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MacKenzie, **DePauw join BSEDC** board

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

New faces have been added to the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Jim DePauw and Scott MacKenzie were accepted as new members to the BSEDC board during Tuesday evening's meeting. The two

will be replacing outgoing members Larry McLellan Glenn and Fillingim, secretary/ treasurer the BSEDC.

McLellan served on the board for six years and Fillingim served from 2007 until this year and previously served from 1992 to 1995.

"Both are

great businessmen who always had the interest of the community at heart," outgoing BSEDC president Rodney Bomar said.

Development

board Tuesday.

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as new members to

Big Spring Economic

Corporation

Scott MacKenzie, left, and

Jim DePauw were accept-

MacKenzie is employed at American State Bank and has been a Big Spring resident for the past five and a half years.

"I think this is a valuable tool for the community to use," MacKenzie said.

He steps into the board member position with an interest in increasing an area of the community which he considers to be valuable

"I have an interest in not only creating more employment opportunities in the community, but increasing the tax base as well. It is something that is so valuable to all of us."

DePauw, a business services teacher at

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Outgoing Big Spring Economic Development Corporation president Rodney Bomar, right, recognized outgoing board members Larry McLellan, center, and Glenn Fillingim during Tuesday evening's meeting.

EDC board reorganizes, lauds outgoing members

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation welcomed new board members and said goodbye to others Tuesday.

Glenn Fillingim, secretary/treasurer of the BSEDC for the past four years, and Larry McLellan, board member for the past six years, were recognized by the board.

"During the past six years I have been on this board I have seen tremendous changes," McLellan said.

"We have done a lot for the community in that time. The footprint you see is from the EDC and their numerous projects. This has truly been a great experience for me."

Fillingim added, "It has been an exciting time for us and for the community. There is still a lot on the table."

Outgoing president Rodney Bomar presented the two with a certificate and plaque in recognition of their service during a short ceremony at the meeting.

"These are two great businessmen who always had the interest of the community at heart and that is something that never wavered," Bomar said.

Fillingim delivered his final investment and financial report to the board during the meeting, reporting a 34 percent month-to-month increase in revenues and 13.19 percent year-to-date increase.

"This is a record year for us. It

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Drug charges dominate grand jury indictments

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down more than two-dozen indictments during its Friday session in 118th District Court, many for alleged drug violations. Among those indicted

• Pedro Rosendo Aguilar,

- 50, of 312 N.E. 10th St., possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced). Tony Bernard Anderson,

22, currently being held in

the Howard County Jail, forgery (state jail felony).

- Ashley Dawn Walters, 22, currently being held in the Howard County Jail, forgery (state jail felony).
- Andres Arguello, 26, of 1604 Kentucky Way, assault of a family or household member by impeding breathing or circulation (third-degree felony).
- Douglas Arnold Jr., 37, of 405 W. Seventh St., failure to register as a sex offender (second-degree felony). Alexander Burciaga, 21,

of 2516 Gunter, delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, both state jail felonies) and delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony). • Andrea Croft, 27, of 1002

- N. Main St. Apt. 48, possession of a controlled substance (two counts, both state jail felonies).
- Bruce Ervin Essix, 45, of 408 S. Douglas, delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, both enhanced first-
- degree felonies). • Keri Lynn Flux, 31, of

Chico, Calif., driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).

• Lori Garcia Franco, 28, of 603 N.E. Eighth St., theft — less than \$1,500 with two

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Obituaries

Greg Walker

Greg Walker, 56, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- ROY JOHNSON, 68, of 707 Wyoming, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- KRYSTAL MARIE SERVANTES, 23, of 1409 Bluebird, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for safety belts required, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear and two warrants from another agency.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 27, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxi-
- ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 400 block of Dallas. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 4200 block of Colorado City Highway.
- In the 1100 block of Lancaster.
- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of S. Aylesford.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this

- WILLIAM JOHN SOLOMON, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container. SAMUEL JACK ELLIS, 35, was arrested Tuesday
- on municipal warrants for defective brakes and failure to maintain financial responsibility. • DALTON WILL WHITE, 34, was arrested
- Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated with open container – second offense. • ROY JOHNSON, 68, was transferred to the
- county jail by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL SHANE MATHIS, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. • KRYSTAL M. SERVANTES, 23, was transferred
- to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft by check and municipal warrants for child safety seat violation, expired motor vehicle inspection and violation of a promise to appear.
- WENDY ANN Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear and a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JACK DOUGLAS BETTS, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- PIERRE JEAN GORDON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of

possession of marijuana - more than four ounces and less than five pounds.

• JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

Take Note

- KC Steakhouse is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way through Saturday. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign.
- Forsan High School band will compete in the Regional Marching Contest Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, N. Grandview Avenue and E. Yukon Road in Odessa. Class 2A competition will begin at 11:45 a.m. and Forsan will march at 1:45 p.m.
- Singing Women of Texas Permian Basin Chapter is coming to First Baptist Church. The group will be performing at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. Admission is free.
- Concerned parents and citizens are invited to a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Howard County Library basement. The meeting will be held to develop questions for the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting on Nov. 1 and to develop goals and create a followup plan to make sure the goals are achieved. For more information, see Letters to the Editor.
- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: http://www.fbcbigspring.org/
- Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.
- American Cancer Society will have their board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

Today's Weather

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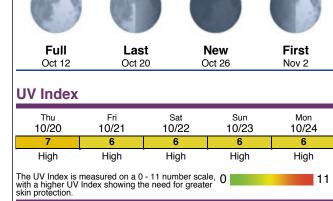


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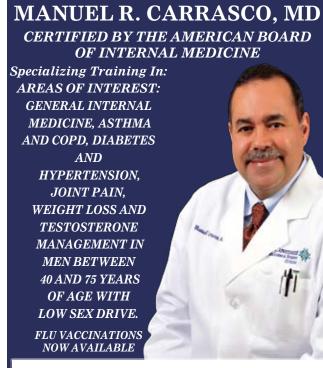


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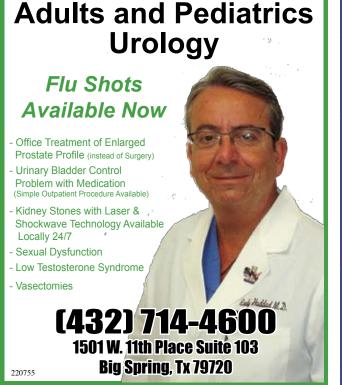






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Why not check this out at the library?

t may seem like all I am writing about are books on CD, but what happened is we got close to the end of the budget year and realized we had not spent all the money. So we went into a frenzy of

choosing BOCDs and DVDs and this is the result: they all came in at once. I don't

know if audio book listeners have noticed,

but we do try to note the listening time on the pocket on the case; that way you know how long it will take you to listen to the book.

Hollis

McCright

For the Western fan, it can be hard for us to find them, but here is a couple. From Louis L'Amour, comes "The Broken Gun" (BOCD F LAM L). Ninety years ago, the Toomey brothers, along with 25 other men and 4,000 head of cattle, vanished on the way to Arizona. When writer and historian Dan Sheridan is invited to the missing brother's ranch by its current owner, he jumps at the chance to try and solve the mystery. However, it seems cer-

tain people don't want the mystery solved and Dan is tracked through the savage wilderness by killers straight out of the most violent pages of his books. Sure to be a page turner, er, maybe an ear turner.

Robert B. Parker has

a westernized Spencer

and Hawk in Cole and Hitch. You will meet them in "Blue-Eyed Devil" (AUCE F PAR R). Hitch and Cole had once been the law in Appaloosa, now it is Chief Amos Callico. An ambitious man, with an eye on the governorship, he wants Hitch and Cole on his side. But they can't be bought and that upsets him. When Callico be-

gins to shake down the merchants for protection money, those who don't agree seek help from the two. See how it plays out.

In the mystery genre,

we have available for checkout: James Patterson's "Postcard Killers" (AUCD F PAT J); "Sour Puss" (AUCD F BRO R) from Rita Mae Brown; Michael Connelly's "A Darkness More Than Night" (AUCD F CON M); "Trespass" (AUCD F DOI P) by Paul Doiron; and Dan Brown's "The DaVinci Code" (AUCD F BRO

mysteries: Kathy Reichs' "Spider Bones" (BOCD F RE K); "When the Thrill is Gone" (AUCD F MOS W) by Walter Mosley (this is Leonid McGill mystery); "Betrayal of Trust" (AUCD F JAN J) by J.A. Jance; and Jonathan Kellerman's "Mystery" (AUCD F KEL J). All four of these authors write excellent

Here are some more

recommend them.

