays event was made possible by the many area businesses that decided to take a stand and make a contribution. To those businesses I extend a sincere thank you: Burgers Fries & Cherry Pies of Midland, Boudreau's Automotive of Midland, City Wear, Cavenders of Midland, Lupe's Florist, Avis Lube, The Wash, Alberto's Cafe, Comet Cleaners, Chicken Express, Randy's Salon, Techno Gym, El Nopal Cafe, Wards Western Wear, Back in Motion, Higginbotham's, Head Hunters Salon, Karat Patch Jewelry, Ace Hardware, Dealer Leather, Buffalo Country Fina, Shell, John Deere, Heritage Museum, Attitudes Hair Designs, Marlana Beasley, Color Me Beautiful, Ink Spot, West Office Supply, Merle Norman, Bealls, Dr. Michael Downing, Reddy Ice of Odessa, Carlos, Fullers Grocery of Colorado City, Donnan Equipment, Big Springs Welding, S&S Construction, Shade Shop of Midland,

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A special thank you goes out to Birdwell Baptist Church and Mac and Alvine McCasland.

I know that without all the donors, volunteers and supporters Saturday would not have gone as well as it did. Due to all the wonderful people there was at least a small difference that was able to be made in the lives of domestic abuse victims and survivors.

It is obvious that the residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area have big hearts. My sincere hope is that we can get more people to speak up and help those that are in need of help.

Once again I have to extend my sincere gratitude to all those that helped and for those that are wanting to help it's not too late. Donations and volunteers are always needed at Victims Services, CASA and BACA as well as numerous other organizations that help out domestic

abuse victims.
GOD BLESS TO ALL
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TENA NELSON
BIG SPRING

Welcome home veterans

TO THE EDITOR:
We had a good turnout for our local "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" ceremony. Thanks to the local citizens who came out to say "welcome home." Thanks to the people who made a special effort to single out a Vietnam veteran and say "Welcome Home." Thanks to my brothers and sisters from 14th and Main who came and said, "Welcome Home." A special thanks to the following for making the ceremony a success: The VAMC: Douglas Paxton, Iva Jo Hanslik, Meagan Bias for putting together a tremendous program on such short notice.

Tom Land, for hosting the program at Hog Heaven and providing a delicious, bountiful meal and an uplifting atmosphere.

The Howard County volunteer firefighters, for stepping up at a last-minute notification and posting the colors.

Gary Sleight, a fellow Vietnam veteran and true patriot for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maddie Wallace: What an emotional time to listen to this gifted child sing "Gold Bless America." May her generation have an America as great as the one we have known.

Laney Wallace, for a beautiful rendition of the national anthem and entertaining us with a cowboy song.

Rick Cunningham, a fellow Vietnam veteran and brother in Christ, for the opening prayer.

Representing the city of Big Spring: Thank you to Mayor Tommy Duncan, a fellow Vietnam veteran and brother in arms. Also, Marcus Fernandez and Glen Carrigan, our future city councilmen.

James Cook: A fellow Vietnam veteran and brother in Christ for his heartfelt poetic contribution.

Ed Meiser: A fellow Vietnam veteran and our commander at the DAV. He related the story of "Taps" and gave interesting statistics on Vietnam vets.

During the days leading up to this ceremony, I listened to vets talking. They were asking, "Will they welcome us home this time, after all these years?" History has not changed much. Once again, there was no local news, neither the newspaper nor the radio, nor the television stations, bothered to cover the event. The national news had no mention of the event. As always, we Vietnam veterans took care of each other. We have been saying "Welcome Home, Brother" to each other for decades.

Unlike the stereotype the media and Hollywood likes to portray us as, there is a nation filled with Vietnam veterans who have made a positive impact in society. The majority came home and built a successful life. Statistics say we have been more successful than the non-veterans.

After returning from Vietnam, I hid for a few years. Then, I made it a life goal to honor my fallen brothers by living a worthwhile life to the best of my abilities. Some of the accomplishments of Vietnam vets include the POW/MIA Flag, Southwest Airlines and The Patriot Guard. The Vietnam veterans have ensured that since the Golf War, veterans returning from the battlefield on foreign lands are welcomed home.

Again, from one Vietnam veteran to another, "Welcome Home, Brother." We will continue to take care of each other and to ensure that this never happens again to our returning war heroes.

MIKE TARPLEY
BIG SPRING

Coahoma Rodeo

TO THE EDITOR:
Last week, at the invitation of my great granddaughter, I attended my first ever kindergarten rodeo in Coahoma. Raised in a "rodeo" town, I have attended many, but this was the most fun! I was impressed by the enthusiasm of all the participants. Also, the loyalty of well known Coahoma graduates who return each year to help with the rodeo.

Thanks to all the children, teaching staff, Howard College Rodeo Team and the rodeo celebrities for broadening

my horizons!
MOZELLE ROGERS
POST

Option to Vote

TO THE EDITOR:
I am having a problem understanding the thought process behind one of the letters to the editor a few weeks ago. It seems Mr. Marquez believes when five of our city council persons refuse to allow the citizens to vote on a significant or divisive issue, they are doing their job, but when a large enough number of citizens demand that every voter in Big Spring have the opportunity to voice their opinion at the polls, that is "ramming it down your throat."

I think Mr. Marquez has it backwards. We have a candidate running for council this year who states he is in support of giving the citizens an opportunity to vote on significant or divisive issues. I encourage you to support this candidate, Glen Carrigan, District 3 candidate.

PONCHO NARBAIZ
BIG SPRING

Response to Responses

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to now respond to two letters that were written, one about term limits and the other directly to me.

First, no one is claiming that term limits is a new idea. We all know that term limits have been around forever.

As for the second letter, respectfully, Mrs./Miss Sayles, where did you get your information about term limits from, since what you wrote did not mesh with one of the founding fathers of the proposed term limits? He said that "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."

Well, you said that a council member "will sit out one term before eligible to run again."

Simply let me say that I am offended that you and others want to take my right to keep my council member as long as I see fit. When my council member is no longer looking out for what I perceive as our best interest then I have the right to vote him out and I will fight tooth and nail to keep this right I presently have.

If you have become disenfranchised with your council member, you have the right to vote him or her out. That is your right, but along the way, please do not trample on my right to keep my council member.

If every time our mayor does not get what he wants are we to expect the CCC to get a petition signed and force an election? Does that mean that all of these elections will cost the citizens "money" to hold these special elections? Who will pay for these elections? I believe we all will.

I'm just going to call it like I see it. It appears that our mayor is behold to the special interest group of the Concerned Citizens Council; why not, since they spearheaded his election? I heard tell that the CCC backed a person into the city council and that person did not do their bidding so the CCC is now attacking this member and trying to elect someone else who will do their bidding. Does this smack of an all out blitz by the Concerned Citizens Council to hijack our city council or what? I'm just saying.

I am proud to be an American and a voter.
TONY MARQUEZ
BIG SPRING

Term Limits

To the Editor:
Isn't it strange, the cit-

ies that have term limits in the letter to the editor were all much larger than Big Spring. I can cite cities that do not have term limits and I suspect if a survey was conducted of all the cities in Texas that have home rule, the majority do not have term limits.

A good example of no term limits is Arlington. I remember when it was the same size as Big Spring, but because of the diligent work of one mayor through the years, it increased in size because there was no term limits. If there had been, there would be no Six Flags, no Texas Rangers and most importantly to the economy no General Motors plant, just to name a few of the accomplishments of Mayor Tom Vandergriff.

Several arguments have been made that seem to be irrelevant to me. Term limits are not new, neither is outdoor plumbing. Other cities have term limits so we should too. Just do what others do. Other people need to have the opportunity to serve. Well, the only thing any registered voter has to do at present is challenge those in office and be elected. This is term limits.

In our democracy, the people elect those who serve them and as long as no one who challenges an incumbent is not elected they continue to serve at the will of the majority.

My vote and the vote of others should determine who represents us, not some rule set down on a piece of paper.

Another question has been raised as to the legality of portions of the petition presented to the council by the concerned citizens. It is interesting that we have heard nor seen any thing from them concerning this issue.

My wish is that there will be more people to take the privilege and responsibility to vote

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Something special's happening in the Circle.

April 2011 Activities

- April 11** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- April 12** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club, "Crispy's", 5:30 p.m.
- April 13** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m. "How to Train your Dragon"
- April 14** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy's Café "Coffee Club," 10:00 a.m.
- April 15** – MEET & GREET, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 pm.
- April 18** – Games, 1:00 pm.-4:00 p.m. Hobbs Casino, 9:00 a.m.-??
- April 19** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee @ Marcy House, 10:30 a.m. Supper Club, "Al's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- April 20** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. NO MOVIE TODAY!
- April 21** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m. Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
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than usually vote in any election. Regardless of how the election turns out, as a good citizen, I will continue to assert and support those who serve as my representative.

SINCERELY
MAMIE LEE DODDS
BIG SPRING

Birthright of Choice

TO THE EDITOR:
Additional term limits compromise the birthright of choice.

No matter how one decorates term limits, how sweet they sound, encased in cherry blossoms or apple pie – proponents of term limits

can't get over one enormous limiting threshold and threat to Big Spring citizens' right to vote. If term limits are imposed, each Big Spring district will lose the present right and privilege of keeping the candidate of their choice to represent their area for as long or as little as they choose. Forefathers Washington, Jefferson and others — recognizing a need for balance — gave each state two Senators with longer terms requiring consensus and insulation from the representative side of Congress. Like states, Big Spring's six districts sometimes have their own distinctive opinions and needs.

In modest populated Big Spring, neither financial gain nor cor-

ruptible power is manifest in the council. Apparently, past candidates have satisfied the majority in the district they represent or they wouldn't have been left there even when voters had to choose them over opponents.

Adopting the churn of term limits might not prove to be a successful answer. City voter turnout and interest went down — not up — following adoption of limits by a mega-metro city that was given as an example in a proponent's previous letter. Also, the city, as reported, has witnessed lower voter turnout, less competitive elections, less interest and lower levels of participation. Some members resigned council positions before their second term

expired. This could be a classic example. When a committed, voter-approved leader is identified, you might want to keep them in the traces — at least until you are ready to dismiss them. Term limits takes that option from you.

Following attendance at over 95 percent of council meetings for the past several years, I've observed it's strongly suggestive and evident Big Spring needs to keep proven leaders who "know how and can build bridges" for the community until the voter decides to end that council person's term. Natural turnover happens. With few exceptions, a Big Spring council member will eventually grow weary and exhausted from

council public office if they've invested the effort, research and goals needed in the job. As one example, when a council member is seeking to make a best decision — the research visits and journey might be a local visit or involve hundreds, even thousands of miles distance, not once, but often.

At a Texas Cities convention, an unusual opportunity became available. Unrelated elected council officials were sitting on all sides in many seminars and at lots of tables outside the seminars. Unknowing of my opinion — many dozens were asked "Does your city have term limits?" After a lengthy while, two examples of term limits were found.

One was interested only in the departure of a particular councilman. The other one, who has a reputation of never being cornered with a question replied, "Yes, it got rid of a bad one." Then with hesitation strongly visible droop of eye, shoulders and body language, they further replied, ever so sadly, as if recalling a past injury, "And we lost a terrifically good one, too."

We already have term limits called every years elections for one-third of the council.

The voters' use of what we already have will work just fine without losing an identifiable leader from city governance.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

▶ Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: maple mini pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: rib patty sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans, peaches, milk.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: peanut butter jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, salsa, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: honey bun, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: hamburger on bun, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, pears, fresh fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: waffles, ham, apple juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, pineapples, roll, milk, corn dogs (early release)

Tuesday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: meatloaf, creamed potatoes, apples, spice cake, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: chicken/spaghetti, sweet peas, fruit, rolls, milk, hot pockets.

Thursday: Breakfast: oatmeal, ham, apple juice, milk. Lunch: smothered steak with gravy, potatoes, bread, peach cups, milk, McRib on bun.

Friday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, apple sauce, syrup, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, cookies.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: honeybun, juice, milk. Lunch: beef fajitas, pinto beans, seasoned corn, rosie apple-sauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, peaches and cream, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: beef tips and noodles, green beans, apple and orange smiles, spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, corn on the cob, garlic toast, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, pineapple orange salad, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches and cream, milk.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, baked potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed salad, rolls, cherry cheesecake/milk.

Wednesday: smothered chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, cinnamon apple sauce, milk.

Thursday: hamburger steak with onions, butter beans, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, banana pudding, milk.

Friday: tomato vegetable soup, crackers, tuna sandwich, lettuce/tomatoes, mixed berries, milk.

Chamber golf tourney entries, sponsors sought

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic.

Two-man teams will come together and compete for two days, May 20-22, for the winning title.

"This is a great way for the chamber to raise funds," Scott Mackenzie said. "The more funds that can be raised, the more the chamber can do for its members."

The entry fee is \$200 per team and cannot be refunded after May 16. The fee will cover free beverages, access to the Atmos Hospitality Tent, the Friday afternoon shootout and lunch Saturday and Sunday. Participants will be competing for 90 percent of the winnings.

Currently the chamber is looking for hole-sponsors. There are currently two corporate sponsors, Atmos and Culligan.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact Debby Valverde at 263-7641. If you would like to enter a team call the chamber of the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

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Police Beat

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

- SHARON ANNETT JAMES, 52, of 500 N. San Antonio, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than a gram, speeding, fail to appear, warrant from another agency.
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 22, of 109 NE 10th, was arrested Friday on charges of failure to identify – fugitive from justice, failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear (two counts), no drivers license when unlicensed.
- NELDA CHANCEY SMALE, 38, of 1114 Mulberry, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 36, of 538 Westover

Street 105, was arrested Friday on a warrant for assault: family violence causing bodily injury, interference with an emergency telephone call.

