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**BEST OF THE BEST**  
 Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president, greets Chase Durham at right, while at left, Katy Shaw exits the stage. Durham and Shaw received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year during the college's awards convocation Tuesday evening. Selection of the Presidential Award recipient is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities and overall college spirit. For a list of the more than 200 students recognized during Tuesday's ceremonies at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, see Sunday's edition of the Herald.  
 HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno

## Bunny alert: Easter egg hunts here Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer  
 Two community wide Easter egg hunts are certain to have children hopping in Big Spring Saturday.  
 The first will be at 10 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. First Church of the Nazarene will sponsor the event and provide hot dogs and drinks afterward.  
 Starting at 2 p.m., Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home will be having its eighth annual community Easter egg hunt and festivities.  
 "We continue to do this

event for the residents," said Sandy Martinez, activities director. "They know we do this and every year they wait for it. They enjoy helping out and taking part, just as much as the kids do."  
 This year, an estimated 100 sponsors and volunteer groups are helping make the egg hunt possible.  
 Martinez said because of the many sponsors, the egg hunt will be "bigger and better" than it has in years past. The veterans home plans on



Martinez

handing out 1,300 Popsicles, 1,400 hamburgers, and more than 2,000 hot dogs, popcorn and sno-cones. There will be two Easter bunnies, prize eggs, a live band, washer tournament, train and four air jumpers.  
 "I wanted to add something different this year," Martinez said. "We added the washer tournament, improved the train and added an Easter bunny."  
 During the event, H-E-B-Buddy will be on hand and KBYG will be doing a live broadcast. The event is free and open to the entire community.

Festivities start at 2 p.m. The egg hunt kicks off at 3 p.m. and the day will wrap up around 5 p.m. Early arrivals will get the best parking. Administrator and Vice President Bob Kerr said about 5,000 people attended last year's festivities.  
 "This is our way of saying thank you to the community for their support," Kerr added.  
 Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez is located at 1809 North U.S. Highway 87.  
 Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)



HERALD file photo  
**At least two community Easter egg hunts are scheduled Saturday in Big Spring.**

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## DA hasn't received child porn evidence

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Officials with 118th District Court say child pornography allegedly found on a computer confiscated as part of the missing person investigation of 13-year-old Hailey Dunn haven't yet been submitted to their office, the next step in

the prosecutorial process.  
 "I'm not sure which agency recovered the alleged evidence, but I'm sure the computer has been handed over to federal or state law enforcement by now," District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said Tuesday. "However, until the evidence and a report

is handed over to our office, there's nothing we can do to prosecute the alleged crime. It also depends whether or not the feds want it."  
 Investigators into the disappearance of the Colorado City teen have claimed to have found evidence of child pornography on a computer used

by Shawn Adkins — the only "person of interest" named in the case.  
 Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother — Billie Dunn — reported her missing to the Colorado City Police  
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## Local man honored for CASA work

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer  
 The timing just fell into place for Brad Burt, Travel Centers of America general store manager and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer.  
 CASA volunteers are citi-



Burt

zens judges appoint to advocate for the safety and well-being of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect.

Burt was sworn-in as a volunteer in January 2008 and has been working with the same case.  
 "It just so happened that we had some reorganization here at work. I had fewer responsibilities and a little more time," Burt said. "I

had been wanting to become a CASA (child advocate) for awhile and I thought it would be a good thing to do with my time."  
 The work Burt has put in since becoming a volunteer  
 See **CASA**, Page 3A

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## Obituaries

## Deanie Burdette



Deanie Burdette, 62, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Mike Moates officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 28, 1948, in Big Spring to Esther and Merritt Barnes. She worked 29 years for Farm Bureau as their office manager. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist. Deanie "Nana" lived for her grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters: Kerry Rodriguez and her husband Freddy, and Sherry Burchett and her husband J.C., all of Big Spring; two brothers: Buster Barnes and his wife Dawnie of Tyler, and Curtis Barnes of Houston; five grandchildren: Courtney Todd and her husband Dusty, Julianna Rodriguez, Lalia Burchett, Taya Burchett and C.J. Burchett, all of Big Spring; one great-grandson: Kellan Todd, who she called the "Man of her life," and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister: Joetta Graham.

The family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, in care of Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th, Big Spring 79720; or Texas Oncology Research, 400 N. Garfield St., Suite 100, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Robert Paul Gomez



Robert Paul Gomez, 26, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 17, 2011. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Kenneth Carson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 29, 1984, in San Antonio, Texas to Pamela and Robert Gomez. He came to Big Spring 18 years ago from San Antonio. He grew up in Big Spring and attended school at Elbow and Forsan. He was an electrician and also worked at the Garrett Ranch.

He is survived by one daughter: Zoe King of Big Spring; parents: Pam and Robert Gomez of Big Spring; grandmothers: Patty Chambers of Midland and Leone Gomez of San Antonio; great-grandmother: Vivian Etheredge of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Jim Chambers and Sylvestre Gomez.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Zoe King account at Wells Fargo Bank.

The American Legion will be feeding the family following the burial.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Reunions

The Coahoma High School (CHS) Alumni Committee has announced the next all-school reunion is planned for July 23 at the Coahoma school building. Coahoma alumni are asked to e-mail Harold Aberegg at [aberegg66@gmail.com](mailto:aberegg66@gmail.com) with updated mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses, or call Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588. It would be helpful if you included the year of your graduation from CHS, as we hope to work with 10-year increments of alumni. We would appreciate help getting the date out to all CHS graduates and current and former CHS faculty members. Reunion planning is scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen and is open to all CHS alumni.

## Jo Ann Reed Trevino

Jo Ann Reed Trevino, 60, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born July 19, 1950, in Haskell to Juanita and James Wilford Reed. She came to Big Spring in 1990 from Aspermont. She married Roy Trevino on May 2, 1971 in Houston. She was a beautician at Attitudes and previously at Regis. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Trevino of Big Spring; one daughter: Trish Hobdy and her husband Jimmy of Big Spring; two sons: Shane Trevino of Big Spring and Eddie Buzbee and his wife Erin of Nashville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; one brother: James Reed and his wife Nita of Abilene; and one sister: Jane Dale Van Houten and her husband Charles of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Yvonne Stanley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Take Note

• Anyone wishing to help pay funeral expenses for 19-year-old James Lee Overton of Big Spring is asked to contact Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel at 301 E. 24th or call the funeral home at 267-8288.

• A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire Wednesday. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

• Friday is live band dance night at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

• Howard County A&M Club will host Aggie Muster at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call Dustin Gaskins at 268-3493 to RSVP.

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

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

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

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## Police blotter

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

• DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS, 28, of 903 Saunders was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• CRUZ JESUS CASTILLO, 41, of 1512 Wood Street was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Main.

In the 400 block of E. Fourth St.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• DAVID ERROL MCGRUDER, 63, was arrested Wednesday for FTA/ possession of a controlled substance less than one gram (two counts).

• CRUZ CASTILLO, 41, was transferred to the county jail on Tuesday for a warrant for criminal mischief more than \$50 but less than \$500, violation of parole.

• WILLIAM WADDILL, 52, was arrested for indecency with a child/sexual contact.

• KIMBERLY MARIE RUIZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Tubbs Loop Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of Navajo. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in 2300 block of Grace. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC and one person refused service.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Owens. Service was refused.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford and was extinguished.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1700 block of Virginia. False call.