For some gentle reads, try these authors: Nicholas Sparks' "Safe Haven" (AUCD F SPA N); Richard Paul Evans' "Miles to Go" (AUCD F EVA R); Lori Wick's two books, "Moonlight on the Millpond" (AUCD F WIC L) and "Leave a Candle Burning" (AUCD WIC L); and Dorothy Garlock's "Keep a Little Secret" (AUCD F GAR D). If you enjoy historical

romances, (this may sound familiar, as I did review the hardback), then this is for you: "Mine is the Light" (AUCD F HIG L) is by Liz Curtis Higgs and is the story of two women, newly widowed Elisabeth Kerr and her mother-in-law, Marjory

Both are labeled as traitors to the Crown and must start again without husbands, titles, property of even fortune. All they have left is a distant tie upon a cousin with meager resources.

However, joy comes knocking and kindness is found in unexpected places. The action takes place in 18th century Scotland.

Back to the thrillers Jeffery Deaver's

"Edge" (AUCD F DEA J) is about a highly secret agency dedicated to intelligence surveillance and to a highly specialized brand of citizen protection. Shock waves hit when a protectee is targeted by someone dedicated to getting information from the protectee by whatever means. This is the story of the man who must protect him, no matter the cost. Good ol' John Le

Carre is back with "Our Game: (AUCD F LEC J). British spymaster Tim Cranmer accepts early retirement after the Cold War is fought and won, with his lovely mistress Emma. When Emma and rival Larry Pettifer escape to the Continent, Tim is in hot pursuit of them. All

is not as it seems, and Tim must salvage what is left of his tattered

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THURSDAY

· Alcoholics Anony-

discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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FRIDAY

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

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Howard College, became part of the board Tuesday evening as well. He has been in Big Spring since 1984 and has been teaching at Howard College the past two years.

"This is a truly great organization," DePauw said. "They are having a great year and it looks like things are moving in Big Spring's direction."

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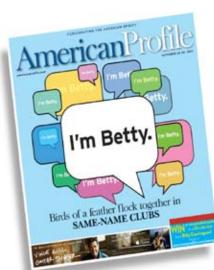
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Texas Dept. of Public Safety

Don't pass a Texas school bus; it is a danger to the kids

School is back in session, crosswalk lights are blinking again and kids are crossing the streets.

The summer months not only provide the kids a chance to take a break from school, but it also allows time for drivers to forget the caution needed when found behind a school bus.

The Texas Department of Public Safety issued the following advisory in hopes of drawing attention to safety when it comes to school buses.

Texas law prohibits vehicles from passing any school bus that is stopped and has its flashing red lights activated to protect children getting onto and off of a school bus. However, some motorists still break the law and place schoolchildren at risk of injury or death.

During National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 17-21), Texas Highway Patrol Troopers in many rural areas of the state may be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law.

When a vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus with the red lights activated, Troopers riding on the bus will radio ahead to other Troopers who will then pull over the offending motorist and issue a ticket that could cost up to \$1,000. Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off children, looking for motorists violating the school bus law.

"The safety of children riding on school buses is important, and we will do everything we can to ensure that Texas drivers obey the law," said Steven C. McCraw, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Drivers will receive tickets if they do not stop for school buses as

In 2010, Texas Highway Patrol troopers wrote 414 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. There were 762 crashes in Texas involving school buses last year. In those crashes, one person died and 89 people had serious injuries, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, which tracks traffic crashes.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are there when we need You the most.

Amen

Financing your campaign

't's sort of funny just how misleading some newspaper and magazine headlines can be, and this weekend's proclamation of "Grand jury clears council members" is no exception.

As most have already heard, a Howard County grand jury voted Friday to no-bill — a fancy way of saying

they decided not to indict — a trio of Big Spring City Council members recently investigated on charges of accepting illegal campaign contributions.

Complaints were filed against all three council members by the Big Spring Herald

earlier this year after investigative reports by the newspaper uncovered all three had accepted campaign contributions -Mayor Tommy Duncan during his 2010 bid for mayor and Glen Carrigan and Marcus Fernandez during their May bids for seats on the council — from a pair of Crossroads corporations. The complaints, which were

originally sworn out by Publisher Ron Midkiff, Managing Editor Bill McClellan and myself on behalf of the newspaper, alleged Duncan accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc.; Fernandez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hydro Dynamics; and Carrigan received \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dymanics.