- JESI ELAIN WILKEY, 25, of 1801 Settles, was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft of more than \$50, less than \$500.
- VALENTINE CALDERON QUINTANA, 34, of 1201 FM 461, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- JOAN MARIE TATUM, 50, of 207 Washington, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense; accident involving damage to a vehicle less than \$200.
- ELIZABETH CRUZ RIOS, 34, of 2801 Ent, was arrested Friday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance, failed to

maintain financial responsibility (four counts), fail to appear (nine counts), expired license plate (four counts), safety belt drove without being secured, driving while license invalid – mc, failed to control speed.

- ALLEN LEON MCCULLAR, 31, of 22751 Lake Drive, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Bell Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th. In the 500 block of NW 11th.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Civil War 150th a lifetime event for re-enactors

FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.C. (AP) — For thousands of Civil War re-enactors, the next four years are a chance to capitalize on the public's curiosity about a century-old hobby that demands such attention to detail that the fights seem almost real.

The die-hards converging soon at the site where the War Between the States began 150 years ago with a Confederate artillery barrage on Union-held Fort Sumter can't wait to help others understand why they spend weekends tramping through the rain, sleeping in tents in snow-covered fields, cooking on open campfires and enduring mock battles in wool coats under the hot Southern sun.

They're expecting a surge of interest in a pastime that has roots at the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913, when Confederate veterans retraced Pickett's Charge. Re-enacting took hold for good five decades ago during the Civil War's centennial.

"The 150th cycle is going to be great. It's going to bring us some new re-enactors and it's going to bring a lot of attention and publicity," said Reece Sexton, publisher of the Civil War Courier news-

paper and two companion magazines considered bibles by enthusiasts.

"The hobby is not going to die. It does need some new blood."

There is no nationwide association for re-enactors, but Sexton estimates as many as 50,000 take part at least occasionally. An estimated 1,000 re-enactors will be in Charleston, S.C., for the festivities surrounding the April 12, 1861 attack on Fort Sumter, the first shots of the war. Organizers will explode a starburst shell over the fort, signaling re-enactors manning some 30 cannons ringing the harbor to begin a 30-minute barrage.

Sexton expects up to 12,000 re-enactors in Virginia for the 150th anniversary of Bull Run, the first major battle of the war, in July.

But the capstone will come in 2013, when the Gettysburg anniversary could draw as many as 25,000 re-enactors and four times that many spectators to the fields of Pennsylvania.

There are re-enactments yearly of many major Civil War battles and of numerous smaller skirmishes at locations near the battlefields. None is permitted on the ac-

tual battlegrounds.

But the next four years will be special.

"Among a lot of re-enactors I'm talking to, this is it. This is the anniversary they have been waiting for," said George Wunderlich, a re-enactor and executive director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md.

Interest in re-enacting has ebbed and flowed over the decades.

"You get the Ken Burns series on the Civil War coming out and everyone wants to be a re-enactor. Then it ebbed," said Mike Stivers of Summerville, S.C., who has been re-enacting more than 10 years.

There was renewed interest in the early 2000s when the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley was raised and "now with the 150th, you're going to have another resurgence," Stivers said.

The 150th anniversary will expose even more people to the war, just as the centennial was a chance to educate young people half a century ago, said Katie Lawhon, a spokeswoman for Gettysburg National Military Park.

"I know a

lot of people who tell me when they first got interested in the Civil War, it was because they were here in 1963," Lawhon said.

For Wayne Jones, of Aiken, S.C. — who portrays Confederate Maj. Gen. Jeb Stuart — bringing history alive for kids is a big part of the excitement surrounding the sesquicentennial.

"It's a chance for us to teach by giving people a real opportunity to use their five senses to understand," he said.

For re-enactors, the hobby isn't cheap. A replica musket jackets, pants, brogans and shirts can easily cost \$1,400. That's for a basic kit. It's more if you portray an officer or a Calvary soldier, or if you are in the artillery have to buy a cannon.

Civil War supplies can be had online or from merchants who sell items to soldiers in the field at re-enactments.

"It's a lot of money. It's a lot of time, but it's something you really have a love for," said David Coon of Aiken, S.C., a re-enactor for 16 years.

Re-enactors like Buddy Jarrels of Conway, S.C., say more young people are joining the ranks where he has marched for 35 years.

"There are enough of us who have engrained in the younger ones that love of history," he said. "I think with the 150th the hobby is safe. I really don't see it dying or going away."

Enthusiasts say women, too, are increasingly involved. Wendy Pena-Smith moved to Charleston from Boston six months ago and took up the hobby after checking off other wishes such as learning to blow glass and traveling to Scotland. "I picked this as one of the things to learn for my bucket list," said Pena-Smith, 51.

Linda Berry of Johns Island, S.C., joins her daughter at re-enactments portraying a family who are refugees of war.

"A weekend with no shower and cooking over a stove makes me realize what my ancestors went through," she said.

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VICTIM SERVICES OF BIG SPRING TO HOST INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band

Victim Services of Big Spring announces their inaugural fundraiser "West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band" on Friday, August 5, 2011 at Hog Heaven BBQ Party Barn in Big Spring, TX. This first ever fundraiser is designed to help with the daily expenses needed to operate the non-profit independent community based program.

"West Texas Casino Night" will be hosted by Casino Parties of Lubbock and will feature blackjack, roulette, craps, and Texas hold 'em from 7p - 10p, with raffled door prizes valued at over \$5,000.00.

A concert featuring Texas country music artist Cody Johnson Band will follow from 10:30p - 12:00a. Cody Johnson is the recent winner of the "New Male Vocalist of The Year" award at the 2011 Texas Regional Radio Music Awards. When asked about performing at this inaugural fundraiser, Cody Johnson said, "I'm truly honored to be chosen to perform for this first time event, and can't wait to put on a great show for my fans in Big Spring and the surrounding area."

Tickets for this event will be \$30, and will include an all you can eat barbeque buffet, \$2,000.00 worth of casino chips to gamble with, and entry into the concert. For those wishing to attend only the concert, \$20 will be charged at the door.

KBST, Best Country 95.7 FM, will serve as the official media partner and L.T. Hinojos of LT Entertainment will serve as event producer.

Victim Services of Big Spring is a 501 c (3) non-profit independent community based program providing support and advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and all forms of violent crime in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell, and Dawson counties.

Executive Director Shann Smith said, "Our staff, board of directors, and volunteers are truly excited about this upcoming fundraiser. This year we have already experienced financial cuts in our grants and this fundraiser will hopefully help with the shortfall. We are anticipating this to be an annual fundraising event, bringing community and agency together, and helping past and present victims."

For more event information and sponsorship opportunities contact L.T. Hinojos at 432-517-9536, or lt.hinojos@hotmail.com.

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Serial killer sentenced to death dies in prison

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An elderly con man who pleaded guilty to five slayings in Wisconsin and Ohio — and was on death row for his most recent crime — has died in prison of natural causes, an Ohio prisons spokesman said Friday.

Edward Edwards, 77, died Thursday night at the Corrections Medical Center in Columbus, where he was being held, spokesman Carlo LoParo told The Associated Press.

An autopsy was to be performed, but it was not immediately clear whether it had been completed.

Edwards' death was first reported by the Daily Jefferson County Union newspaper in Wisconsin.

The newspaper said Edwards suffered from leuke-



Edwards

mia, heart ailments and diabetes; needed a wheelchair; and had often showed up at court hearings hooked to an oxygen tank. The cause of his

death wasn't released.

The Louisville, Kentucky, man was sentenced to death after he admitted killing his 25-year-old foster son in 1996 for \$250,000 in life insurance. He told the AP in a prison interview last year that he confessed to killing Dannie Boy Edwards because he wanted the death penalty.

Edwards had already been serving life sentences for his other crimes.

He had pleaded guilty to killing Bill Lavaco, 21, and Judith Straub, 18, in 1977. They were shot in the neck at close range.

In Wisconsin, he admitted to killing 19-year-old sweethearts Tim Hack and Kelly Drew, who disappeared from a wedding reception in Jefferson County in August 1980.

Their bodies were found

weeks later in the woods.

The investigation into their deaths languished until 2007, when state analysts developed a DNA profile from semen found on Drew's pants.

Investigators gathered DNA from more than 75 potential suspects in hopes of a match. One of Edwards' children saw stories about the murders in 2009 and called authorities to say Edwards might have been the killer.

The child remembered starting school in Watertown in 1980 but then abruptly leaving Wisconsin, and said Edwards was working at the reception hall where Hack and Drew were last seen. The child remembered Edwards saying the bodies would turn up in a field.

Detectives traveled to Louisville, got DNA from Edwards

and matched it to the profile. They arrested him in 2009.

Born in Akron in 1933, Edwards wrote in his 1972 autobiography "Metamorphosis of a Criminal" that he spent his early years being beaten by nuns in an orphanage. When a nun asked him what he wanted to be, he told her, "Sister, I'm gonna be a crook, and I'm gonna be a good one."

According to his book, he escaped from jail in Akron in 1955 by pushing past a guard and fled across the country, holding up gas stations for money. He never wore a mask because he wanted to be famous.

In 1961, he landed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list.

He eventually was captured in Atlanta.

► News in brief

Protesters reoccupy central Cairo square demanding resignation of top military commander

CAIRO (AP) — Soldiers beat hundreds of protesters with clubs and fired into the air in a pre-dawn raid that wounded 15 people on Saturday to disperse an overnight demonstration in Cairo's central Tahrir Square. The clashes were the latest sign of tension between Egypt's ruling military and protesters.

The troops eventually withdrew, however, enabling demonstrators to reoccupy the square and block the streets leading into it. Armed with sticks and other makeshift weapons, they vowed not to leave until the defense minister, the titular head of state, has resigned.

A force of around 300 soldiers swept into the square around 3 a.m. and waded into a tent camp in the center where protesters had formed a human cordon to protect several army officers who had joined their demonstration in defiance of their superiors.

The troops dragged an unknown number of protesters away, throwing them into police trucks, eyewitnesses said.

Troops surrounded a mosque and heavy gunfire was heard for hours. Protesters in the mosque reported large numbers of injured, including several wounded by gunfire.

The nearby Mounira hospital said it treated 15 wounded demonstrators.

The military issued a statement afterward blaming "outlaws" for rioting and violating the country's 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. curfew, and asserted that no one was harmed or arrested.

The square was filled with shattered glass, stones and debris from the fighting, in a scene reminiscent of the protests in January that brought down the regime of Hosni Mubarak. The glass storefront of a KFC on the square was also smashed.

Japan says it won't allow farmers to plant rice in contaminated soil

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's government has announced it will ban farmers from planting rice in soil contaminated by radiation from the tsunami-flooded nuclear power plant, adding another food central to Japanese culture to the list of items raising concerns.

The ban will apply to any soil found to contain high levels of radioactive cesium, and farmers who cannot grow rice will be compensated.

So far, soil that exceeds the new limit has been found in only two places in Iitate, a village about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from Fukushima Dai-ichi, the nuclear plant crippled by the March 11 tsunami.

"We had to come up with a policy quickly be-

cause we are in planting season," said Agriculture Minister Michihiko Kano, who announced the ban Friday. "Following this, I want to hear the opinions of experts and local officials on how to remediate the soil."

Earlier in the week, high levels of seawater contamination around the plant prompted the nation that gave the world sushi to set limits for the first time on the amount of radiation permitted in fish. The contamination levels have since decreased after plant workers managed to plug a leak.

There has been concern about radiation in vegetables and milk, and several countries, most recently China, have banned imports of some items from Japan.

Israel strikes against Hamas militants in Gaza, as intense fighting continues for third day

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel pounded Hamas targets in Gaza with air strikes and tank shells Saturday, killing four militants, Palestinian officials said, as Palestinian missiles reached deeper into Israel in the most intense round of fighting since the Gaza war.

In all, 18 Gazans have been killed and more than 65 wounded since Israel unleashed the strikes following a Hamas attack on an Israeli school bus Thursday. An anti-tank rocket struck the bus, seriously wounding a 16-year-old boy and injuring the driver.

After Israel's devastating military offensive in the winter of 2008-2009, Gaza's Hamas rulers had largely observed a cease-fire, and it was not immediately clear why the Islamic militants chose to end their relative restraint. Israel, in turn, has pledged to strike back hard for the bus attack, in an attempt to restore the deterrence created by the Gaza war.

Early Saturday, an Israeli airstrike struck a car near Rafah in southern Gaza, killing three Hamas militants. Hamas said one of its top commanders, 29-year-old Tayser Abu Snima, and two of his assistants were killed.

Later, Hamas said a tank shell killed another militant near the Jabalya neighborhood in Gaza. The Israeli military said it was not aware of a strike involving a tank shell.

Overall, the Palestinian death toll since Thursday includes 11 militants, a Hamas policeman and six civilians.

Brazilians bury children killed in school massacre

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Grief-stricken relatives threw themselves upon caskets and wept to exhaustion as Rio buried most of the 12 children killed in a school shooting. The massacre shocked Brazilians

— and stoked new calls for stricter guns laws.

Sobbing and embracing family members as she watched the body of her 14-year-old niece Milena Santos Nascimento placed into a tomb, Ana Rosa Nascimento Alves could barely shake off the shock to describe her pain.

"Milena was a dreamer," she said. "Unfortunately, this madman came and ended her dreams."

It was the sentiment of a nation that watched repeated funerals Friday, services attended by upward of a thousand people each.

A day earlier, 10 girls and two boys aged from 12 to 15 were gunned down inside the Tasso da Silveira public school, most lined up along a wall and shot in the head at point-blank range.

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FACT CHECK: Are federal workers overpaid?

SAM HANANEL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Are federal employees overpaid?