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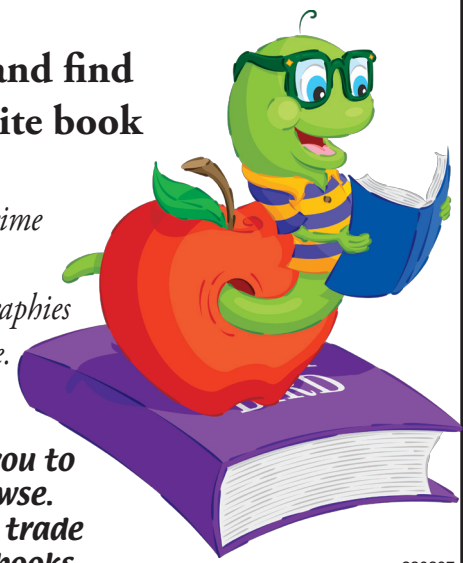
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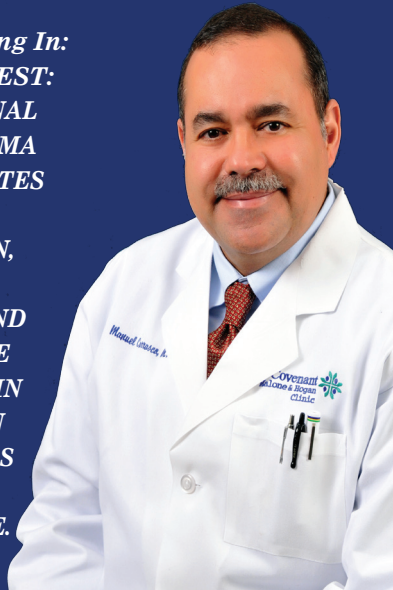
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# Support Groups

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

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

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

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

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

**TUESDAY**  
• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

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

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

**Contact the Herald  
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Olivia Porras, 83, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. today at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Omigene Vandever, 90, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## CASA

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has not gone unnoticed. He was honored with the best mentor award at the CASA volunteer appreciation banquet March 31.

"It was definitely unexpected," Burt said. "I feel very honored and undeserving. I know there are many more difficult cases and many more people are doing what I'm doing."

Burt said he has one of the easier cases, considering that his assigned child has a great personality and is one of the success stories.

"There are so many stories filled with heartbreak," Burt said. "I will be attending my CASA child's graduation next month."

The involvement Burt has experienced with CASA is something he encourages others to take part in. He said the training is not difficult or time-consuming and the rewards that come from being a CASA

are worth it all.

To find out more information on CASA visit their website at [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org) or contact Robin Reece, volunteer coordinator, at [robinr@casawtx.org](mailto:robinr@casawtx.org)

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## DA

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Department Dec. 28. Wilkerson said it's impossible to know when — or if — investigators will submit the evidence to his office.

"Of course, statements have been made by investigators involved in the Hailey Dunn case that found pornography was found on the computer," Wilkerson said. "However, until we can get the evidence and prove it is legitimate, there's really no way to know how this case will be handled."

Adkins told law enforcement officials he last saw Hailey Dunn on Dec. 27, when she told him she was going to her father's home nearby and then on to spend the night at a friend's home.

According to investigators, the teen did neither. Billie Dunn said she last saw her daughter at home the night of Dec. 26, nearly two days before she was reported missing.

Investigators recovered a computer from Adkins' mother's home in Big Spring and a memory stick from Dunn's Colorado City home containing pornographic images and videos — including some believed by investiga-

tors to be child pornography — several weeks after the girl's disappearance.

Both Adkins and Billie Dunn have denied having any involvement in the girl's disappearance.

Searches of fields and abandoned structures — led mostly by volunteer groups and most recently including U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Hood in Killeen — have been conducted in Colorado City, as well as numerous nearby communities, including Abilene, Odessa and Big Spring.

Scrutiny of both Adkins and Billie Dunn has continued throughout the investigation, as

search warrants issued in the case revealed law enforcement officials discovered a number of disturbing videos and Internet print-outs dealing with mass murders and serial killers.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance is asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$15,000 is being offered for information in the case.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Dominoes fall the wrong way when Texas election date changes

In a perfect world, elected officials wouldn't be put in charge of planning elections.

There is the occasional exception, but for the most part officials skew toward looking at elections primarily from the viewpoint of candidates. They want to increase their or their fellow party members' chances of being elected.

That's the case in current discussions in Austin about changing the date of party primary elections in Texas.

The state has to make changes to comply with a law Congress passed in 2009. The law requires that military and overseas voters have 45 days to fill out ballots and send them back to be counted.

Texas party primaries currently are held on the first Tuesday in March. Backing up 45 days from there, military and overseas voters would need to have their ballots in hand by about the third week in January. But back up some more, because party and elections officials need time to prepare the formal ballots.

That would put the deadline for candidates to file for office in mid-December at the latest.

So, what's the problem with that for voters or the democratic process in general? Nothing.

But it's inconvenient for candidates and political parties. That's because the Texas Constitution says people in some, mostly county-level, elected offices automatically resign if they file to run for another office. If there's more than a year left in their current term in office, someone's supposed to be appointed to replace them.

Many get around that constitutional provision under the current election calendar by waiting until Jan. 2 to file, when they have a couple of days less than a year left in their terms.

The Legislature sets the election calendar. Many of its members, being political types themselves, seem to feel constrained to act for the convenience of those who might want to seek election rather than those who will be asked to vote.

It might seem cynical to see them this way, but there's more. To keep the Jan. 2 constitutional escape hatch open and comply with the new federal law, Texas would have to shift its party primaries to a day in late March or early April.

That's where this whole thing becomes a really big deal. Party primary elections in late March or early April would be followed by runoffs in mid- to late-May. But that means nonpartisan city and school elections, currently held in early May, would be between the primaries and the runoffs.

That's confusing for voters, not to mention a lot of work for election officials. But to avoid it would mean pushing the local elections later in the year. Summertime elections aren't good, because voters and candidates alike want to take vacations.

Lawmakers see the problem. To solve it, some of them have suggested moving the local elections to the same day as the general election in November. Then everything flies completely off the handle.

Mixing the nonpartisan local campaigns with highly partisan ones for the general election makes sense only to some of the partisans. They want to increase the odds for either Democrats or Republicans in local elections, depending on who has the best coattails to ride in the congressional or presidential elections.

In other words, it would turn nonpartisan elections into partisan ones. Anybody who believes what Texas needs now is more partisanship has a screw loose somewhere.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We find answers, Lord, through You.

Amen

# The war on users of cold drugs

You know the war on drugs has gone too far when politicians keep ratcheting up restrictions on cold and allergy medications in order to prevent kitchen drug labs from buying pills and converting them into methamphetamine.



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In 2005, Congress passed a law requiring consumers to show a driver's license or other ID in order to purchase Sudafed and 14 other over-the-counter cold and allergy medications. The buyer must register in a logbook.

Right after the law passed, the amount of methamphetamine that the Drug Enforcement Administration seized dropped, but then it started to rise. The drug trade has proved to be a crafty, adaptable foe. "Mom and pop" meth labs started "smurfing" — sending people to multiple retailers to buy pills.

Also, users figured out how to "shake and bake" small quantities of meth in 2-liter jugs. Toxic meth labs found a new home — in cars.

Worse, Mexican cartels moved in to fill the vacuum. A 2010 U.N. drug report said there had been a sharp decline in the number of small and medium-sized

meth labs in the United States, "although production loss was offset by increasing large-scale manufacture in neighboring Mexico."

The report tracked changes in the street price of methamphetamine. Prices spiked for six to nine months after changes in the law, then "manufacturers were able to retool operations and find new sources of chemicals" and the prices dropped back to where they had been.

Enter state lawmakers. Oregon and Mississippi have already passed laws requiring law-abiding citizens to get prescriptions for what had been over-the-counter medications.