I suppose it's the reporter in me that uses the word "alleged,' as all three men openly admitted receiving the contributions. Those points have never been contested. The real question at the heart of the felony investigation has always been whether or not the three men were aware they were breaking the law.

The decision for the newspaper to file the complaint was a tough one. Normally, we would simply wait for someone else to take the information we had uncovered and file a complaint on the matter, covering the situation much like we would cover any such case. However for whatever reasons — hands within the community stalled and it became clear it was time for the *Herald* to step up in what management considered a much-needed show of accountability.

Also, when that decision was made, a second decision to completely refrain from editorial or opinion-type comment on the matter was adopted by the staff. However, now that the issue has made its way through the legal

system and, at least for the most part, reached a conclusion, it is time for the self-imposed silence

I'll be the first to admit, when you compare these political transgressions — totaling just a few thousand dollars — to the millions of dollars shuffled around our nation's capital, it's easy to get lost in the overall difference. It may even be, for some, easy to just let go and encourage others to move on.

However, it's hard for me to let go of one basic fact, and that is all three men did — without a doubt — break the law. Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations.

When filing for an elected position, candidates for Big Spring City Council are required to fill out and sign various forms, including a document which states "I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations."

All three men signed the affidavits saying they understood the state law governing campaign contributions and that all three understood it is illegal to accept campaign contributions

Both Carrigan and Fernandez insisted they were unaware it was illegal to receive campaign contributions from a corporation at the time the funds were accepted.

"No, I wasn't aware it was illegal," Carrigan told the *Herald*.

In his comments to the *Herald*, Duncan said only that he wasn't aware the funds were coming from corporations. "I did not realize those checks were coming from corporations," he said in a May interview. I find this claim somewhat frightening, since the checks were logged into Duncan's finance report complete with the "inc." moniker, indicating he either didn't know the abbreviation stood for "incorporated" or didn't notice ... as he wrote them down.

It is, for lack of a better term, the ignorance defense. And, as most of us have been told our entire adult lives, ignorance of the law does not exempt you from it. If you don't believe that, try walking out of a local retailer with an armload of their merchandise, and when the officers show up to arrest you for shoplifting, simply tell them, "I didn't know it was illegal to take these things without paying for

them." Something tells me the grand jury in your case might not be quite as forgiving as the jury that examined the evidence in this one.

So, we have two currently

seated council members saying (I'm paraphrasing, not making a direct quote), "I didn't know I couldn't accept campaign finance from corporations, although I previously signed a document to the exact contrary," and a mayor saying, "I didn't know those checks written by Hydro Dynamics Inc. and Quad A Inc. — despite the repeated use of the 'inc.' moniker — came from corporations.'

Seriously? We, the residents and taxpayers of the Crossroads area, are that dumb in your

And, even if just for a moment you're considering letting the issue of campaign finance fly on what I like to think of as the "duh defense," ask yourself this: Shouldn't our city's local officials be held to a higher standard?

Should the men and women who are responsible for spending millions and millions of dollars of our taxpayer money be allowed to fall back on the "duh defense," ever? Sure, they are human and they are going to make mistakes. However, should we be willing — and ready — to overlook "mistakes" of this magnitude? When do situations like these stop being "accidents" and start being, well, criminal behavior?

In the end, it all comes down to one indelible truth: these politicians got caught with their hands in the campaign finance cookie jar, and, like so many others in similar situations, got a pass from our criminal justice system.

Any way you look at it, however, these men have proven themselves unfit to serve on the city council — at least in any capacity that involves reading, understanding and acting within our state's laws, which, I'm afraid, is the whole purpose of the government panel.

I believe all three are good men. That's a determination I came to some time back after spending time discussing local politics with them. However, I also believe all three are unsuit able to hold their positions on the city council. That determination, I'm afraid, comes at the hands of the "duh defense."

I believe all three should step down from their respective offices and take responsibility for their actions. At the very least, I hope they will apply a lot more diligence — both ethically and as a matter of, dare I say, common sense — to their work with municipal funds.

While the criminal side of this tale has been told, the ethical and moral side has only just begun.