Republican leaders in Congress think so, and they are calling for an overhaul of the entire federal pay system to help slash government spending.

Democrats and other defenders of the government work force say federal workers are actually underpaid compared with their private counterparts.

A closer look at the data shows that both sides have a point but that supporters of federal workers are a bit closer to reality. The debate has heated up since the GOP budget blueprint unveiled this week calls for federal pay "to be reformed to be in line with the private sector." It says average wages "far eclipse" those in the private industry.

At a congressional hearing last month, Rep. Dennis Ross, R-Fla., said the average federal worker earns \$101,628 in total compensation — including wages and benefits— compared with \$60,000 for the average private employee. He was citing data from the federal Office of Personnel Management.

"Our taxpayers can no longer be asked to foot the bill for these federal employees while watching their own

salaries remain flat and their benefits erode," said Ross, chairman of the House Oversight subcommittee on the federal work force.

But federal employee advocates claim a straight-up comparison of average total compensation is misleading. A disproportionate number of federal employees are professionals, such as managers, lawyers, engineers and scientists. Over the years, the federal government has steadily outsourced lower-paying jobs to the private sector so that blue-collar workers cooking meals or working in mailrooms now make up just 10 percent of federal employees.

That argument is backed up by a 2002 study of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. It found that federal salaries for most professional and administrative jobs lagged well behind compensation offered in the private sector.

The CBO study concluded that the best way to measure the difference is to compare government jobs with those in the private sector that match the actual work performed. The CBO found that salaries for 85 percent of federal workers in professional and administrative jobs lagged their private sector counterparts by more than 20 percent.

Among lawyers, for example, the average pay in the federal govern-

ment was about \$127,500 a year in 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average lawyer in the private sector earned \$137,540. And the starting salary at large law firms in Washington, D.C. — where most government lawyers work — is \$160,000, and can grow to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, according to the National Association for Law Placement.

At the lower end of the pay scale, the CBO said 30 percent of federal employees in technical and clerical fields earned salaries above those doing comparable work in the private sector. But the differences were mostly within about 10 percent — plus or minus — of private levels.

The government does offer, on average, more generous benefits to workers than the private sector. OPM data shows the federal employees earned an average of \$27,317 in pension and health benefits in 2010. That's more than double the average private sector benefits of \$10,589, according to statistics from the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The CBO report pointed to what it called a "long-standing concern" with the federal pay system — it allows no variation in pay raises based on occupation. That means federal workers in professional and administrative jobs may get smaller pay increases than

needed to match the private sector, while technical and clerical workers get higher raises than needed.

President Barack Obama is seeking a two-year federal pay freeze, but that's not enough for some Republicans. The GOP budget plan offered this week by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., would impose a five-year pay freeze on federal employees, cut the federal work force by 10 percent and increase employee contributions to retirement plans.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, said he wants to see Obama's pay freeze include a ban on step increases — automatic adjustments within pay grades that are part of the federal pay system.

OPM Director John Berry says eliminating step increases would hasten the departure of valuable federal employees for the private sector.

Asked about the prospect of federal employees losing their jobs in the push to curb government spending, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio angered Democrats earlier this year when he said, "So be it."

"I don't want anyone to lose their job, whether they're a federal employee or not," Boehner said. "But come on, we're broke."

To save costs, Social Security will stop mailing earning statements

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Those yearly statements that Social Security mails out — here's what you'd get if you retired at 62, at 66, at 70 — will soon stop arriving in workers' mailboxes. It's an effort to save money and steer more people to the agency's website.

The government is working to provide the statements online by the end of the year, if it can resolve security issues, Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue said. If that fails, the agency will resume the paper statements, which cost \$70 million a year to mail, he said.

"We'll provide it, we expect, one way or another, before the end of the calendar year," Astrue told The Associated Press. "We're just right now trying to figure out the most cost-effective and convenient way to provide that to the American public."

The statements, mailed to 150 million people each year, project future benefit payments, helping workers plan for retirement.

The decision to suspend the mailings was unrelated to the talk of a possible partial government shutdown. It was, however, related to the agency's operating budget, which has essentially been frozen at 2010 levels — minus about \$350 million in economic stimulus money the agency had been using to handle claims.

Advocates for older Americans say they are sympathetic about the agency's budget problems, but several said an online option is insufficient, especially for people who may not have computer skills or access to computers.

"As far as the information being available online, that's not going to help a lot of people we work with," said Max Richtman, executive vice president of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

"This was a concrete piece of paper, a document that workers would

receive that would give them confidence in the program," Richtman said. "Otherwise, they hear a lot of the debate in Washington. It's going to be there; it's not going to be there."

Claims for retirement and disability benefits are up significantly since the nation's economy soured in 2008. About 2.7 million people applied for retirement benefits last year, a 17 percent increase from 2008, according to agency statistics. About 3.2 million people applied for disability benefits last year, a 23 percent increase.

Since the 1980s, Social Security statements have been mailed each year to workers older than 25. They include a history of taxable earnings for each year — so people can check for mistakes — as well as the total amount of Social Security and Medicare taxes paid over the lifetime of the worker.

The statements provide estimates of monthly benefits, based on current earnings and when a worker plans to retire. Workers can claim early retirement benefits starting at age 62. Full benefits are available at age 66, a threshold that is gradually increasing to 67 for people born in 1960 or later.

The statements are mailed throughout the year, so many people have already received them this year. Tens of millions have not.

The agency does offer a benefits estimator on its website that Astrue said can be even more helpful than the annual Social Security statements. Workers can enter their Social Security numbers on the website and get estimates of future benefits, depending on when they plan to retire.

"You can go online and you can get a very accurate estimate of your likely retirement benefits," Astrue said. "You can run scenarios."

The website, however, does not provide the detailed earnings and payroll tax history that workers had been receiving in the mail each year.

Mary Johnson, a policy analyst at The Senior Citizens League, said the

detailed paper statements help workers ensure they are getting credit for their proper earnings each year.

"When we get these we realize just how modest our benefit will be, and the need for savings, and to work as long as we are able to," Johnson said in an email.

Ending the statements is part of a trend in government to conduct more of its business electronically. Social Security already mails out few paper checks. About 88 percent of beneficiaries have their payments deposited directly into bank accounts.

Social Security has been beefing up its website in recent years, offering more services and information online as millions of computer-savvy


baby boomers reach retirement age. The agency launched a new public campaign this week featuring two celebrities that baby boomers will find familiar: actors Patty Duke and George Takei.

Takei starred in the original "Star Trek" TV show, and the campaign features ads playing on a "Star Trek" theme, with Duke and Takei emphasizing how easy it is to apply for benefits online.

About 41 percent of applications for retirement benefits come in online, Astrue said.

About 44 percent of Medicare applications are done online. In all, the agency's website attracts about 11 million visitors each month.

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Republicans use clout to place conservative stamp on state of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans are using their biggest majority ever in the Texas House to promote their conservative vision: government slashed to the bone, more curbs on abortion, far less money for birth control and new ID requirements for voters.

The new supermajority has pushed those long pent-up priorities and more with lightning speed through the often raucous body that gave Gov. Rick Perry his start as a Democrat in the 1980s. With so many cards left to be played, it's far too early to say what will make it through the less partisan Senate. But it's clear that Republicans in the House have begun to show their hands — even at the risk of voter backlash.

Look no further than the staggering cuts to education, and the support they received from powerful House speaker, Rep. Joe Straus of San Antonio. House Republicans facing a huge budget shortfall voted in virtual lockstep last weekend to take a whopping \$8 billion out of the formula-based funding for public schools, which would be the first such reduction since the modern school finance system was introduced in 1949. The House-approved budget plan also would, for the first time, spend more to pay off transportation debts than it does on new roads.

"I don't think that education cuts are politically popular. I don't think that not addressing infrastructure needs in the state is politically popular," Straus told *The Associated Press*. "But they require discipline and that's been the mission. ... I think the voters asked for it."

The Republicans have 101 members in the 150-chamber after sweeping the tea party-infused elections last year. That's enough to transact business even if all 49 House Democrats never showed up for work. It's a far cry from 2003, when Democrats lost control of the chamber but still had enough strength to temporarily block initiatives — including by leaving the state, as their counterparts did recently in Wisconsin.

The Democrats' only available strategy in the Texas House of Representatives is to complain. They have generally advocated using more money from the so-called Rainy Day Fund, a reserve account that has billions of dollars in it. Most Democrats also say they want to raise more revenue, either by fees or through various tax re-

forms, to soften the budgetary blows.

Veteran Rep. Pete Gallego, a West Texas Democrat who first took office in 1991, said Republicans are doing every-

We have a difficult balancing job to do up here, and that's to weigh what's popular with what's affordable. We in the House lean toward what's affordable. Now the Senate will have their chance and they typically lean toward what's popular.

—Rep. Joe Straus,
House Speaker

thing they can to "make the tea party happy" and are not trying to get any buy-in from Democrats. He compared the experience to a wild and unwellcome ride.

"You're essentially strapped into the back seat of a car. You're going where the car goes, and the car is going into the ditch," he said. "And there is not a damn thing you can do about it."

In past years, for example, Democrats blocked the bill requiring Texans to show a photo ID before voting. This year, the bill appears headed for passage after clearing both the House and Senate with slightly different language. Perry has said he'll sign it.

Meanwhile, on amendment after amendment in the House budget deliberations, Democratic efforts to block the conservative agenda were shot down. Republicans pushed through measures that cut \$60 million from family planning services, including money for low-income women to get doctors' visits needed to receive birth control pills. Some of the money was re-directed to anti-abortion programs.

Earlier in the session, the House also pushed through controversial legislation requiring women to undergo sonograms before getting an abortion, with no exceptions for rape and incest. That bill has hit a rough patch in the Senate, which offered up a less restrictive measure.

Leaders in the two chambers are trying to work out the differences.

Beyond the black-and-white partisan split, other fissures and pressures have emerged in the House. Staunch conservatives failed to get everything they wanted, including a revenge-laced measure designed to end public corruption probes by the Travis County district attorney's office, which recently got a conviction against former Republican U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

And leaders haven't been able to prevent unexpected things from happening. Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview, put together an odd-couple coalition of Democrats and Republicans to approve an amendment zeroing out funding for the Texas Commission on the Arts and redirecting it to services for the elderly and disabled.

Channeling tea-party-like, populist anger right back at his own leaders, Simpson also has railed against hundreds of millions of dollars in what he calls "corporate welfare." It happens to include Perry's job-luring initiatives, the Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund.

"These parts of the budget are more protected than schools and the weak among us," Simpson said. He failed to redirect the money, but not before raising a stink among Republicans.

Differences among House Republicans over budget priorities pale in comparison to the divide between Republican representatives and senators. The Senate budget is likely to come in several billion dollars higher than the House version. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the chamber, recently held out hope that education funding levels would not drop a bit in the Senate budget.

Reconciling those differences will test the strength of the House supermajority, and possibly the will of the governor, who might have to call a special session to smooth it over. Straus, the House speaker, did not appear to be in a blinking mood in the AP interview.

"We have a difficult balancing job to do up here, and that's to weigh what's popular with what's affordable," Straus said. "We in the House lean toward what's affordable. Now the Senate will have their chance and they typically lean toward what's popular."

State briefs

DA dismisses capital murder charge

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas district attorney has dismissed the capital murder case against a man indicted last year in the 1983 slaying of a Farmers Branch police officer.

In a statement released Friday, the spokeswoman for DA Craig Watkins said dismissing the case against Gary Wayne Pettigrew was "the right thing to do in the interest of justice." The statement referred to information leading to additional suspects, but gave no details. The case remains under investigation.

Last summer, Watkins announced that then-63-year-old Pettigrew faced a capital murder charge in the 1983 slaying of Farmers Branch Police Officer Lowell Tribble.

Police say Tribble was 37 and married with children when he was killed. He remains the only fallen officer in the history of Farmers Branch, a suburb immediately north of Dallas.

Man returned to U.S. after 6 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man who had been a fugitive for more than six years after pleading guilty for his role in a stock manipulation scheme has been extradited to the U.S. from Mexico.

Federal officials say Harris "Butch" Ballow appeared before a federal judge in Houston on Friday after being escorted back to the country earlier in the day by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Ballow had been in the custody of Mexican authorities since his July arrest in Nuevo Vallarta.

Ballow, who is from Tiki Island, near Galveston, will be held without bond until his sentencing.

The 68-year-old had pleaded guilty to money laundering and had been set to be sentenced in December 2004 when he fled.

Prosecutors say he defrauded six brokerage houses out of more than \$10.4 million.

3 arrested in fatal New Year's Eve shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Police have arrested three men they suspect were involved in the fatal shooting of a bystander during the robbery of a Houston convenience store New Year's Eve.

Houston police on Friday said capital murder charges have been filed against 31-year-old Edgar Ivan Padron, 30-year-old Jose Adolpho Castillo, and 32-year-old Mark Antonio Deleon.

The three were being held in the Harris County jail without bond. Padron's attorney, James Stafford, did not immediately return a call. It was not clear whether Castillo or Deleon had attorneys.

Police say the men entered the store and shot and robbed 57-year-old Saturnino Argueta, a customer, while robbing the store. Argueta was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police are searching for another man who they say drove the getaway truck.

Health officials say horse had rabies

AUSTIN (AP) — State health officials say people who attended horse shows in Belton and Lufkin last month may have been exposed to a horse that tested positive for rabies.

About 150 people from Texas, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana and Mississippi attended the American Southwest Texas Cutting Horse Association show in Belton March 19-21 and the Lufkin Cutting Horse Association show March 25-27.

The horse was a 7-year-old bay quarter horse gelding with a faint star on its forehead. The horse died April 4 and tested positive for rabies April 6.