Lawmakers in other states — including California, Alabama and Colorado — are considering similar bills.

I understand that methamphetamine addiction is an ugly creature that destroys families, eats through bodies and endangers children. But if the pharmacy registry and 250-pill per month quantity limit mainly served to drive the trade to Mexico, then the prescription requirement will not stop the trade either.

Meanwhile, it surely would drive up health costs by making other people — law-abiding people — see a doctor when they have a bad cold.

I remember talking to the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein in 2005 before the Combat Metham-

phetamine Act, which she co-sponsored, passed. A spokesman assured me, "Companies sell cold medications in Europe without pseudoephedrine, and the same could be true here."

What happened is: A lot of people — like me — with colds and allergies started to wonder why the stuff they were buying didn't work as well as it used to. Many don't know they can get something that works better if they show the pharmacist their driver's license.

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association warned that if half of Americans who use pseudoephedrine drugs had to visit a doctor to get a prescription, it would cost \$750 million per year. Meth addicts won't be burdened by any new laws. It's the law-abiding people who will pay.

Ethan Nadelmann, founder of the anti-drug war Drug Policy Alliance, asked, "Who suffers?"

I'll answer. Factor in the unnecessary health care costs, the long-term effects on supply and price, and the answer is: not meth addicts.

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# Obama is reaching out to Liberals and Democrats

President Barack Obama gave a terrific re-election speech Wednesday. It wasn't billed as that.

It was supposed to be a number-packed speech about budgeting and spending, and all manner of fiscal gobbledygook.

Instead, it turned out to be a speech in which the president told liberals he still shared their goals and Democrats he was still one of them.

Liberals have been worried about Obama for quite some time. In the past, he gave up on a single-payer health care system and agreed to continue tax breaks for the wealthy.

And as for Democrats as a whole, his private polling probably showed him what an Ipsos poll revealed this week: Some 69 percent of Americans believe the nation is on the wrong track, a jump of 5 percentage points since March, and the worst figure of his presidency.

And what caused it? "The drop in Obama's approval rating was largely driven by a sharp downturn in approval from his fellow Democrats, whose support dropped 7 percentage points to 73 percent," the poll stated.

Now 73 percent might sound like a strong number, but when fewer than three out of four Democrats approve of a Democratic president, there could be real trouble on the horizon.

But Wednesday, President Obama sought to soothe, calm and fire up the Democratic wing of the Democratic Party all at the same time.

He pledged to defend Democratic principles while cutting the deficit \$4 trillion over the next 12 years. How? Well, largely by soaking the rich, who are going to have to pay more taxes. Which is music to Democratic ears.

"It is a basic reflection of our belief that those who have benefited most from our way of life can afford to give a bit more back," Obama said. "To meet our fiscal challenge, we will need to make reforms. We will all need to make sacrifices. But we do not have to sacrifice the America we believe in. And as long as I'm president, we won't."

Instead, the rich are going to have to get — a little — poorer. "In the last decade, the average income of the bottom 90 percent of all working Americans actually declined.

Meanwhile, the top 1 percent saw their income rise by an average of more than a quarter of a million dollars each. That's who needs to pay less taxes?" Obama said. "That's not right, and it's not going to happen as long as I'm president!"

That line drew the only applause of his approximately 40-minute speech at The George Washington University.

Obama also attacked Republican plans to "privatize" Medicare through a voucher system and turn Medicaid over to the states in a block-grant system.

"I will not allow Medicare to become a voucher program that leaves seniors at the mercy of the insurance industry," he said. "I will not tell families with children who have disabilities that they have to fend for themselves. We will reform these programs, but we will not abandon the fundamental commitment this country has kept for genera-

tions."

Which is exactly what Democrats wanted to hear. They want to hear a Democratic president say he is going to stand up on his hind legs and fight.

"We cannot afford \$1 trillion worth of tax cuts for every millionaire and billionaire in our society," Obama said. "And I refuse to renew them again!"

And the rich aren't even going to mind it that much.

"I believe that most wealthy Americans would agree with me," Obama said. "They want to give back to the country that's done so much for them. Washington just hasn't asked them to."

Well, Washington is asking them now.

The speech did have facts and figures, of course. Obama spoke of "\$2 trillion in spending cuts across the budget. It will lower our interest payments on the debt by \$1 trillion. It calls for tax reform to cut about \$1 trillion in spending from the tax code."

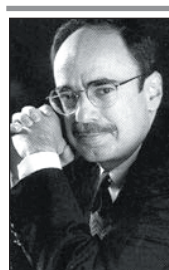
Do you find numbers as huge as a trillion hard to grasp? I do. So here's some help:

A million seconds is 12 days. A billion seconds is 31 years. A trillion seconds is 31,688 years.

Suddenly, a trillion is looking a little larger, isn't it?

And according to author David M. Schwartz, if you wanted to count out loud to a trillion — you would have to pronounce some very long numbers along the way — it would take you six trillion seconds, or 190,259 years. So get started.

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# Why not check this out? At the library

The Library will close at 3 p.m. Thursday for the Easter holiday and reopen at 10 a.m. Monday.

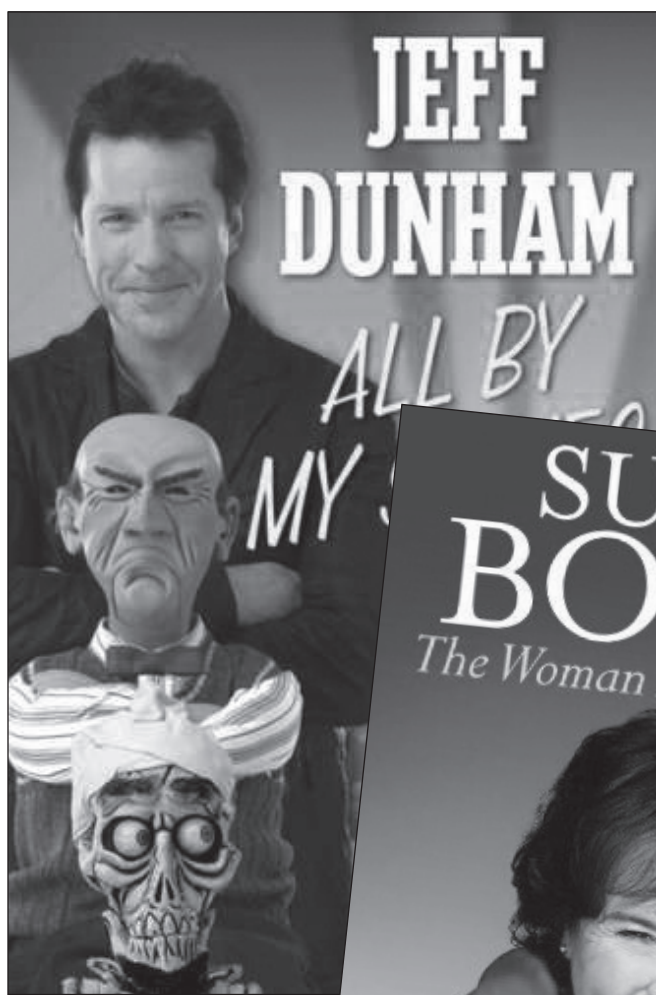
Last week, Austin was rocking and rolling with some 6,800 public, school, special and academic librarians at the annual Texas Library Association's convention. The Austin Convention Center buzzed with activities ranging from the book cart drill

competition, hearing Jamie Lee Curtis give a refreshingly accurate speech on the importance of libraries and education and meeting with other librarians to connect and network.

Thursday at 5 p.m., a horde of red-shirted librarians stormed the Capitol to demonstrate to the Legislature that librarians are loud and proud to support their libraries and the need for adequate funding.

The opening reception Tuesday night was held at the LBJ Library on the campus of the University of Texas. I did not realize this presidential library is the only one that does not charge for parking and admission. We enjoyed light refreshments and mingling with new and old friends. Open to view was a replication of LBJ's and Mrs. Johnson's offices, a display of mementoes and photos and a gallery of presidential portraits. Should you go to Austin for business or pleasure, I urge you to visit the library.

While at the conference, I met some "rock stars" of the mystery world. At the opening luncheon were Diane Mott Davidson (she



interviewed some "old timers" who remember the 1950-1957 drought; it was said when you saw three rattlesnakes together, then it would rain. Let's hope they get the word and along with prayer, rain will soon drench the land.

Now for some new biographies that have just come in. Su-

With the upcoming royal wedding, Katie Nichol has capitalized that event into a book, "Behind the Palace Walls: William and Harry" (B WIL P). The book begins with the wedding of Princess Diana and Prince Charles and progresses on to the current time. Joe and I went to the Ector County Coliseum to see Jeff Dunham and his puppets — Walter, Peanut and Achmed. I don't think I have laughed so much in a very long time. Jeff Dunham is a comedian and ventriloquist who has launched a phenomenal career. He has sold millions of comedy CDs, starred in Comedy Central shows and in 2009 was named — for the second time — Ventriloquist of the Year. In "All by My Selves: Walter, Peanut, Achmed and Me" (B DUN J), Jeff shares his journey into the comedy world.

More biographies available are: "One from the Hart" (B POW S) by Stephanie Powers; "Love Brought Me Back" (B COL N) by Natalie Cole; "The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of

America's Childhood" (B MAN M) by Jane Leavy; "Native American Son: The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe" (B THO J) by Kate Buford; and "Life" (B Ric K) by Keith Richards.

I have a whole cartload of new books to tell you about in next week's column. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The website is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us)

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writes Goldie the Caterer mysteries); Richard Peck — he wrote "It's a Long Way to Chicago" and more young adult books; and Jacqueline Winspear, author of the Maisie Dobbs series. Each gave a very interesting rendition of the how and why they write. We were also given copies of their latest books.

Sessions I attended were diverse in nature. Willie Braudaway spoke on how to use local history and archives to grow your genealogy skills. Mark Willis gave attendees a brush-up course on how to handle difficult patrons. He reviewed policies to have in place and emphasized the importance of staff training. Other sessions were on Skype, open source ILS and how to raise the standard on customer service. Another great session was Authors of Mystery for Adults. We listened, laughed and learned from these great mystery writers: Jeff Abbott, Susan Al-

bert Wittig, Joy Fielding, Jason Goodwin, Joe Lansdale (he is from East Texas, also known as "The Pine Curtain") and Katherine Hall Page. This was another great two hours, plus we came away with autographed copies of their books.

By Friday, exhaustion set in and off to Big Spring I went. Met up with smoke from the fires and the haze obscured the beautiful West Texas skies. The local news spoke of the fires, but I was distressed to learn that homes close to where I grew up were consumed by fires. In Tuesday's Midland paper, Sharla Sissom

san Boyle, the English singer that really surprised Simon Cowell, has written her autobiography. "The Woman I Was Born to Be: My Story" (B BOY S) is the story of how a middle-aged Scottish woman is transformed into an international singing star.



## sudoku

ANSWERS

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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](mailto:lt.hinojos@hotmail.com).

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# Heloise's Kitcheneering

## Cleaning a Garlic Press

Dear Heloise: Help! How do you clean a garlic press? I'm at my wits' end! -- Frederic N., Salem, Ore.  
Spray with veggie spray first to make cleanup easy. Use a toothbrush or pastry brush to get into all the crevices and remove all that stubborn garlic residue. Then rinse it under water. You can use toothpicks to remove the remaining garlic. — Heloise



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## Quesadilla maker

Dear Heloise: We received a quesadilla maker as a Christmas gift. Not being big on quesadillas, it was collecting dust. I had made batter for hot cakes and on a whim poured it into the quesadilla maker. Wow! They turned out great. Been using it for hot cakes ever since. — M.E. Clyde in San Antonio

## Ground beef

Dear Heloise: Here is how I make easy hamburger patties. For each 1 pound of ground beef, cut into four equal parts. Roll into a ball and place in a non-zip sandwich bag. Flatten until it is the size and thickness you desire. Freeze on a flat surface. Then place the bags into a large freezer zip bag and keep frozen until needed. — Nancy, via email

## Garbage disposal

Dear Heloise: You could help the Earth significantly if you spread the word that a smelly garbage disposal does not need to be addressed with gallons of hot water, boxes of baking soda or bottles of kitchen cleaning products. Just take out the rubber gasket ring on which the little cover sits and wash it well. Voila. The smell will disappear! That gross slime is what stinks. Always scrub it well with a brush and soap. I'm amazed at how many people complain about offensive odors and keep pouring products down the drain to cure them, when it is not the metal parts but the rubber. — Alice M., Cypress, Texas

The gasket (some do not come out) can harbor gunk that smells, but many times it can be bacteria down in the pipes. — Heloise

## Leftover rice

Dear Heloise: When trying to refresh leftover rice, I made a small bowl out of aluminum foil and placed it in my steamer basket, piercing the center stem. I loaded the rice in and put it into a 2-quart saucepan with 1/2 cup of water for a few minutes, and it was perfect. — Jack L., Westminster, Calif.

## Easy powdered sugar

Dear Heloise: I was short some powdered sugar for a cookie recipe. So, I grounded some granulated sugar in the coffee grinder, and it was perfectly powdered! — A Reader, via email

## Fat-free meat

Dear Heloise: I use a lot of beef and venison that is mostly fat-free. When I grind it, I do not add fat — I add finely grated veggies instead! My family loves added onion, squash and carrots. We add 1/4 to 1/2 the vegetables to the amount of the ground meat, and hamburgers are so moist and juicy. — Cheryllynn in Eagleville, Mo.

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# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Curse of Scotland

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 8 4  
♥ A 10 7 5  
♦ 3  
♣ 9 6 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 3  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ A K Q J 10 5  
♣ 7

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 5  
♥ K Q 6 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ K Q 8 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ 1♦ Dble 2♦  
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — seven of clubs.

For reasons no one is quite sure of, the nine of diamonds is sometimes referred to as "The Curse of Scotland." One side's curse, however, might prove to be the other side's good fortune. That was precisely the case in this deal, where the dreaded nine took its toll on the declarer but worked like a charm for the defense.

The deal occurred in the quarter-finals of the 1988 Spingold Knock-out Teams. North's double of one diamond was "negative," promising

two four-card majors, after which South ended up in four hearts.

West, Lew Stansby, led the seven of clubs, and East, Chip Martel, won with the ace. Fully expecting the club lead to be a singleton, Martel returned the club three.

Ostensibly, the three of clubs was a suit-preference signal, directing West to return the lower-ranking of the two remaining suits. In this case, the two suits were spades and diamonds, and Martel did not have much to shout about in either. However, his diamonds were just the slightest bit better than his spades.

After ruffing South's king of clubs at trick two, Stansby no doubt eyed his 150 honors in the suit and wondered how East could be asking for a diamond return. But partnerships like this are made of strong stuff. So Stansby, demonstrating complete faith in his partner, returned the diamond five, and that was that. Martel won the trick with the nine and gave West another club ruff to set the contract.

If West had not underled his diamond honors at trick three, declarer would have made the contract, eventually discarding his losing club on dummy's fourth spade. But against a daring defense possessed of "The Curse of Scotland," he didn't have a ghost of a chance.