People can be infected if they are bitten or if the infected animal's saliva gets in an open wound or cut or in the eyes, nose or mouth. A series of post-exposure shots, if given in time, can prevent rabies from developing.

House committee approves controls on pet breeders

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas House committee has approved a bill that would require commercial cat and dog breeders to register with the state and apply for a license.

The measure by Democratic state Rep. Senfronia Thompson would require commercial breeders to register with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The department would be responsible for licensing and inspecting commercial breeding facilities. Hobby breeders are excluded from regulation.

The proposed law is designed to crack down on so-called puppy mills that breed animals in poor or unsafe conditions. Texas currently does not regulate dog and cat breeders. The department of licensing would collect a fee to cover the costs of enforcing the new rules.

Rep. Thompson's bill will now go before the full House for a vote.

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Dear Annie: We are in our 80s and have known "Ed and Jane" for 15 years. They sometimes invite us to spend a couple of nights at their condo in another state, and we reciprocate. It went fairly well until the past few years.

Now the first thing Jane mentions is how much weight I've gained, and the conversation is always about food. The last time we visited, my husband and I brought Chinese take-out. After Ed and Jane finished their soup, they were "stuffed" and insisted they couldn't eat another bite.

When they come here, it's the same thing. I try to serve small portions and healthy meals, but it's always "way too much." Jane and Ed are really skinny. I am a little heavier than I should be because I don't get enough physical activity, but I try to eat nutritious, well-balanced meals.

Jane and Ed now want to visit again, and I'm already losing sleep over the thought. We have an extra bedroom, but my husband hasn't been well lately and needs his own space, so I've taken the second room. If guests come, I'd have to sleep on the couch. And the extra grocery shopping, laundry and cooking wears me out. I particularly don't want to take on the additional burden when I know the visit will be all about food.

We no longer converse much with Ed and Jane except for a few e-mails now and then. How can I tactfully tell them I don't want their company right now without causing a lot of hurt feelings? — *A Slightly Portly*

Senior Citizen

Dear Senior: Inform Ed and Jane that the situation in your home has changed and, so sorry, you no longer have room for them to stay with you. Give them the names of nearby hotels. The next time they mention your weight or your food, tell them you appreciate their interest in your health, but you'd prefer not to discuss it. Then deliberately and obviously change the subject. But do it with a smile.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: My daughter keeps buying things she doesn't need and spending money before paying her bills. At the moment, she is in foreclosure because she buys junk before paying her mortgage. She and her children may have to move in with us.

I have a lot of health issues, and the stress over this is killing me. Jane has a decent job. She just cannot manage her money and constantly lies to justify her purchases.

We have helped her out financially several times, but this time we decided to let her be responsible for her own

mess. She is going through a divorce and could afford to keep her home if she would just stop spending. She is a wonderful mother, and the kids do well in school. Please help us. — *Ohio*

Dear Ohio: Compulsive spending can have many causes, including poor impulse control, bipolar disease or a way to mask depression or anxiety. Your daughter's pending divorce may have driven her over the edge. Please suggest she contact Debtors Anonymous (debtor-anonymous.org) at 1-800-421-2383.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Gotta Do What You Gotta Do," who said she tried to kill her mother-in-law with kindness, to no avail, and finally moved across the country to be rid of her.

When I was engaged, I had a dim view of my fiance's parents. I had never met them, yet had heard plenty of griping about them from my boyfriend when he needed to vent. Before I traveled to his town to meet his family, I decided that no matter how fake I had to be, I was going to be nice.

Fast-forward a few years. My mother-in-law has become closer to me than my own mother. She is kind-hearted and compassionate and simply wants to love us. It is well worth the effort to treat your mother-in-law with respect and decency right from the start. Things can change. — *A*

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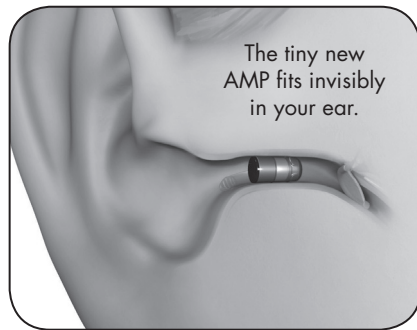
John Weeks (center), owner and General Manager of KBYG AM & FM, presents the winners with tickets and cash prizes in the Nascar Ticket Giveaway. KBYG Listeners signed up at local businesses during the month of March and the winners were drawn April 1st. Richard Bloom (right) was the first prize winner and received \$1400.00 in cash. Russell Hodnett (left) took second prize with \$106.30 in cash. Both winners received tickets and VIP pit passes for Nascar races this weekend at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

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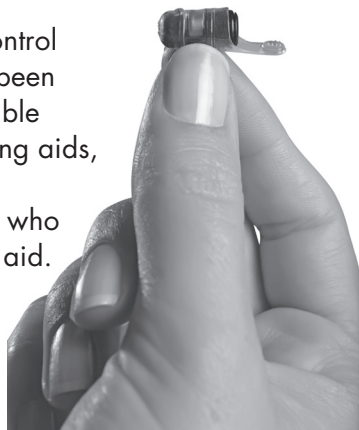
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Cars, Stars and Handlebars a success

Special to the HERALD

Big Spring State Hospital's planned Family Visitation Center got a huge shot in the arm last Saturday night when the Volunteer Services Council's annual fund-raiser Cars Stars and Handlebars pulled in close to \$44,000.

"It surpassed our every expectation," Cars, Stars and Handlebars co-chair Stacy Barr said. "We are just thrilled."

More than 350 people attended the event, but close to 700 tickets were sold for the opportunity to win a new vehicle.

Jordan Partee and his fiancée Kristen Olshanski were the top winners and chose a 2011 Silverado 1500 Extended Cab pickup from Pollard Chevrolet as their prize.

Susan Bristol Holley won a 50-inch flat screen television set for holding the second-to-last ticket.

Courtesy photo

The crowd enjoyed great weather and a chance to relax with friends during the Cars, Stars and Handlebars, which raises money to help patients at The Big Spring State Hospital. Bob Wegener is shown accepting a bid on his ticket from Susan Holly in the audience. Pictured are from left to right Front Row: Kristen Olshanski, Wegner and Stacy Barr, and back row, Leslie Elrod, (auctioneer) Cash Berry and Sarah Myers.

Money earned from the event will fund the construction of a Family Visitation Center at Big Spring State Hospital.

The new construction will be built adjacent to patient living areas and give patients and their families a place to visit in a family-friendly environment which optimizes an efficient use of staff supervising the area,



Superintendent Ed Moughon said. "We don't have an area that's very conducive for families," Moughon said. "We have always believed that for our clients to recover, they need the support of their families."

"Keeping in touch with loved ones during the recovery process is very important."

Big Spring State Hospital offers the Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge for overnight lodging for families, Moughon said. But once on campus, families don't have a place to visit that affords them much privacy.

"Our volunteers have always recognized our needs and have always asked where they can get the most

bang for their buck," Moughon said. "They have funded so many great projects on our campus. There is no way we could provide the level of care that we do without their assistance. They are just wonderful."

In addition to Cars, Stars and Handlebars, volunteer projects raise money at The Chalet Resale Shop and through other fundraisers and donations.

The volunteers will be recognized for their contributions to the hospital with their yearly awards luncheon Thursday at noon in the hospital's Allred Building Auditorium.

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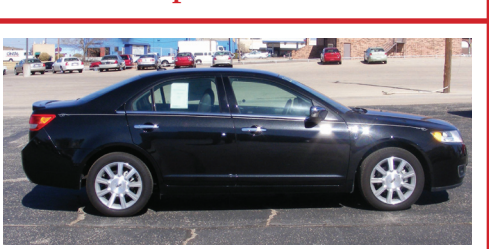
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Victim Services of Big Spring to host inaugural fundraiser

Special to the HERALD

Victim Services of Big Spring announces its inaugural fundraiser "West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band" on Aug. 5, at Hog Heaven BBQ Party Barn in Big Spring.

The fundraiser is

designed to help with the daily expenses needed to operate the non-profit independent community-based program.

"West Texas Casino Night" will be hosted by Casino Parties of Lubbock and will feature blackjack, roulette, craps and Texas hold 'em from 7 p.m. until 10

p.m. with door prizes valued at more than \$5,000.

A concert featuring Texas country music artist Cody Johnson Band will follow from 10:30 p.m. until midnight. Johnson is the recent winner of the New Male Vocalist of the Year award at the 2011 Texas Regional Radio Music Awards.

"I'm truly honored to be chosen to perform for this first-time event, and can't wait to put on a great show for my fans," said Johnson.

Tickets will be \$30 and will include an all-you-can-eat barbeque buffet, \$2,000 worth of casino chips to gamble with and entry to the concert. For those wishing to attend only the concert, \$20 will be charged at the door.

KBST, Best Country 95.7 FM, will serve as the official media partner and L.T. Hinojos of LT Entertainment will serve as event producer.

Victim Services of Big Spring is a 501 c (3) non-profit independent community based program providing support and advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and all forms of violent crime in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell and Dawson counties.

"Our staff, board of directors, and volunteers are truly excited about this upcoming fundraiser," Shann Smith, executive director, said. "This year we have already experienced financial cuts in our grants and this fundraiser will hopefully help with the shortfall. We are anticipating this to be an annual fundraising event, bringing community and agency together, and helping past and present victims."

For more event information and sponsorship opportunities contact L.T. Hinojos at 432-517-9536, or lt.hinojos@hotmail.com.

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Collins' barrage paces HC sweep

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

There has been a long list of outstanding baseball players at Howard College, but few ever had the kind of day Tyler Collins posted Friday.

Collins, the Hawks' sophomore left fielder, feasted on El Paso Community College pitching to the tune of two home runs, four doubles, eight RBI and six runs scored to help lead Howard to a 9-3, 15-5 doubleheader sweep of the Tejanos in Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball action Friday at Jack Barber Field.

The twin wins helped Howard maintain its lead in the WJCAC standings with a 12-6 league mark. Overall, the team is 25-11.

Collins was almost unstoppable Friday, failing to collect a hit only once in eight plate appearances. His season total of 11 home runs is tied for first in the nation among ju-

"I was seeing the ball well (Friday), but the major reason I had so many RBIs was the guys in front of me were getting on base and giving me a chance to drive in runs, and that's what a three-hole hitter is supposed to do."

Tyler Collins
Howard College

nior college players.

Despite his jaw-dropping stats, Collins deflected some of the praise to his teammates.

"I was seeing the ball well (Friday), but the major reason I had so many RBIs was the guys in front of me were getting on base and giving me a

chance to drive in runs, and that's what a three-hole hitter is supposed to do," Collins said.

Howard was hardly a one-man show Friday — the team exploded for 24 hits Friday — but the statistic that had Head Coach Britt Smith smiling was on the defensive side of the ledger; after recent struggles in the field, the Hawks played almost spotless defense during Friday's twinbill, committing only one error.

"It's something we worked on this week — not from a skill standpoint, because the skill has always been there, but just from their attitude approach," Smith said. "We wanted them to attack the ground balls and not be defensive, and they did a good job (Friday)."

The major beneficiaries of the Hawks' offensive and defensive largesse were starting pitchers

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Tyler Collins hit two home runs and four doubles and drove in eight runs during the Hawks' doubleheader sweep of El Paso Community College Friday.

Sports calendar

SATURDAY

Baseball — El Paso CC at Howard College (DH), noon.

Softball — Western Texas College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

Track — Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton at District 3-2A meet, Denver City.

MONDAY

Baseball — Brownwood at Big Spring, 5:30 p.m.

Softball — Brownwood at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

Golf — Big Spring boys at District 5-3A tournament, Sweetwater.

Golf — Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton at District 3-2A tournament, Denver City.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Snyder blanks Lady Steers

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — The Big Spring Lady Steers are falling into a very unwelcome routine.

The Lady Steers committed six errors and allowed three unearned runs en route to a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Snyder in District 5-3A softball action Friday.

Aside from their defensive struggles, the Lady Steers managed only one hit in the game, Head Coach John Sparks said.

"We only had two runners on base the entire game," Sparks said. "It was a night not to be focused, evidently."

Starting pitcher Valerie Ross took the loss for Big Spring, which fell to 13-17 overall and 2-4 in district action.

Despite the loss, Big Spring remained in the thick of the race

for the third and final playoff spot from District 5-3A as they are currently a half-game behind Abilene Wylie for the final playoff position.

"We still have the opportunity," Sparks said. "If we do our jobs, we'll be in the playoffs."

The Lady Steers return to action Monday at home against Brownwood. Game time is 5 p.m.

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Tigers run-rule Big Spring

SNYDER — The good news for the Big Spring Steers is that their bats finally came alive in District 3-5A baseball play.

The bad news, however, is that Snyder's bats were even better, as the Tigers proved in earning

a 14-4 run-rule victory over the Steers Friday in Snyder.

With the loss, the Steers fell to 10-14 overall and 0-5 in district action.

"Despite the score, I thought we were competitive," BSHS Coach Burt Otto said. "Snyder's just a very good team ... We made some mistakes and they made us pay for them. Our approach at the plate was the best I've seen in district play. The guys had a plan and they put the ball in play. Unfortunately, we couldn't contain their offense."

Pitcher Gunnar Kennedy took the loss for Big Spring.

The Steers return to action Monday at home vs. Brownwood. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

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In brief

CGA tournament set for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will host an individual play tournament Sunday 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.

CGA members meeting Tuesday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a members meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course clubhouse.

For more information, call 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).

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

3-person scramble set for Seminole

SEMINOLE — A three-person scram-

ble golf tournament will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Gaines County Golf Course.

Cost is \$80 per person plus cart fees.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. the first day, and at 2 p.m. May 1.

For more information, call (432) 758-3808.

Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit.