Tomorrow: The better way.  
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# Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: We have lived for six years in a lovely neighborhood and have great neighbors on both sides. My wife and I travel extensively, often for months, and both neighbors, "Jim" and "John," have keys to our house and keep an eye on things, reporting to us via e-mail even when our grown children or in-laws stop by.

Last week, a police officer came to our door saying that the neighbor across the street had reported seeing Jim and his wife walking through our yard, looking at our house and in our windows. It's possible this happened while we were traveling, but we were last away from home nine months ago.

Jim and his wife have two small dogs and spend a lot of time outdoors, occasionally running through our unfenced front and back yards, with our permission. We told the policeman this, and he was bewildered why the other neighbor would make the effort to call and even take photographs of Jim looking at our house. He said he'd talk to the neighbor and defuse the situation.

I called Jim the next day and told them what happened. My wife and I believe they have a right to know someone called the police to complain about them. The next morning, there was a "For Rent" sign in Jim's yard.

Were we wrong to tell Jim? It apparently created a huge problem. Should we go across the street and speak to the neighbor and explain that Jim watches our house for us? Why didn't they come to us instead of going to the police? Should we encourage Jim to speak with the neighbor? — Perplexed and Confused

Dear Perplexed: You were not wrong to tell Jim about the complaint, although his reaction seems extreme. If you want to play mediator, go ahead, although first check to see if there is a neighborhood mediation group. If your other neighbor did not recognize Jim, his call to the police was perfectly understandable. But you can gently explain that while you appreciate his watching out for you, you often ask Jim to keep an eye on your home when you travel.

Dear Annie: I married a widower. Every time it's our anniversary, my birthday or even Valentine's Day, he says he didn't have time to buy a card or a gift, telling me, "I never know what to buy you. It's better if you buy what you want." This isn't true. He knows what I like. What really hurts is to hear him talk about the lovely things he bought his late wife.

We come from different cultures. He doesn't like my music, my language or my family. Every time I've gone back to visit, I've had to go alone. He makes no effort to be part of my world. Annie, is this really love? — Lost in Times Square

Dear Lost: Love isn't measured by how many gifts or cards you receive. And plenty of spouses steer clear of the in-laws. What matters is how he treats you the other days of the year. You are the only one who can decide how important his acceptance of your culture is in the overall picture and whether his other qualities make up for these slights.

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## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

### All A-Flutter

Each year, millions of monarch butterflies make an incredible 2,000-mile journey that makes for one of the Earth's most phenomenal planetary cycles.

AmericanProfile

### Like Ripples in a Pond

By Laurie Eytel

We thank you for all the great things you do.

Large and small, they all have meaning to the families you help and to us.

One act can make all the difference.

Like ripples in a pond kindness spreads outward, reaching and touching others and can change a life forever.

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# Comprehensive immigration reform is probably doomed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama revisited a key campaign promise when he hosted a White House meeting of elected officials and experts on immigration. But if a major overhaul of the nation's immigration policy is his goal, Republicans in Congress say he shouldn't hold his breath.

They say any bill that even hints at amnesty or legalization for millions of illegal immigrants already living and working in the United States is dead before it ever makes an appearance in a congressional committee.

A path to citizenship is "what has doomed all immigration legislation in the last two administrations," California Republican Dan Lungren said during a recent House hearing on immigrant agricultural workers.

The agricultural workers' bill discussed during that hearing, which first was proposed in the last Congress, isn't likely to be revived.

"It's not going to pass," Lungren said matter-of-factly while taking testimony on the visa program that helps supply temporary workers to agricultural businesses. "And it's not going to pass because it has, frankly ... a path to citizenship."

Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said immigration reform proposals that offer a path to legal status are tantamount to amnesty.

"I think most members of Congress and most Americans don't want to reward lawbreakers and don't want to give them amnesty," Smith said Tuesday

as Obama held his White House meeting.

The failure of the DREAM Act is a key example. The bill would have provided a path to legal status for law-abiding young people brought to the United States as children who either plan to attend college or join the military.

"Remember, in the last Congress, the Democrats had large majorities and weren't able to pass the comprehensive amnesty bill," Smith said. "I don't think that bipartisan resistance to mass amnesty has (abated)."

Obama also promised to continue working to build a bipartisan consensus around immigration and said he would lead a "civil debate" on the issue in the months ahead, the White House said. But he also said he will not succeed if he alone is leading the debate.

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# Evacuees keep tabs on homes from afar

ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press

MINERAL WELLS — Since evacuating her lake-side home in North Texas, Jackie Fewell has turned her hotel room into the information hub for one of the state's largest wildfires, working the phones and using the Internet to get the word out to worried residents.

Fewell, her husband and several friends have been updating a blog she created about the fire around Possum Kingdom Lake, a community of mostly weekend homes about 70 miles west of Fort Worth. The fire has burned for nearly a week, tearing through several communities, consuming 150,000 acres and destroying about 150 homes and a church, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Fewell, a partner in a real estate company, said residents have been desperate for accurate information — even sending as many as 100 emails an hour. "It's because they weren't living there to begin with full-time and they didn't know what was going on, and they were hearing these crazy reports," she said.

Armed with cell phones and laptops, Fewell and her team have been chatting with some residents who refused to evacuate, listening to a law enforcement scanner and even watching live feed from a

security camera at one of the homes. By Tuesday afternoon, nearly 62,000 people had visited the blog in about 12 hours — up from about 800 visitors on a regular day.

The Possum Kingdom Lake fire is one of several massive blazes across the state that firefighters were battling into Wednesday morning, adding up to more than 1 million acres of land burned in a little more than a week in drought-stricken Texas.

The funeral for a volunteer firefighter killed last week was set for Wednesday. Eastland firefighter Gregory M. Simmons, 50, apparently was hit by a vehicle driving through a smoky area after he had been battling a wildfire.

But weary firefighters had some reason for hope as rain and higher humidity levels were forecast for the rest of the week in parts of the state.

A 20 to 30 percent chance of rain was forecast for Wednesday and Thursday in the North Texas area, said Daniel Huckaby, a forecaster at the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

"Some areas will get some rainfall, but unfortunately most will not. And with the chaotic wind that thunderstorms can produce, and the lightning they can produce, that can make matters worse," Huckaby said.

But as the humidity levels rise, "even without the

rain, conditions are looking more positive."

The fire that started Friday in the Possum Kingdom Lake area and spread into two other counties was still raging well into Tuesday night. That's when authorities ordered the 400 residents of Palo Pinto, about 50 miles west of Fort Worth, to leave because of the advancing flames, said Trooper Gary Rozzell of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The county's jail inmates also evacuated, as did the nearby community of Graford and the small town of Strawn, south of the lake.

Several roads in the area were closed, and boating access to Possum Kingdom Lake was closed Tuesday to everyone except emergency workers responding to the wildfire.

White ash was falling from the sky in several nearby towns throughout the day, and National Guard helicopters from Austin and heavy air tankers could be seen dumping water to aid ground efforts.

Fewell said her blog has kept her from worrying about her home, which she found out Tuesday was not in the path of the fire.

"We've just pushed it to the back of our heads," she said.

"It is what it is, and we're all in this together."

# New DOT rule tackles fees, bumping, flight delays

DALLAS (AP) — Airlines will soon be required to refund bag fees if they lose luggage, and they'll pay travelers more for bumping them from a flight.

The federal government planned to announce new passenger protections Wednesday that also expand a tarmac-delay rule to prevent passengers from

being stranded on international flights for longer than four hours.

The airlines will also have to include fees and taxes in advertised prices.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the new regulations, which take effect in late August, were designed to make sure airlines treat travelers fairly.