San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which runs from June 7 until June 28, officials announced.

Registration fee is \$25 per player. Players can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team.

There will be three divisions — varsity/JV, junior high and elementary.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

A kinder, gentler blowout

DALLAS (AP) — Richardson Lake Highlands beat Dallas Samuell again, but this time without putting 50 runs on the scoreboard.

In a rematch of the most lopsided prep baseball game in Texas history, Lake Highlands defeated Samuell 13-0 on Friday night.

A month ago, the final score was either 53-0, according to the scoreboard, or 57-0, by the Lake Highland's coach's tally. Either way, the outcome renewed discussions of sportsmanship in high school athletics.

On Friday, Lake Highlands coach Jay Higgins played substitutes early in the game and used all his players.

He also brought up two players from the junior varsity.

Fredette named Wooden Award winner

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES — Jimmer Fredette of BYU won the John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's player of the year Friday night, easily outpolling Kemba Walker of national champion Connecticut.

Maya Moore of Connecticut won the women's award for the second straight year.

Fredette received 3,761 votes in the poll of nearly 1,000 national media who cover the sport. Walker was second with 3,356 in voting that closed before the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

Fredette accepted the 35th annual trophy from Jim Wooden, the son of the late UCLA coaching great during a ceremony at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

"I definitely enjoyed the ride," he told reporters. "I had

a great time being with my coaches and my teammates. It was the most fun I ever had in my life."

Jared Sullinger of Ohio State was third, followed by Duke's Nolan Smith, Arizona's Derrick Williams, Ben Hansbrough of Notre Dame, Marcus Morris of Kansas, JaJuan Johnson of Purdue, Kawhi Leonard of San Diego State and Jacob Pullen from Kansas State.

Fredette became the first BYU player since Danny Ainge in 1981 to win, adding the Wooden trophy to the collection he's picked up in recent weeks, including ones from The Associated Press and the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

"I have a pretty small house in New York, so I'm not sure I can fit them all in. It's been surreal. I've been all over and met a lot of great people," he said, naming Jerry West, Os-

car Robertson, Clyde Drexler and Olympic track and field star Carl Lewis.

The senior guard from Glens Falls, N.Y., broke Ainge's school career scoring record, finishing with 2,599 points. He had 15 30-point games and four 40-point efforts in his remarkable final season.

"We had quite a ride with Jimmermania," said BYU coach Dave Rose, who accompanied his star player.

Each of the top five men's finalists were on hand, and each chose their favorite Wooden quote. Fredette's selection was: "The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching."

"I really took it to heart," he told the audience. "When you get better as a basketball player is in the offseason. You work hard without all the media attention and no

one watching. It's all about that drive and all about that character when no one is watching."

Since BYU's season ended in the NCAA tourney's round of 16, Fredette has been working out in preparation for the NBA draft in June. He's chosen four finalists in his search for an agent, and plans to announce his selection next week.

Fredette, who sported a fresh haircut for the ceremony, denied speculation that he's engaged to his girlfriend of 1½ years.

"I'm not engaged," he said. "I've heard that many times."

Moore, a four-time All-American, ended her career as the Huskies' career scoring leader with 3,036 points, and ranked second in 3-pointers made and rebounds. Moore averaged 22.8 points, 8.2 re-

bounds, 2.3 steals and 4.0 assists this season.

She led the UConn to four consecutive Final Fours and two national titles, including their record 90-game winning streak that spanned three seasons.

Moore, who won last year, joined LSU's Seimone Augustus and Candace Parker of Tennessee as the only two-time winners of the award named for the late UCLA coaching great.

She received 678 votes. Britney Griner of Baylor was second with 566 votes.

Courtney Vandersloot of Gonzaga was third with 283. Stanford teammates Jeanette Pohlen and Nnemkadi Ogwumike were fourth and fifth. Pohlen got 198 votes.

Moore received the trophy from Mark Llewellyn, son of the late award co-founder Duke Llewellyn.

Bonds trial: Jurors ask to re-hear key piece of evidence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The jurors who will decide Barry Bonds' fate filed back into the courtroom with their first question Friday, and it was one that had to make prosecutors happy.

"We request the following," U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said, reading their note aloud. "The full written transcript of the Steve Hoskins-Greg Anderson digital tape recording from 2003."

In that secretly recorded conversation at the San Francisco Giants ballpark, the slug-

ger's just-fired business partner and his then-personal trainer discuss steroids, injections and drug testing. Prosecutors used the tape in an attempt to convince jurors that the greatest home-run hitter in major league history had to know he was taking performance-enhancing drugs.

That request and another one later, to hear the testimony of Steve Hoskins' sister, Kathy, were the two moments the jury reached out from its first day of deliberations. Each question involved some of

the prosecution's best evidence against the home run king.

The panel worked about seven hours, including lunch and breaks, before adjourning until Monday.

Illston refused to give jurors the full transcript of the Hoskins-Anderson tape, because one wasn't placed in evidence during the trial that began March 21. But she allowed them to rehear the portions of the recording that were first played for them on March 23 and replayed Thursday during the prosecution's closing.

"Everything that I've been doing at this point, it's all undetectable," Anderson said on the tape. "See, the stuff that I have ... we created it. And you can't, you can't buy it anywhere. You can't get it anywhere else."

Even without taking the witness stand he was a big presence in the courtroom. On the recording, made by Hoskins, Anderson talks of injecting Bonds. Anderson says he doesn't use one spot, "I move it all over the place" in order to avoid cysts.

Both the prosecu-

tion and defense played portions of the recording during the trial, but only the prosecution showed jurors a transcript that allowed them to follow the often-muffled sounds. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Nedrow handed out transcripts again Friday while the government portion was played back. When the defense portion was replayed, most of the jurors still were looking down at the prosecution transcript. They were not allowed to take the transcript to the jury room.

While the prosecution also read along, Bonds and his lawyers focused on the jurors, trying to pick up any signals. The 46-year-old former MVP, dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and striped tie, seemed more fidgety than he had been during the trial.

Illston told the jury late Friday that Kathy Hoskins' testimony will be read back to them when deliberations resume Monday. Hoskins was Bonds' personal shopper and claims to have seen Anderson inject him with an unknown substance.

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Edwards win Nationwide event at TMS

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**, AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Carl Edwards knew Kyle Busch was charging hard. What he almost didn't see was the car that would change the Nationwide race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Edwards and Busch were running 1-2 on lap 88 when Tim Schendel's car blew a right front tire and shot up the track, basically splitting the front-runners. He barely scraped the back of Edwards' car, but was right in front of Busch, who had nowhere to go and hit him full force.

"Just sheer luck of timing, the car ended up

missing us and caught him instead," Edwards said. "Out of the corner of my eye, I thought I saw that car turn. ... I'm glad that I caught it. A split second later, it would have been over."

Edwards went on to lead 169 of 200 laps and win his second consecutive Nationwide race at the 1½-mile, high-banked track. It was his 30th Nationwide victory, the 15th NASCAR victory for car owner Jack Roush at Texas, and the first NASCAR win for a Ford Mustang.

The polesitter never dropped below third place and won by 0.482 seconds over Brad Keselowski.

Schendel was nine laps down and last among the 35 cars still running when he took out Busch, who had won the last two Nationwide races this season, and three of the last four.

"It didn't happen that fast, but there was no time to react. You can't just stomp on the brakes and turn left, you're already maxed out with your tires," Busch said. "It's real unfortunate, these guys did a great job working all weekend to get the car capable of running with Carl there. ... It's going to go down as a wreck, but I felt like we were fast enough to win."

Before being the run-

ner-up behind Edwards last fall, Busch had won five consecutive Nationwide races at the 1½-mile, high-banked track.

This was the first time in his 13 Nationwide starts at Texas that he didn't finish, and had been out of the top seven only once before.

Had that not happened, Edwards figured it would have been another exciting race between the two to the checkered flag. He would have preferred that.

"He would have been a really, really tough challenge," said Edwards, who twice already this season has finished second to Busch. "We

were well-matched, and thought we'd run real hard. He was right behind me."

With Busch out, Edward mostly dominated.

Keselowski took the lead from Edwards on the lap 94, the restart after the accident that took out Busch. That lasted only 16 laps before Edwards went back ahead until going into the pits with a nearly 11-second lead with 20 laps to go.

Edwards led more laps Friday night than he had in his previous 12 Nationwide starts in Texas, when he led only 70 laps. That includes 59 laps last November.

He was the runner-up to Busch in the 2008 fall race.

Busch has led a staggering 1,187 laps in Texas.

"I felt like there was an opportunity for us to win. I'm not going to say we were the winning car, Carl is definitely the winning car. We were making ground on him to where we could get there and at least run with him," Busch said. "We probably could have put on a really good show with the fans out here in Texas."

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. was eighth, maintaining the Nationwide points lead over Jason Leffler, who was 15th.

Mavericks rally past Clippers

DALLAS (AP) — Listless on both ends of the court, the Dallas Mavericks needed a jolt.

Corey Brewer gave them a biggie on the court. Jason Terry gave a bigger one on the sideline.

Terry ripped into teammate J.J. Barea during a timeout early in the second quarter, earning him a spot on the end of the bench. The Mavericks seemed energized by it, especially Brewer. He scored 20 points and had an outstanding all-around performance as Dallas roared back from a 16-point deficit to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 107-96 on Friday night.

"That's the most important thing to come out of this — we got a win," Terry said.

The Mavs ended a four-game losing streak and retained their grip on the No. 3 spot in the Western Conference playoff race.

Things looked to be slipping away from Dallas with 9:54 left in the second quarter, when a turnover led to a breakaway layup for Los Angeles and a timeout by Mavs coach Rick Carlisle. Turnovers, layups and timeouts were frequent to that point, with the Clippers leading by 14 on a parade of layups and dunks.

During this team huddle, Ter-

ry barked at Barea. Assistant coaches and players broke it up and Carlisle sent Terry to the end of the bench. Team owner Mark Cuban spent the next timeout speaking to Terry aside from the rest of the club. He was the first one to the locker room at half-time and the last to return, missing the first few minutes of the second half.

Terry refused to discuss the incident, as did most of his teammates. Barea said "nothing really happened. ... That's my boy, my favorite teammate since I got here. ... Heat of the moment, nothing big."

"It's an internal matter and it will remain an internal matter," Carlisle said. "Emotions run high and sometimes things happen and I'll leave it at that."

Terry is Dallas' second-leading scorer and a strong candidate for Sixth Man of the Year. Always an emotional type, he's been a bit out of control lately. He shoved Lakers guard Steve Blake late in a blowout loss last week and on Wednesday night got a technical foul in the final minutes of a tight game that Dallas lost. Carlisle said he decided Terry wasn't returning as soon as he banished

him to the end of the bench.

"Jet's a very important guy on our team," Carlisle said. "I was considering giving him a night off going forward, so this is the night off."

The Mavs already were giving Jason Kidd a second straight night off. Carlisle used that as an opportunity to get Brewer into the starting lineup to see if he could earn his way into the play-off rotation.

Since joining the team March 31, Brewer had sat out nine games and scored a total of 38 points in the other nine, including one start. This time, his line was the best of his career: 8-for-16 shooting, with six rebounds, four assists, four steals and a blocked shot. He capped his night in style, stealing an inbound pass and feeding Dirk Nowitzki for a dunk in the final minutes.

"He was everywhere," teammate Tyson Chandler said. "Guys on the bench were like, 'What he's doing, that's contagious.'"

Dallas hadn't won since a week ago Wednesday, also against the Clippers.

Another loss would've dropped the Mavericks to the fourth seed in the West.

STEERS

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Forsan downs Post, 9-0

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes remained in the thick of the District 3-2A playoff race by taking a 9-0 decision

over Post in district baseball action Friday night.

Brothers Trevor and Foster Buchett combined to pitch a two-hit shutout for the Buffs, then helped their cause at the plate by each hitting a triple. Bryson Phillips added a double for the Buffs, who improved to 15-4 overall

and 5-3 in district action.

The win moved Forsan a half-game ahead of the Coahoma Bulldogs, who were idle Friday, for the third and final playoff position from District 3-2A.

Forsan Coach Jason Phillips hopes the victory is just one of several more to come for the

Buff.

"We're trying to win the second half of our district season so we can make the playoffs," Phillips said. "Now, we'll see if we can keep it going against Denver City."

The Buffs travel to Denver City for a 4:30 p.m. game Tuesday.

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Michael Franco and Austin Blunt. In the opener, Franco struggled at times, but earned the complete-game victory while striking out two and walking two while surrendering seven hits.

Smith said his ace's recent struggles were somewhat expected.

"He's working on some things," Smith said. "This is the time of the year when freshmen usually hit the wall — with about five weeks left in the season ... But I thought he did a good job. He competed."

Blunt — with a third-of-an-inning relief help from David Gomez — earned the win in the nightcap, striking out five and walking two while surrendering 11 hits.

The two teams continued their series with a Saturday doubleheader at Barber Field.

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Tiger burning brightly at Masters

By **NANCY ARMOUR**

AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Look who's found his way back into contention.

Tiger Woods showed flashes of the player who once owned golf's major championships, blistering the back nine on his way to a 6-under 66 on Friday that brought out that familiar fist pump and sly grin. He's just three strokes behind Rory McIlroy in a tie for third at the Masters.

After an up-and-down front nine, Woods was simply trying to get under par before the turn. Then he turned up the heat, making five birdies, including three in a row on Nos. 13-15. The 66 matched Woods' lowest score of the year, and was his best round at Augusta National since he won in 2005.

"It was nice to get it going

today," he said. "Anytime you shoot 66 in a major, it's always going to be good. I'm very pleased about that."

Woods has been in freefall since that infamous car crash 16 months ago. His marriage failed after the revelations of a long and tawdry string of affairs. His golf game has been erratic, at best, as he goes through yet another major swing change.