"It's just common sense that if an airline loses your bag or you get bumped from a flight because it was oversold, you should be reimbursed," he said.

The new provision on tarmac delays expands upon last year's 3-hour limit for flights within the U.S. Regulators were persuaded to apply a 4-hour limit to international flights after a late-December debacle

in which several planes loaded with international travelers were stuck, some for more than 10 hours, on snowy runways at New York's JFK Airport.

Airline trade groups have warned that airlines will cancel more international flights to avoid the fine of up to \$27,500 per passenger that comes with breaking the rule. The fine could total more than \$10 million for a fully loaded superjumbo jet like an Airbus A380 — although the government has never imposed anything close to the maximum.

The groups note that with some international flights operating only once every few days, passengers could be stranded far longer under the new rule.

On refunding bag fees

for lost luggage, the Transportation Department decided not to require refunds for bags delivered late. Airlines are already required to compensate passengers for the value of lost bags, regardless of whether a fee was paid to check them. Last year, airlines mishandled 2 million bags, although that includes damaged and delayed ones.

Wednesday's rule confirms another change that the regulators proposed last year — more compensation for passengers bumped off oversold flights. Currently, it's up to \$400 or \$800 depending on how long a passenger is delayed before catching a makeup flight. Those limits will be raised to \$650 and \$1,330.

Last year, airlines bumped 65,000 passen-

gers and another 681,000 took voluntary offers to give up their seats. Still, that's a tiny fraction of 1 percent of all travelers. The higher limits could give savvy travelers leverage to cut a better deal for their seats after gate agents ask for volunteers.

The new rule also requires airlines to prominently disclose all potential fees — for checking bags, changing reservations, upgrading seats, and so on — on their websites. Airlines will also have to include taxes and government-imposed fees in the fares that they advertise. Airlines had argued that car dealers and other businesses don't have to do that.

But in a setback for travel agents, the government declined at least temporarily to force airlines to clearly disclose all fees in their electronic connections with agents.

Regulators also dropped a proposal to require that airlines include their customer-service promises in their legal contracts with passengers. While it sounds bureaucratic, consumer groups see it as an important step in forcing airlines to live up to their promises.

Consumer advocates didn't get all they wanted but were pleased.

"There's going to be a lot of good stuff, a lot of little things that will make people feel better about traveling," said advocate Kate Hanni.

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# Different routes, same destination

## Area netters begin regional play

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Forsan and Coahoma High School tennis players have taken a variety of routes to today's Region I-2A Tennis Tournament in Odessa.

For the Coahoma doubles team of Aaron Gonzales and Jason Martinez, the regional tournament is the culmination of years of working together.

For Forsan's doubles team of Chyenne Galloway and Rachael Haggard, success came much quicker.

And for Forsan singles players Kyle Stevenson and Sydney Holdampf, the trip to the regional tournament is just

one more highlight in a season full of them.

Those six players will represent Howard County when they begin play today in the regional tournament at the Ector County ISD tennis courts.

Gonzales and Martinez recently won the District 3-2A boys' doubles title despite pulling double duty as members of the Coahoma High School baseball team. The overtime work didn't hurt the duo, however, as they steamrolled past teams from Forsan and Stanton to claim the title.

Coahoma Coach Mitzi Bell said success for Gonzales and Martinez — who have played

together since the seventh grade — is both deserved and overdue.

"Up to this point, they had not placed in district," Bell said. "This year, they committed themselves by taking private lessons and traveling to Big Spring, Midland and Odessa to play (teams from larger schools).

"They won the Forsan tournament and competed for third in two other tournaments with 5A schools," Bell added. "It's been a great season for these boys. They are very coachable and hard-working. We look forward to hopefully going to the next

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Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School tennis coach Mitzi Bell is flanked by the boys' doubles team of Jason Martinez, left, and Aaron Gonzales after they won the District 3-2A title recently.

Regional golf:

# Cook earns berth at state tourney

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Garden City High School's Britni Cook earned a spot in the University Interscholastic League Class 1A state golf tournament by placing third at the regional tournament Tuesday.

Cook fired a final-day 79 to place third in individual play and qualify for the state tournament, which will be held in May at Austin.

Team-wise, the Lady Bearkats finished third, just out of the running for a spot in the state tournament.

Following Cook for Garden City was Ashley Halfmann with a 91, Catelyn Hoelscher with a 98 and Rachel Hirt and Katy Multer with scores of 119 and 116, respectively.

Garden City's boys' team finished fifth in team play. The Bearkats were led by Hayden Halfmann, who shot a final-day 73. Other GCHS scores included Astin Hoelscher with an 84, Brian Hirt at 91, Colton Belew with a 96 and Corbin Davis with a 102.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jarred Doporto settles under a fly ball to record an out during the Steers' game with Andrews at Steer Park Tuesday.

# Lady Steers make playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After an up-and-down season, perhaps it was appropriate that the Big Spring Lady Steers earned a spot in the state softball playoffs by doing ... nothing.

The Lady Steers, who were idle Tuesday, earned the third and final postseason berth from District 5-3A by virtue of Brownwood's 19-7 win over Abilene Wylie. If Wylie had defeated Brownwood, it would have ended the season tied with Big Spring and forced an extra game with the Lady Steers to determine the district's final playoff representative.

Having waited to see if they would make the playoffs, the Lady Steers must now wait some more to see who they'll

face in the first round of the postseason. Big Spring (15-18 overall, 3-5 in district play) will face the second-place team from District 6-3A — either Iowa Park or Burk Burnett — at a time and place to be determined.

BSHS Coach John Sparks said his team has to shore up its spotty defense — the Lady Steers committed 16 errors in their final two games — to have any chance at postseason success.

"I think the girls are more than capable of playing upper-level softball," Sparks said. "We were successful in our final game ... Now, we just have to beef up our level of play and eliminate our mistakes. The girls need to play hard-core, passionate softball."

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# Stanton's Graham punches state ticket

ODESSA — Kendra Graham of Stanton High School earned herself a berth in the UIL Class 2A state golf tournament by placing fourth at the Region I-2A girls' golf tournament at Ratliff Ranch Links Golf Course Tuesday.

Graham shot a 79 Tuesday to give her a two-day total of 164, 13 strokes behind regional medalist Elizabeth Chavarria of Sonora.

# Guinn finishes play at 3A regional

LUBBOCK — Big Spring High School golfer Kelsie Guinn fired an 88 during her final round of play at the Region I-3A girls' golf tournament Tuesday at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

Tuesday's score gave Guinn, a freshman at BSHS, a two-day total of 177

In team competition, Andrews and Burkburnett finished 1-2 to earn spots in next month's UIL state tournament.

# Comanche Trail Ladies Golf news

In the April 11 Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, Dee Jenkins won low gross and Patsy Sharpnack won low net. Four players tied for the lowest number of putts.

The organization sponsored the annual Western Lone Star Mary Ruth Robertson Spring Fling two-day tournament April 12 and 13.

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# 'Old guys' pace Mavs to playoff win

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The Portland Trail Blazers must feel like they are in an NBA time warp. First they got beaten by Jason Kidd, now Kidd and Peja Stojakovic.

Even the Dallas Mavericks are feeling the retro mood. They're up 2-0 in a playoff series for the first time since 2006.

Stojakovic tied his career playoff best with five 3-pointers and had 21 points, and Kidd continued his surprising scoring surge with 18 points, powering the Mavericks to a 101-89 victory on Tuesday night in Game 2 of their first-round series.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 33 points, but was practically a complementary player. He was at his best after the 30-something, former All-Stars built the lead, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter — including the team's final 11 — to help the Mavericks keep the Trail Blazers from ever making a serious push. He scored

18 in the fourth quarter of Game 1.