He hasn't won since returning to competition at last year's Masters. He's dropped to No. 7 in the world rankings, the lowest he's been since he was No. 13 going into the 1997 Masters, which he won by 12 shots.

And there's a Kiddie Corps led by McIlroy that shows no fear of the player who once ruled the game.

"It's good to see these guys out here playing with that

much enthusiasm and that much zest for the game," Woods said. "That generation is going to be a fun one to watch and see how it matures over the next 10, 15 years."

But he isn't ready to turn the game over to the youngsters. Not even close.

Woods looked Friday as if the swing changes have finally taken hold, and he said it's the most comfortable he's felt since he started working with swing coach Sean Foley at the PGA Championship last year. He finished with nine birdies, none more impressive than his final one on 18.

His drive found the right rough, leaving him with a tough lie 150 yards short of the hole. But he placed an 8-iron almost perfectly, about 12 feet to the right of the hole.

He rolled the putt in, giving a long, emphatic fist pump as

the ball dropped into the cup and the crowd roared.

"I'm right where I need to be," Woods said. "I've closed the gap after yesterday's round, and hopefully tomorrow I can piece together another good round, stay patient and plod my way along."

Woods has seemed to be back on track several times over the last year, only to back right up again. He was third after both the second and third rounds at last year's Masters, but never made a run Sunday and finished in a tie for fourth. He shot a 5-under 31 on the back nine Saturday at Pebble Beach to get into contention at the U.S. Open, but couldn't make a putt on the final day and finished tied for fourth.

He wouldn't see the top 10 again until the HSBC Championship in November.

After shooting a 68 on Friday at Bay Hill last month, he backed up with a 74-72 and finished tied for 24th.

"The whole idea was to peak for this, this event," Woods said. "We try to peak four times a year, and it was nice to go through the learning curve and some of the changes that Sean and I had to make in the game. It was good and positive."

Woods is the first to caution that there is still a long way to go, and plenty of good players in contention.

But if there is an ideal setting for Woods to make a comeback, it is at Augusta National. He's won four of his 14 majors here, and the Masters record book is filled with his name. He knows the course as well as anyone and, even with all of his flaws, the fans here are still on his side.



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A couple of weeks before the Trike-A-Thon, a packet is sent home with the children to give them time to raise donations. Garcia said that every year the school is able to raise about \$2,000 for St. Jude's.

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Lelek and Willey

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They are both 2009 graduates, Tamara from Colorado City and Kaleb from Forasan. They are both attending Arlington Baptist College in Arlington. Tamara is pursuing a degree in Biblical Counseling and works at Metroplex Counseling while Kaleb is working toward a degree in music or youth ministry and works at Pawl's Pets. They are both very active in their church where they help minister to the youth. They plan to honeymoon in Seattle, Wash. They will make their home in Grand Prairie.

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Kellee Marie Christopher and Nickolas Cane Maddox exchanged wedding vows April 2, 2011, at the Historical Big Spring. Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs of Coahoma officiated the ceremony.

Kellee is the daughter of Roy Christopher and Mary Schofner. She was given away by her grandparents, Nelson Page and Carol Page.

Nickolas is the son of Kim and Ronald Maddox. The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, April 4, in the Cactus Room of Howard College. Janice Bishop, president, called on Janell Davis

treasurer, who hopes to receive more dues from past business partners, but states she has received a good response.

Pat Simmons was exuberant over the good turnout of youth groups to help in the Trash-Off on April 2. Junior high students, Big Spring High School student council members and the Church of the Nazarene youth all participated.

These are our citizens of tomorrow.

Janell Davis reminded

the Conley Grant, \$2,500, is available to BSHS students until April 30.

Our thanks to the Rotarians for sponsoring the hot dog lunch after the drive. They are steadfast supporters of our cause.

The kickball tourney has been re-scheduled for May 28. Chad Averett is heading this. April 9 was our FM 700 monthly clean-up.

We are overjoyed at the enthusiasm of the Elbow school students and their many efforts.

Katie Shaw of Howard College Recycle group was at the meeting showing some of their recycle items, all available during their Recycle Sale. They are also having an old shoe event - One Day Without Shoes and Shoeless Sonnets - What an asset these young people are to KBSB.

Due to the diligence of Teresa Darden, we now have a new brochure, in color and giveaway wristbands. We also have an inventory of grabbers for sale at \$10 each. Gloria McDonald and Chad Averette are working on a more comprehensive E-waste collection for later drives.

Our application for Gold Star recognition has been submitted. Membership dues are now due.

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Military News

April 1, 2011 (FHTNC)-Navy Seaman Recruit Stephen T. Pierce, brother of Brandon E. Pierce of Nacogdoches, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Pierce completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle

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Births



Milena Lu Martinez

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, Willie and Mary-Lou Rangel.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, Maggie and Mariah.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Sanchez



For 45 years Miguel (Mike) Sanchez and Josephine (Josie) Mendez Sanchez have been happily married.

They were married April 6, 1966, in Big Spring. This year they celebrate their anniversary with their family and friends.



Mike and Josie have two children, Jessica S. Olague of Arlington and Jennifer Sanchez of Joshua.

The couple enjoys spending their time with their two grandchildren, Bella and Eli Olague of Arlington and taking the Harley out for a drive.

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

Regent Anne Witherspoon, Vice Regent Hollis McCright and Registrar Sue Ann Damron attended the 112th TSDAR State Conference in Dallas on March 10-12. There were 871 registered members and guests attending.

Witherspoon and Damron helped set up and price items donated to the Junior Shoppe. Money raised is for the benefit of DAR schools in the southern Appalachians. A quilt made by McCright and donated on behalf of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter featured the State Regent's Yellow Rose theme. It was displayed in the Shoppe where voices

were sold to raise money for the Juniors. The winning ticket will be drawn at the next state conference.

As president, Damron presided during the State Chairmen's Club luncheon. A skit based on the game show Deal or No Deal was used to select the club's officers for 2012.

Witherspoon, who is the state junior membership chairman, had a major role in Thursday night's activities to honor the Outstanding Junior Member, the individual that most assisted Texas Juniors, the chapter that gave outstanding support to junior members and the chapter that purchased

the most Junior National Products during the past year. She also presided over the Junior Breakfast where her skit My Fair Page received resounding plaudits.

The State Regent chose a donation to the Wounded Warrior program as a special conference project. A substantial donation was made in the name of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter.

The chapter received twenty certificates of award for the work done by various members during the past year.

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Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit

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10:00 to 11:00 AM	Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne	ZUMBA Elvira
11:00 to 11:45 AM		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		
4:30 to 4:55 PM	ZUMBA Jennifer		ZUMBA Jennifer			
4:30 to 5:30 PM		POWER PUMP Marlena		POWER PUMP Marlena	ZUMBA Toning Elvira	
5:00 to 5:30 PM	Absolutely Abs Dianna		Absolutely Abs Dianna			
5:30 to 6:30 PM	Pump Step Dianna	Kick Boxing Jenni	Cardio Jamie W.	ZUMBA Elvira		
		Aqua Exercise Gayla		Aqua Exercise Gayla		
		SPINNING Rhonda		SPINNING Rhonda		
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David L Ward, DDS, awarded fellowship

Special to the Herald

Dr. David Ward, a general dentist in Big Spring, has been awarded a fellowship in the American Dental Implant Association, one of the premier associations for dentists who surgically place dental implants.

Dental implants are used to mimic the roots of teeth that have been lost to allow their replacement. Approximately 10 percent of members of the American Dental Implant Association

obtain fellowship status. The requirements for fellowship include at least 150 hours of coursework and passing both oral and written examinations.

Dr. Ward has been studying primarily under Dr. Arun Garg, a world-renowned dental implant researcher and educator based in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Ward has been taking post-graduate courses and surgically



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placing dental implants for several years, and plans even more coursework in the future.

Dental implants are surgically placed by general dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists, prosthodontists and endodontists. The crowns, bridges, partial dentures and dentures that will attach to the implants can only be planned and constructed by general dentists and prosthodontists.

For more information on Dr. Ward or on dental implants, see his website at www.DavidWard-DDS.com.

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.



Stock market volatility accelerated in recent weeks, triggered by spreading unrest in the Middle East and North Africa, a reemergence of the euro-zone's debt problems, and the Japanese nuclear crisis. Indeed, the market has been experiencing a bumpy ride for the last several months.

From the August 2010 low to the Feb. 18, 2011, high, investors largely enjoyed smooth sailing. In this six-month time period, the S&P 500 gained approximately 30 percent. Then, investors suddenly took notice of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak being overthrown and the uncertainties facing that country's future. Copycat protests in Bahrain, Yemen, and Iran — and explosive violence leading to civil war in Libya — soon followed.

The euro-zone's debt problems became front page headlines again. If that wasn't enough, the tragic devastation of the natural disaster in Japan — a country that represents the world's third-largest economy — and questions surrounding damaged nuclear reactors added to the marketplace's worries. Consequently, emotional swings characterized much of the trading during the third week of March, as news was sketchy regarding the nuclear reactors' condition.

This news fallout led to a break in the major stock averages' support levels that had held up for the previous three weeks. By intraday March 16, the S&P 500 had lost all the ground it had made so far in 2011 and had declined 6.4 percent on a close-to-close basis from the Feb. 18 high. Then, things suddenly turned around again. The Dow Jones Industrials Average went on a 500 point ride from the March 16 low to the March 21 high. During the seven trading sessions through the Friday, March 25 intraday high, the Dow increased by 700 points. And the S&P 500's rapid 6.4 percent drop was offset by an even quicker 4.6 percent recovery.

Also noteworthy, there has been a plunge recently in the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index, or "VIX" for short. The VIX serves as a measure of investors' collective fear level, as it tracks the price of put options to protect against a stock market decline. The higher the index, the more costly put options are, as they are more in demand due to a perceived heightened risk of decline in stock prices.

The VIX was recently 45 percent below its eight-month high of 31.28, reached on March 16. That date coincided with warnings about a dramatically worsening situation in Japan. When the VIX last rose above the level of 30 in July 2010, the major stock market averages were in the midst of their largest declines since the March 2009 lows. To place the VIX's recent drop in proper perspective, it was the largest seven day decline in the index's history. The VIX's recent performance may mean that complacency has replaced fear because investors are not willing to pay as much for protection from a stock market drop.

The bigger picture for the United States is that our economy continues to grow, and corporate profits are at record highs. But the missing factor in recent stock market action has been the relatively meager volume of shares trading hands. Maybe this is just a pause in the market and it will resume its upward ride shortly, with increased volume levels. While we can't say for sure it will be a bumpy ride going forward, it certainly could be. After all, history has a way of repeating itself.

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Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. celebrates its 130th anniversary this month. Customers can sign up to receive a 2011 Silverado, a zero turn lawnmower, 50-inch television or \$130 Higginbotham gift card. Pictured left to right are Higginbotham employees Jerry Jones, Alice Davison, Alex Smith, Terry Ingram, Debra Bogard, Kerri Eukel, and Loyd Mashburn.

130 and growing

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. is having a birthday

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

This year, Higginbotham celebrates 130 years of service and holds its place as one of the oldest lumberyards in Texas.

For more than 90 years, Higginbotham has had a presence in the Big Spring community. What started out as a farm and ranch store geared towards hardware and lumber products has since come to include a little bit of everything a homeowner could need.

"Our product line changed with the environment and the economy," manager Loyd Mashburn said. "More people are starting to do projects themselves instead of hiring someone to do them."

Higginbotham was originally located downtown, but it relocated in 1998 with the purchase of the Do-It-Center. After the relocation and a remodel in 2008, Higginbotham changed its product line from Do-It-Best to TrueValue.

"We have a larger female clientele now and we want to be more user friendly," Mashburn said. "By switching our product line and offering more lawn and gar-

Company got its start in the 1880s

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Higginbotham Brothers started in the late 1880s in DeLeon. It was a time when the trees were just being cleared and a mark was just starting to be made in the area. The Central Texas Railroad was just making its presence known and the Higginbotham brothers decided to take the same steps.

The brothers and other relatives had opened eight general stores by the early 1900s in Ballinger, Comanche, Rising Star and Stephenville.

The majority of their early business was based on credit, which was able to carry farmers through harvest time. Farmers repaid the company through the sale of their crops, sometimes with Higginbotham purchasing the crops and other times by simply ensuring that the farmers were paid full market value for the crops.

The brothers started the business in entrepreneurial times, made it through years of drought and the Great Depression and were able to make the business prosper.

Since the beginning, Higginbotham gained a loyal customer base

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den, appliances and paint selections, I feel that we are able to do that."

Many of the products Higginbotham has to offer can be found in other places throughout town, but Mashburn said that the customer service that is provided is a big factor when people choose where to shop.

"Customer service is very important to me," Mashburn said. "We want to make sure everyone who shops here is greeted when they walk in and feels comfortable asking for help if they need it. We want to become that one-stop-shop for their projects. If we

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Johnson & Johnson settles bribery case with feds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health care giant Johnson & Johnson has agreed to pay \$70 million to settle civil and criminal charges of bribing doctors in Europe and paying kickbacks to the Iraqi gov-

ernment to illegally obtain business.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said Friday that the company settled the charges with the agency and the Justice Department

without admitting or denying guilt.

The government accused J&J subsidiaries of providing money and travel gifts to doctors in Greece, Poland and Romania in exchange for

their prescribing J&J products to patients. The SEC says J&J agents used fake contracts and sham companies to deliver the bribes. The SEC says the bribes began at least 13 years ago.

J&J subsidiaries also allegedly paid kickbacks to the Iraqi government to obtain contracts under the United Nations Oil for Food

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District Court Filings:
John Edward Nalley vs. Carolyn E.M. Nalley, divorce.
Elda G. Zamora vs. Victor H. Zamora, divorce.
Amanda Hepner vs. Darrel Miller and Rebecca Northcutt, civil.
Linda Garza vs. The First Church of God, civil.
Lovana Lozano Munoz vs. Joseph Lee Munoz, divorce.
Pamela Drake vs. Derrick Drake, divorce.
In Re Brianne Noelle Downes, name change.
Gary Feaster vs. Amy Bollier, divorce.
In Re Peyton Madison Arellano, family.
In Re William Silveirs, family.
The State of Texas vs. Jose Urias, seizure.
Marty Kirby vs. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, civil.
In Re Theodore L. Flores, accounts, notes and contracts.
Odilon Hernandez vs. Martha Hernan-dez, divorce.
In Re Aubrey Ann White, family.
Stephanie Wood vs. Jason Wood, divorce.
In Re Angelika Kristina Villa, family.
Tamara Lynn Crawford vs. Kevin Dean Crawford, divorce.
Lauren Kathleen Rubio vs. Jacob Casey Rubio, divorce.
Melissa Lynn Sharp vs. Patrick Michael Sharp, divorce.
Donna Christine Durham vs. Patrick Allen Durham, divorce.
Jody Bennett vs. Vanessa Dawn Bil-lalba, divorce.
In Re Joseph Allen Scott Fonda, family.
Ben Mancha vs. Ramona Jean Mancha, divorce.
Rhonda Linn Green vs. Delbert Anto-nio Green, divorce.
Charles Young vs. Rosalyn Young, divorce.
Gerry Parks vs. Shanna Parks, divorce.
In Re Christopher Olivarez, family.
In Re Arianna Rose Sosa, family.
Michelle Maria Garcia vs. Raul Garcia III, divorce.
GE Money Bank vs. Raquel Mireles, accounts, notes and contracts.
Brandy Irene Sims vs. Ryan Christo-pher Sims, divorce.
Shani Jean Stilwell vs. Jackie Doyle Richey, divorce.
Juan Pablo Mendez vs. Edna Pe-draza, divorce.
Richard M. Barraza vs. Cecilia R. Barraza, divorce.
Kimberly Noble vs. Royce Noble, divorce.
Tracy Wayne Humphrey vs. Theo Katrina Humphrey, divorce.
Julio Diaz Balcazar vs. Vicki Liann Rodriguez, divorce.
Daniel L. Noggler vs. Stacey Fae Noggler, divorce.
Christy Lynn Montemayor vs. Adam Saucedo Montemayor, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
Jack D. Redd, 53, and Evelyn E. Ryerson, 55, both of Big Spring.
Lacey B. Vaughn, 52, and Natalie Hughes, 41, both of Big Spring.
Marshall E. Bryant, 33, and Amanda

S. Bryan, 32, both of Big Spring.
Marcus Andre Villarreal, 33, and Jennifer Faith Robertson, 33, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deeds:
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Grantee: Timothy M. Greenfield
Property: Tract D and Tract E out of a 2.5 acre tract in the SW/4 of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 28, 2011
Grantor: Corlis Brehm
Grantee: Chad Warren
Property: Lot 3, Block 5, Central Park Addition
Date: Feb. 25, 2011
Grantor: Barbara E. Enos
Grantee: Max Gonzalez and Elizabeth Luera
Property: A 408-acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 25, 2011
Grantor: Librado Calderon
Grantee: Isabel Calderon
Property: Lots 5-6, Block G, Earles Addition
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
Grantor: Ben Torres Gonzales
Grantee: Joann Hillario Gonzales
Property: Lot 12, Block 24, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
Grantor: Western Bank
Grantee: Edward Roach
Property: Lots 4-6, Block 23, Boyds-tun Addition
Date: Feb. 23, 2011
Grantor: Jason Irvin
Grantee: Yasmany Perera
Property: Lot 9, Block 25, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Feb. 23, 2011
Grantor: Roy R. Taylor
Grantee: Lillie Aleman
Property: The N/2 of Lot 11, Block 2, Wright's Addition
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: West Texas Centers for MHMR
Grantee: Tierra Group LLC
Property: Lot 36, Block 3, Belvue Addition
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Grantee: Robert Craig Bronaugh
Property: Lot 5, Block 4, Avion Village
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Grantor: Robert Vernon Fryar and Maleah Fryar
Grantee: Jose Cruz Jr. and Sandra Cruz
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 22, 2011
Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Montie Watson
Grantee: Frank Long and Glenda Long
Property: An 845-acre tract out of Section 59 and other sections.
Date: Feb. 24, 2011
Grantor: Foundation Mortgages LLC
Grantee: Jose H. Martinez and Brandy G. Martinez
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Indianola Addition
Date: Feb. 23, 2011

BIRTHDAY

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don't take care of our customers there is no need for them to shop here and if there's no need for them to shop here there's no need for us to exist."

The Big Spring community is a good fit for Higginbotham, according to Mashburn, because of the varied demographics it offers. The population of the area is a big factor, but it's the return customers that make Higginbotham's history. "We are a longtime

business in the community and we have no plans of going anywhere," Mashburn said. "Everyone who works here is from here, has families here and enjoys being involved in the community. "We try and support the community as much as we can," he added. "It's a good thing for us to be involved."

With the changing economy, the product line has evolved and will continue to do so, according to Mashburn. To accompany the ever-changing inventory, there is a knowledgeable staff on hand to of-

fer any assistance.

"There are times we don't have a product the customer is looking for, but we will do our best to get it and if we can't we will recommend a place that they can find it," Mashburn said.

Customer feedback is always welcome, whether it be positive or negative, according to Mashburn. The positive comments help build the service, but the negative comments help them notice the areas that need to be worked on. "We can't fix something if it's not brought to our attention," Mashburn said.

In honor of the busi-ness' 130 years, Higginbotham will be celebrat-ing during the month of April by giving custom-ers the opportunity to take home a 2011 Silverado pickup, a Husqvarna zero turn lawnmower, a 50-inch flat screen tele-vision or a \$130 gift card

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

HISTORY

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in most towns, serving customers their entire lives. The early stores sold dry goods, clothing, lumber and even ven-tured into automotive and farm implements. The products in the store have changed with the times and now include appliances, lawn and garden and numerous do-it-yourself products. There are some locations that have also combined with

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To: Jason Wood
Defendant, Greeting:
The petition of Stephanie Wood, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 03/29/2011 against Jason Wood, Respondent, numbered 47750 and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF STEPHANIE WOOD vs. JASON WOOD. This case requests divorce.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said Court, at office this 29th day of March, 2011.

COLLEEN BARTON,
District Clerk of
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#6950 April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2011

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the 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 Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792).
#6955 April 10, 2011

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

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Which said property is delinquent

to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$404.42, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TONY URANGA AND MICHELLE URANGA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 31, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY URANGA AND MICHELLE URANGA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5571 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

Legals

ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

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before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of May, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 29th day of March, A.D. 2011.

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WEST
♠ 9 8 7
♥ K
♦ K Q 7 5 3
♣ A K Q 8

EAST
♠ K 6 4 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠ J 10 5
♥ A Q J 2
♦ J 4
♣ 6 5 4 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
Most hands played by declarer fit into a pattern he has encountered many times before. Because of this, many declarers tend to treat similar situations in similar fashion, which is not always the healthiest approach to the play of a hand.

Consider this deal where West led the queen of clubs against four hearts. East followed with the jack, and West shifted to the nine of spades. Declarer played low from dummy, losing to the king, and East returned a low trump.

At this point, South put on his thinking cap. Had he finessed, which seems the natural thing to do, he would have gone down one. But South was not a player who relied solely on past experience.

He realized that finessing the heart return would be the proper play in most hands, but he also realized that it would be the wrong play in this hand. So he went up with the ace, felling the king, played the ace and another diamond, and wound up making 10 tricks after ruffing two of dummy's diamonds in his hand.

There is no denying that South was lucky to find West with the singleton king of hearts. But good luck is frequently a byproduct of good dummy play, so South was entitled to some measure of glory in nabbing the singleton king.

Declarer realized at trick three, after East had shown up with the jack of clubs and king of spades, that East could not also have the king of hearts. Had East held that card, he surely would not have passed his partner's opening bid.

So, after concluding that West had to have the king of hearts, South went up with the ace — not because he expected to drop the king, but because he recognized that his only chance was to find the king unguarded.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 You're on it
- 9 Arab garments
- 15 Delay
- 16 "Get thee hence!"
- 17 Thug
- 18 Excoriate
- 19 Chemical suffix
- 20 Pugnacious retort
- 22 Self-assembly chain
- 23 They block the passing of many bills
- 25 Compás point
- 26 Muppet Show guest of '77
- 27 '80s toy fad
- 29 Birdbrained
- 31 Slouch
- 32 Boston-DC connection
- 33 Streaming, in product names
- 36 Allow to stay in one's seat
- 38 Type of pipe
- 40 Honorary deg.
- 41 Ousts
- 43 Gigi Oscar winner
- 44 Not open-ended
- 45 Belgian port
- 46 Strains to hear on the phone?
- 49 Snowy battleground of 1943
- 51 1986 Best New Artist Grammy winner
- 52 Base
- 53 Babbles
- 55 Magniloquence
- 56 Back-up
- 58 Ones making lines longer

DOWN

- 1 Wings star's nickname
- 2 Ad-closeup specialist
- 3 Made less vital
- 4 Compromise obstacle, often
- 5 Style you should pick
- 6 Entrepreneur's dream
- 7 Probable war losers
- 8 Orthodoxy opponent
- 9 Shindig
- 10 Cavaliers' home, informally
- 11 Erosion product
- 12 Betray fright
- 13 Rangle
- 14 Position
- 21 Dante saw him in Limbo
- 24 Present time
- 26 Complications
- 28 National Geographic Bee host
- 30 Focus of a Louisville cultural center
- 32 Tough on melodists
- 33 Would-be signer

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- 45 Best at the table
- 46 Sardinian scenery
- 47 Literally, "little grape"
- 48 Up-tempo
- 50 Parisian pie
- 53 B, as in Beersheba
- 54 Jo on CSI: NY
- 57 US Grant once headed it
- 59 Martial-arts level

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Preventive vehicle maintenance saves



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Vehicle owners who practice easy, routine maintenance can often add years to their vehicle's life.

Many motorists bemoan the myriad costs associated with owning a vehicle. According to the National Automobile Dealers Association, the average price for a new car in the United States is slightly more than \$28,000.

But as any vehicle owner knows, that sticker price is only the beginning. The cost of maintaining a vehicle and keeping it on the road is not exactly insignificant.

As the economy begins to rebound, a good percentage of motorists have resolved to keep their vehicles on the road longer in an effort to stretch their automobile dollars. That's a sound resolution, and one that is not necessarily difficult to accomplish.

Contrary to popular belief, cars are built to last, and it's often a driver's poor habits that reduce a car's life expectancy as opposed to the vehicle manufacturer's product.

Drivers can lengthen a vehicle's lifespan by employing preventive maintenance that should keep a car running strong for years to come.

Air Filter

When examining the vehicle's air filter (check the vehicle manual for location), look for dirt or dust buildup. If the filter is filthy, simply replace it. Auto parts stores sell air filters, and most drivers shouldn't have trouble replacing a filter by themselves. A dirty air filter can negatively effect fuel economy and make it seem as though a vehicle

is constantly going uphill in a stiff wind. When a dirty air filter is replaced, drivers will notice an instant impact in how the car drives and are likely to save a few dollars at the filling station as well.

Belts and Hoses

Issues with belts or hoses are often recognizable to the naked eye, regardless of a driver's automotive skill. A hose in poor condition can appear bulging or brittle, and should not feel too soft or too hard. If a hose exhibits any of these symptoms, replace it. A belt that's worn or frayed should also be replaced.

Brake Fluid

One of the more expensive repair jobs on a vehicle is to replace the brakes. Brakes will need to be replaced over the course of a vehicle's lifespan, but drivers should routinely check the vehicle's brake fluid. Without sufficient brake fluid, the brakes' lifespan decreases dramatically. Checking the brake fluid is easy; simply look in the owner's manual to find brake fluid reservoir and remove the lid (some vehicles might require the lid be unscrewed). The reservoir will likely have instructions on the inside advising how much brake fluid should be added. If the fluid is below the line of demarcation, add fluid up to that line. But be careful not to overfill. Check the brake fluid levels on a monthly basis.

Motor Oil

Oil change guidelines have changed dramatically thanks to better cars and more reliable motor oils. But it still helps to check motor oil levels after every fill up. If motor oil levels are low, add more oil. If oil is significantly low after each fill up, consult a mechanic just to be safe.

Exhaust

Once a year, be it at a routine tune up or should repair work be necessary, ask your mechanic to check the vehicle's emissions. Failing an emissions test might be against the law, and a failed test could be indicative of a larger problem.

In addition, inspect the muffler and exhaust pipe for holes, particularly after winter, when debris from snow trucks may do significant damage. Replace any damaged or rusted parts.

Power Steering

Power steering fluid should also be inspected on a monthly basis. When checking power steering fluid, also inspect the pump for any leaks.

Tires

Keeping tires properly inflated pays numerous dividends. Properly inflated tires make it easier for the engine to operate, lowering fuel costs while also decreasing wear and tear on the engine. The owner's manual should list a recommended tire pressure, and the local filling station likely has an air pump.

Maintaining tires also involves checking for wear and tear. Uneven wear could indicate the tires are misaligned. Discuss this with your mechanic.

Transmission Fluid

When checking transmission fluid, do so while the car is running and after the engine has warmed up. Always be certain to put the parking brake on when checking transmission fluid. If the vehicle needs transmission fluid, add the recommended fluid but be careful not to overfill.