"We're never sure which two or three guys we're going to get hot, but we need contributions from a lot of different guys to be successful and that's what we got tonight," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

Portland had a lot of things go right, from LaMarcus Aldridge scoring 24 to Gerald Wallace and Wesley Matthews regaining their scoring touch after struggling in the opener.

But the Trail Blazers got only 11 points from their bench, none in the second half.

And while they were limiting Nowitzki to 5 of 15 shooting through three quarters, former All-Stars Kidd and Stojakovic were lighting them up.

The third-seeded Mavs can snicker about doing something the higher-seeded Spurs and Lakers couldn't: win the first two games on their home court. Now the Western Conference's best road team this season will head

to Portland for Game 3 on Thursday night, and Game 4 on Saturday.

"We've been doing that second-scorer-by-committee (all season)," Nowitzki said. "Our bigs did a good job of battling Aldridge all game, and we've got to do more of the same on Thursday."

Dallas fans know not to start thinking "sweep" just yet. They made that mistake midway through the '06 NBA finals, only to see their team lose that series in six games. Nowitzki warned "this series is far from over," which could also be a nod to Portland having won both matchups on its home court this season.

"I think we'll go home and have our crowd behind us," Aldridge said. "Hopefully that will bring us more energy and we'll play better."

Before this game, Portland coach Nate McMillan said, "We've got to be the aggressors," and his team was in the first half, trailing for a mere 36 seconds.

But their lead at the

break was only 52-50, and the second half proved to be a completely different story.

Kidd hit a go-ahead 3-pointer on Dallas' first possession and the Mavs wouldn't trail again. Kidd followed with a jumper just inside the arc, a layup and a bank shot — nine straight points that were part of an 18-5 spurt since the final minute of the first half.

"He had his confidence and he was looking for (his shot)," McMillan said.

Dallas did little wrong the rest of the way. The Mavs held Aldridge to eight points in the second half and spread around their scoring.

They also protected the ball, going without a turnover the final 28:42. They tied a franchise playoff-best with just six turnovers.

Portland went from scoring 28 points in the second quarter to scoring 37 in the second half. Fourth quarters have especially been a problem for the Trail Blazers.



# Angels blast Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The trio of youngsters at the bottom of the Los Angeles Angels' lineup can hit and score. Their fill-in starting pitcher was also pretty good.

Rookie first baseman Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs with three hits, Hank Conger had two hits and scored twice and No. 9 hitter Peter Bourjos had a homer among his four hits as the Angels broke out for a 15-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

"Guys in the dugout were talking about how good the young guys are doing," said Matt Palmer, the Angels' starter who limited Texas to one run and three hits over six innings.

It was the first home loss

for the defending American League champions.

Add in veterans Alberto Callaspo and Vernon Wells with the bottom trio, and the Angels' last five hitters combined for 12 runs, 13 hits and 11 RBIs. All had multiple hits and only Wells failed to score more than once.

"This was obviously a breakout offensive night," manager Mike Scioscia said. "They were hitting the ball to all parts of the field."

Conger is a rookie catcher and Bourjos just misses out on being classified as a rookie this year since he made his major league debut with 51 games last season after being called up in August.

Leadoff hitter Maicer Iz-

turis homered for the Angels, who have won 10 of their last 13 games.

Los Angeles and Texas are tied atop the AL West with 11-6 records. The finale of their three-game series is Wednesday night.

The Rangers had won their first seven home games in a season for the first time, including the series-opening 7-1 victory Monday night after returning from a nine-game road trip.

Colby Lewis (1-2), pitching for the first time in 10 days after being the first player ever to go on Major League Baseball's paternity leave list.

"I felt great. I fell behind hitters, and they took advantage of it, that was it," Lewis said.

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level."

Unlike Gonzales and Martinez, the Forsan duo of Galloway and Haggard apparently caught lightning in a bottle — they had never played together until this season.

But that relative inexperience didn't keep them from qualifying for the regional tournament. Galloway, a junior, and Haggard, a freshman, earned their spot in today's event by placing second in the District 3-2A tournament.

The regional tournament is becoming familiar ground for Stevenson, who earned a spot there last year en route to the state tourney in Austin.

He and Holdampf have had a spotless year so far — they have yet to lose a match, said Forsan Coach Cory Richardson. Stevenson won the 3-2A boys' sin-

gles title with a straight-set victory over Sebastian Gutierrez of Denver City, while Holdampf took the girls' singles crown with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over .

Powered by the quartet, Forsan won the girls' title at the tournament, while the boys placed second. Richardson hopes this year's results marks a resurgence of a once-powerful tennis program at Forsan.

"I feel like we're on our way to getting the program back up to where it used to be," he said. "Being in Class 2A is a different experience (Forsan competed in Class 1A in 2010), but we have more people competing at the regional tournament than we did last year."

Richardson said the key to the group's success is simple — hard work.

"All of these kids put in a lot of time over the summer," he said, "So, I like our chances ... to advance at least one or two players to the next level."

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ball."

### Steers fall to Andrews

An early lead didn't hold up for the Big Spring Steers as they dropped a 15-8 decision to Andrews in non-district baseball action at Steer Park Tuesday.

The Steers led, 6-5, after two innings, but the Mustangs roared back with five runs in their half of the fourth to take the lead for good.

Jacob Acosta took the loss on the mound for the Steers, who fell to 10-15 overall with the loss.

"We started real well, but we made a couple of errors and things just steamrolled from there," BSHS Coach Burt Otto said. "In the fourth inning, Andrews hit a grand slam and that pretty much put us away. But the kids competed and hustled ... and that's all you can really

ask from them."

Big Spring concludes its season Friday when it hosts Sweetwater at 7 p.m. at Steer Park.

### Coahoma tops Colorado City

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs pulled to within a game of the third and final playoff spot from District 3-2A by downing Colorado City, 8-4, in league baseball action Tuesday.

The Bulldogs spotted C-City a 2-0 lead after three innings before rallying to take the lead in their half of the fourth. Consecutive doubles from Dakota Griffith, Adrian Grant and Casey Roberts, followed by singles from Jason Castilaw and Kaleb McAdams, led to three runs and a lead Coahoma never surrendered. Grant, who finished the game with six RBI, added a three-run home run in the fifth inning to provide the Bulldogs with some insurance runs.

Starting pitcher McAdams, with relief help from Griffith, earned the win for Coahoma, which improved to 13-9 overall and 5-5 in district play.

The win moves Coahoma a game behind Forsan for the district's third playoff spot.

"The kids played pretty solid baseball," Coahoma Coach Shane Fuller said. "They did a good job and they need to keep it going if we're going to make the playoffs."

The Bulldogs return to action Thursday when they travel to Denver City. Varsity action begins at 4:30, with the junior varsity game to follow.

### Colorado City downs Bulldogettes

COAHOMA — The Colorado City Lady Wolves rallied for five runs in the final two innings to take a 9-5 decision over Coahoma in District 3-2A softball action Tuesday evening.

The Bulldogettes led 5-4 after four innings, but were unable to score any more runs, stranding 10 runners on base

in the process. Coahoma also hurt its chances by committing three errors which led to four unearned runs for Colorado City.

Starting pitcher Kyla Clanton took the loss, striking out nine and walking one while allowing 13 hits.

The Bulldogettes, who fell to 13-20 overall and 6-5 in district play, return to action Thursday at Denver City. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

### Forsan falls to Slaton

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes found themselves down by five runs before they ever came to bat and never recovered, dropping a 15-6 decision to Slaton in District 3-2A baseball action Tuesday.