Prolonging a vehicle's lifespan is not as difficult as it sounds. Oftentimes, all it takes is minor, yet routine, maintenance to keep a car on the road for years and years.

Dear Margo

When a chatterbox Is something else

Dear Margo: I frequently see letters in columns like yours about talkative co-workers. Never addressed in the answer is that it's possible the talkative co-worker has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

I am one of those talkative co-workers. Over the years, my habit of talking, including the overly detailed too-much-information aspect, has been met with complaints, disdain and even hostility from teachers, bosses and co-workers. As much as I tried not to do it, sometimes it was just beyond my control -- or

I did not even realize it was happening. I was diagnosed with ADHD last year after one too many co-worker complaints.

While I didn't think I had the disorder, I did know that I talked too much. After meeting with a psychiatrist, I was told I have one of the more extreme cases he'd seen in a while!

Many adults who have ADHD don't think they have it and go undiagnosed. Many of the symptoms -- lack of focus, easily distracted, etc. -- are things people simply don't think they have because they've lived with them all their lives. The problems they have from the symptoms are often attributed to other things.

I am now on medication, which helps a lot of the time. I still talk a lot and still get a hostile vibe from some co-workers, but when a compassionate co-worker signals me to tone it down, I can recognize it and bring it under control. One thing I've thought a lot about since I was diagnosed is how easy it is for people to jump on what they see as a character flaw and treat someone like less of a person because of it, instead of trying to understand that there is a problem and proceeding in a compassionate way. — *Miss M. in New England*

Dear Miss: Your letter is most interesting, and I'll admit it offers a scenario I have never thought of. I will say that I, myself, when nervous if someone does not respond, will continue nattering on -- as opposed to just being quiet. I do not know if this is disordered behavior or not, but it has embarrassed me on occasion. I guess I always assumed it was my own JRTSD (Jerky Response to Silence Disorder). — *Margo, interestedly*

Here Come\$ the Bride\$Maid

Dear Margo: "Stella" and I have been close friends since we were kids in California. Although I now live 3,000 miles away, we've remained fairly close. She is getting married this summer in Oregon, and I am a bridesmaid. I am happy to sail for the expenses of flying home, renting a car, staying in a hotel for two nights and dealing with the dress, alterations, shoes, hair, etc. However, I am wondering what to do about the shower.

Stella's sister, "Fern," is the maid of honor. She and the other bridesmaids (all local) are renting a room at an upscale restaurant for an elegant shower-luncheon. It's understood that I will not be able to fly home for the shower, though of course I will send a gift. Am I supposed to help pay the costs of the shower? What about the bachelorette party, which will not be able to attend, either? — *Etiquette Versus Finances*

Dear Et: This is your lucky day. In the situation as you describe it, there is no conflict between etiquette and finances. I give you permission to forget about contributing to either the shower or the bachelorette party. You already have many expenses the other girls do not, and no one in her right mind would expect any more of you ... or from you. Have a lovely time. — *Margo, festively*

What Do You Do with Bigoted and Blinkered Friends?

Dear Margo: My good friend "Linda" is a racist. Her granddaughter confided in her mother that she had feelings for an African-American boy. The mother found out that her daughter had two girlfriends who were dating African-American boys. Here's what was said that put the "racist" stamp on my friend: "I ordered my daughter to instruct my granddaughter to sever the relationship with the two girls who are dating black boys."

My jaw dropped. I didn't know what to say. They are making "rules" for her selection of boys, which include: He must be white, he must be a Christian, and he must not be more than one or two years older. I'm pretty sure the young woman is going to rebel. My bigger problem, though, is that I don't want to lose her friendship, but by the same token, I'm not a racist. I'm actually very liberal. After all, I am gay. — *Fan in South Carolina*

Dear Fan: Some people would find it difficult to maintain a friendship with someone whose basic values are so different from their own. Only you would know if you are one of those people. On the other hand, I have a few close friends who I regard as right-wing nuts, but ... politics is an entirely different issue than racism.

Because this discovery is new to you (not sure how it never came up before, especially living in the South), give it some time and observe your response to Linda, knowing what you now know. The importance of principle might figure into this equation. Do you profoundly care about the issue, or is it just something you disagree with? In any case, it would be useful to tell your friend what is wrong with her position -- though I doubt you will change her mind. Such prejudices are often deeply ingrained. Do remind her that it strikes you as narrow and un-Christian, in the extreme, to ban an entire group of people from your life based on the color of their skin. — *Margo, constructively*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Cancer moon connects us to our feelings and provides a safe environment for us to accept those feelings for what they are -- messages from the heart that help us understand who we are and form bonds with others. Some may find that they now have the emotional strength to face a feeling they once would have avoided.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Levity is your best tone today, especially when those around you are getting too serious. If you can't seem to get to a lighter place with your adult thought process, then think like a child.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are considering something to be a loss when it is actually a plus. The short-term defeat you have endured will provide just the lesson needed for a long-term victory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A very obvious solution to your troubles may temporarily elude you. That's why you are wise to partner with one who isn't afraid to tell you his observations. You'll have a laugh over this later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What once seemed complicated to you will now be a simple matter of cause and effect. At work and in your personal life, you will select happy choices, and you will, therefore, be happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). From a position of leadership, you will prove your maturity and the high evolution of your spirit by making another person a winner instead of making it about winning yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). By accepting a so-called "negative" feeling, you will neutralize its power over you. For instance, you're likely to fare worse by avoiding sadness than you would if you simply agreed to feel it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your project requires you to know more than you currently do. There are new resources available to you, and they may even be offered for free. Your local library is a good place to start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many aspects to your existence, and you will take them all into consideration now. You will objectively observe how your current lifestyle is affecting your body, emotions, thinking and spirituality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll make a good case for doing things yourself. It would, after all, take a great deal of your time to get someone else up to speed on the hundreds of details that you already know so well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't know what you're looking forward to, you will likely find your work today to be needlessly boring. Having something fun dangling in your future will keep you motivated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone will offer a helpful observation. Be careful to accept it as such, and you'll get more insight into where it came from. Most of all, try not to rate the answers given to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Less is more today, especially in conversation. Too much information dilutes your message. Take a breath first, and make sure that what you're about to say is really worth saying.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10). You'll make sweeping decisions over the next 10 weeks, and

you may even change the main direction you want your life to take. Your experience in a relationship will be fun, and it also will help you gain wisdom and maturity. This summer features a magnificent collaboration. Your talent gets major recognition. Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 33, 25, 15 and 48.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The better part of the week is marked by the fresh optimism of a conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter in Aries. The child-like energy that accompanies this alignment is expressed through our conversations, as well as our commercial endeavors. For many, it will be prime time to "put your money where your mouth is." It will feel less risky to do so since the prevailing thought is that you can always find more dollars and cents somewhere, but a lost opportunity is lost forever. Opportunity may knock twice, but it won't be the same knock. The feeling of last week's Neptune transit is starting to take hold. The last time Neptune entered mystic Pisces was in the year 1847. It takes almost 165 Earth years for Neptune to orbit the sun, and Neptune was in the previous sign of Aquarius since Jan. 28, 1998. This new station for Neptune is already opening the field of vision for many people. Celebrate the power of imagination in your own life by casting your dreams out like a net into the ether. Be fanciful, be detailed, and let your mind spin out in nonsensical realms, as well. It is not for us to say what is actually possible at this point.

Cleaning tips for pet owners

Pets add a lot of love and personality to a home — but they also add plenty that needs cleaning up. From slobbered-on chew toys to pet hair on the sofa, they definitely leave their mark on the home.

Here are some simple tips for keeping things fresh and clean, for you and your pet.

- **Pet Toys.** Wash plastic and rubber toys in a solution of 4 tablespoons baking soda dissolved in 1 quart warm water. Launder plush toys, or give them a dry shower by sprinkling on some baking soda, then brushing off after 15 minutes.

- **Collars, Harnesses and Leashes.** If they are cloth or nylon, you can either hand wash them with a little dishwashing soap and water, or toss them into a nylon bag (or even a pillow case) and run them through the washing machine. Leather can be wiped down with a damp cloth, then rubbed with a little saddle soap. While you're cleaning them, check for worn areas — you may need to replace them.

- **Bedding.** Vacuum bedding and crate pads thoroughly. Most should be washable (or have removable, washable fabric covers), so launder them along with any pet blankets. You can keep pet bedding smelling fresh in between washings by sprinkling liberally with baking soda, waiting 15 minutes, then vacuuming it up.

- **Outdoor Shelters.** If your pet has a dog house, crate or some other outdoor hangout, be sure to give that a good cleaning, too. Sweep or rake out leaves and other detritus. If it can be disassembled, take it apart, scrub it down with a non-ammonia based cleaner, then hose it down, let it dry, and put it back together.

- **Removing Pet Hair.** Shedding is the bane of many pet owners' existence. Regular floor vacuuming is a must to keep it under control. For getting pet hair off of furniture, there are several things you can try: lint rollers; swiping a damp rubber glove over surfaces; using a squeegee with a rubber edge; or trying hand-held vacuums or attachments specially designed for picking up fur.

- **Reducing Litter Box Odor.** Litter boxes can bring the worst of smells to the house. Whenever you replace the litter, be sure to clean the litter box itself. Use a non-ammonia based cleaner. Also, consider using a different litter to help control odors better, such as Arm & Hammer Double Duty Advanced Odor Control Clumping Litter. To learn more and get money-saving coupons, visit www.armhammer.com.

High cholesterol affects pets also

High cholesterol is commonly considered a problem that only affects animals of the human persuasion. However, high cholesterol levels can also compromise the cardiovascular health of pets as well.

Hyperlipidemia, or high cholesterol, is excessive amounts of fat or fatty substances present in the bloodstream. Cholesterol is a waxy substance that is produced in the liver in order to digest fats from one's diet. Cholesterol is carried through the blood to various organs through large molecules called lipoproteins.

There are different types of lipoproteins, each responsible for different tasks.

Just as with people, diet and heredity can play a role in a pet's cholesterol levels. Dogs and cats can have high levels of cholesterol in



their bloodstream, levels that negatively impact health. Other factors that may increase cholesterol include hyperthyroidism, kidney disease, obesity, inflammation of the pancreas, and diabetes.

Veterinarians will conduct tests to determine if a pet's cholesterol levels are too high. These tests may include a complete blood count (CBC), chemical blood profile, urinalysis, and a serum sample for biochemical analysis. Bloodwork is usually done after a fast, and for ease on the pet owner, a dog or cat may be hospitalized in order to complete testing.

The veterinarian may prescribe a low-fat diet in order to bring cholesterol levels in check. If this is not effective, medication or other therapies may be employed to lower cholesterol levels. Pets may have to undergo routine testing to check for cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the future.

Much in the same way a person may make an effort to prevent cholesterol from being a problem, owners can alter the lifestyle of their dogs and cats.

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Get routine exercise.
- Limit fats in food.
- Avoid "people food," especially fatty items.
- Regularly visit a vet for check-ups.



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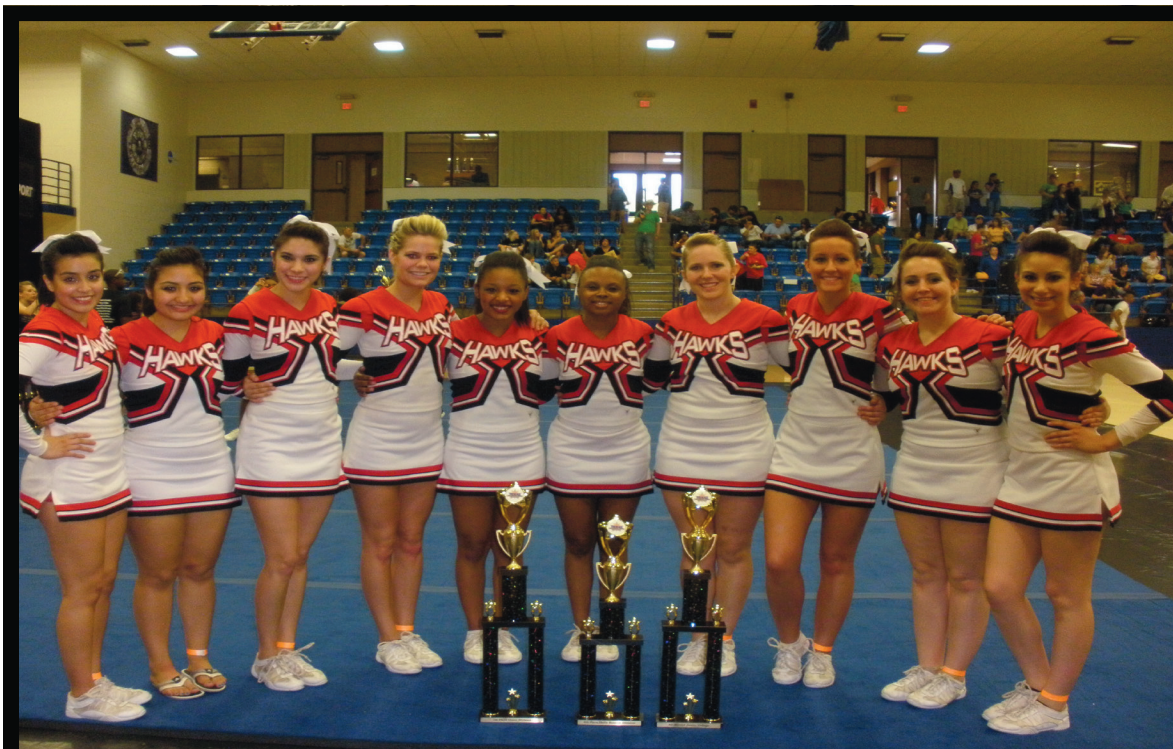
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