The loss drops the Buffs to 6-4 in district play, a game ahead of Coahoma for the third and final playoff spot from the district.

Starting pitcher Payton Parker took the loss for Forsan.

"It was a tough loss, definitely," Forsan Coach Jason Phillips said. "We didn't play well in the first inning,

and you can't do things like that against a good team like Slaton. The good thing is that we still have our playoff destiny in our hands. If we win our final two games, we're in the playoffs."

The Buffaloes return to action Friday when they host Lubbock Roosevelt at 5 p.m.

### Lady Buffs rout Slaton

FORSAN — Ali Knight and Kevy O'Brien combined for a no-hitter to lead the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to a 16-0 pasting of Slaton in District 3-2A softball action Tuesday.

The Lady Buffs scored six runs in the first inning and eight in the second as they cruised to victory in the game, which was called after the fourth inning because of the mercy rule.

Knight and O'Brien each pitched two innings and surrendered only three walks for the night, Forsan Coach Shanna Taylor said.

Forsan improved to 19-8 overall and 10-2 in district play.

Taylor said her team is peaking at exactly the

right time.

"Because we had so many new faces at new positions this year, it took time for things to develop this year," Taylor said. "We starting to peak now, and that's what you want to see from your team."

The Lady Buffs return to action Friday when they host Lubbock Roosevelt. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

### Hawks run-rule Midland College

MIDLAND — The Howard College Hawks steamrolled Midland College, 11-1, in non-conference baseball action Tuesday.

Brendan McCurry had a home run, a triple and five RBI to lead a 15-hit attack for the Hawks, who won the game in seven innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

The Hawks, 16-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action, return to league play Friday and Saturday when they host a four-game series with New Mexico Junior College. Action begins at 1 p.m. both days at Jack Barber Field.

to the pin on hole No. 3. Trish Gabbard was closest to the pin on hole No. 6.

The couples play begins at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday. Couples interested in playing may contact Howard Gabbard at 432-393-5693 for details.

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Marfa, Memphis, Muleshoe, Shamrock, Snyder, Stanton, Sunray and Tulia. Clovis, N.M. was also represented.

The Tuesday tournament play format was individual match play with golfers placed on the Red team or the Blue team. The results: Blue team over the Red team 13 to 9.

Wednesday's format was team play, which was also won by the

Blue team.

Winning first place in April 7 9-hole couples play was Ron and Daury Booth and Jerry Roach and Annie Ward, shooting 3 under par. Two teams tied for second place with 2 under par. One team consisted of Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe, and John and Gus Leonardi. The other was Howard and Trish Gabbard.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Someone wants to win you and is starting to get the sense that this is not so easily accomplished. You have carefully placed your emotional barriers so that only the most determined and worthy can reach your heart.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The one who takes you for granted will continue to do so for as long as you let this go on. Get creative. How can you break the cycle? Engineer a wakeup call. You'll both benefit.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have moxie and imaginative flair. You'll show this by delivering a special experience to someone you love. What you make happen will be a first for the other person and forever memorable because of it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Notice the informal network that's going on behind the scenes. This is where important exchanges are happening, and you need to be a part of this. Cozy up to the movers and shakers so you can learn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are creative by nature and rarely feel bored. You can always find something to do. You will lead with this instinct. Your persuasion will turn an event into so much more than it started out to be.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think someone is

wiser than you, but this isn't necessarily so. Learn from the specialized knowledge this person has, and do not attribute extra qualities to him or place him on a pedestal.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For many people you know, much of life is routine. That's why the interruptions and distractions you instinctively provide keep things interesting. They depend on you — don't let them down.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Forgetting someone's name isn't the end of the world, but it might be the end of the relationship if it's a name you really should know. Prevent social mishaps through preparation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is an unfulfilled wish you have held for so many years that you hardly ever think of it anymore. You will today, though. And you'll find that it is still highly desirable in the archives of your heart.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When collaboration is what's called for, you are a dream partner. You are playful, yet you stay on point. Others will find your input to be savvy, ethical and perceptive.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be "swimming with sharks." Luckily, not everyone in the tank is ferocious. If you are nice and do the right thing, it will be recognized and you will be protected.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will do something that is rare and beautiful. You will listen so actively to another person that you will forget yourself completely as you become immersed in this person's world.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 20). You'll see your entire lifestyle with new eyes. It's like you went away and took in so much of the world that when you returned home you noticed things you never did before. May brings a remarkable improvement. June opens up a financial channel. Your public standing is raised in July. August heals your heart. Capricorn and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 28, 15, 38 and 4.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I can't stop thinking of the person I dated in my junior year of high school, 15 years ago. We dated for the whole school year, and then he went off to college and it was over. A few years ago, I saw him in a restaurant and again later at a popular hiking spot. Both times we talked for about five minutes and then parted ways. The feeling between us was nice, but we didn't exchange contact information. I have had many relationships. Why am I so hung up on this one? He's married now. It's crazy that I still think of him, but I do. He's a Libra, and I'm a Leo. How can I get over this?"

The reason it sticks with you is because this Libra delivered your first real heartbreak. You didn't exchange information with him when you had the chance because you were protecting yourself. Leo rules the heart, and you have a tendency to give yours easily. You love passionately, and the pain you feel when it doesn't work out is excruciating. But, you'll notice, you have gotten better at this through the years, and this relationship is partly the reason why. Mentally thank your Libra for the lessons you've learned. Gratitude will help you move on.

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### This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 20, the 110th day of 2011. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and began spewing (by government estimates) about 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico for nearly three months.

On this date:

In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 72, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory.

In 1861, Col. Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States Army. (Lee went on to command the Army of Northern Virginia, and eventually became general-in-chief of the Confederate forces.)

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools. National Public Radio made its on-air debut with live coverage of a U.S. Senate hearing on the Vietnam War.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

Today's Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 91. Actor Leslie Phillips is 87. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is 75. Actor George Takei is 74. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 72. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 70. Bluegrass singer-musician Doyle Lawson (Quicksilver) is 67. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 63. Actor Gregory Itzin (iht-zihn) is 63. Actress Jessica Lange is 62. Actress Veronica Cartwright is 62. Actor Clint Howard is 52. Actor Crispin Glover is 47. Actor Andy Serkis is 47. Country singer Wade Hayes is 42. Actor Shemar Moore is 41. Rock musician Mikey Welsh is 40. Actress Carmen Electra is 39. Reggae singer Stephen Marley is 39.

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**ACROSS**

60 \_\_\_ days (yore)  
61 As before, in footnotes  
62 Zillions  
63 Snow-clearing fleet  
64 Good buddies  
65 Choice word

**DOWN**

1 Word before wave or basin  
2 Trailblazing Daniel  
3 Four-to-midnight duty  
4 Glazier's unit  
5 Stored, as records  
6 Alto or tenor  
7 Regarding, on memos  
8 Forest female

9 Gardeners, at times  
10 Broker's customer: Abbr.  
11 Do an usher's job  
12 Gift-wrapping accessory  
13 Register stack  
19 Turns inside out  
21 Leeway  
25 Acts sulky  
27 Cravings  
28 Move very slowly  
29 From the top  
30 Second Amendment issue  
31 Art Deco artist  
32 Took to court  
33 Serenade the villain

34 Bassoon cousin  
35 One way to cook steak  
38 One way to cook steak  
42 See 25 Across  
44 Backs of boats  
45 Choice foods  
47 Endangerment  
49 Outdoors in competition  
50 Sprang up  
51 Each, so to speak  
52 Ponder, with "over"  
53 Word-processor command  
54 Lamb dish  
55 Marching-band instrument  
56 Filleted fish  
58 Apex

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