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Scrapping class act is the right thing to do

n Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that the Obama administration was

ending the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports, or CLASS, Act — enacted as part of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act. In doing so, the administration killed off a major provision of Obamacare — a new voluntary program designed to offer affordable long-



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term care — yet the story barely was reported in the press.

The Obama administration did the right thing — and it could not have been easy. Democrats had been promoting the plan, brainchild of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, as a means of protecting middle-class families from having to sell their assets if they needed long-term care.

As Sebelius told Congress, her department spent 19 months trying to crunch the numbers to make the law work. "But despite our best analytical efforts," she wrote, "I do not see a viable path forward for CLASS implementation at this time."

Translation: Congress passed and the president signed a bill to create a huge new government program, even though it wasn't remotely doable. Worse, they were warned. Medi-

care and Medicaid chief actuary Richard S. Foster reported the "very serious risk" that the CLASS Act would be "unsustainable." The Concord Coalition called it a poorly designed "gimmick." Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., called CLASS a "Ponzi scheme of the first order." To address those concerns, then-Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., inserted a requirement in the enabling legislation that required the CLASS Act be actuarially sound for 75 years. Sebelius could not meet the Gregg

requirement; hence, we had Friday's announcement.

First, there's the problem of adverse selection. As Foster explained, "individuals with health problems or who anticipate a greater risk of functional limitation would be more likely to participate than those in better-than-average health." Add modest work requirements and subsidized \$5 monthly premiums for students and low-income enrollees and the CLASS Act promises — my words, not Foster's - adverse selection on steroids.

It also doesn't help that CLASS benefits are less generous than those offered by private insurers. The primary CLASS benefit is \$50 per day, which could go toward in-home or nursing home care. Private plans, the HHS report noted, provide a daily benefit of \$150 to \$200.

Premium calculations for CLASS started at \$354 per month — a big bite in your average paycheck. So the department explored modifications, including an option to reduce the daily benefit to as low as \$10, to bring premiums down to as low as \$99 per month.

In the end, federal numbers crunchers could not escape the bitter fiscal reality: Healthy adults can buy better private plans for less money.

On Friday, Sebelius wisely ended a bad program before it started. But on Monday, White House spokesman Nick Papas told The Associated Press, "Repealing the CLASS Act isn't necessary or productive."

To recap, after 19 months of cooking the numbers in every possible configuration to give the CLASS Act a passing grade, Sebelius had to shut it down in order to protect the public, but the White House wants to keep CLASS open to protect its political hide.

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Paiz Garcia Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days Judgment and Sentence:

Manuel Escamilla Jr., evading arrest or detention, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Peter Scott Lyman, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in iail (iail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Ty Jermaine Banks, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Luis Alberto Viera, theft of property more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Melissa Payne, hindering apprehension or prosecution, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

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Judgment and Sentence: Tommie Leo Freeman, theft of property - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Fidel Martinez Jr., criminal mischief to impair or interrupt public service, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Roberto Valdez Baltazar, driv-

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Free necklaces, shipping for holiday shoppers?

NEW YORK (AP) — Retailers are so desperate this holiday season that they're willing to lose money to get you to spend yours.

Take online jeweler Stauer. It's offering a \$249 amethyst necklace for free — provided customers pay the \$24.95 it costs to ship it. Stauer will lose money on the deal, but it hopes to reel in new customers who will buy other jew-

"In this economy, you have to be outrageous in your offers," said Michael Bisceglia, the president of Stauer who found that more than a third of customers who took advantage of a similar deal on a \$179 pearl necklace in 2009 bought additional items.

Not every retailer will go as

far as giving away merchandise during the holidays, but many will offer profit-busting incentives. It's a critical time of year for merchants, which can make up to 40 percent of their annual revenue in November and December. And they're so worried that Americans are spooked by the weak economy that they're willing to sacrifice profit for sales.

Nordstrom, for instance, is one of the first retailers to offer free shipping on most orders, no matter how small, even though it could wind up paying \$3 to ship a \$7 pair of socks.

Furniture chain Raymour & Flanigan is allowing customers to go four years without paying interest on their purchases — the longest

period it has ever offered even though it will have to help cover a chunk of those charges itself. And Sears is not only offering to match the cheapest prices customers find online, but the department store chain is giving them an additional 10 percent off the difference.

Retailers are nervous about holiday sales because many Americans are cutting back on spending as they grow increasingly concerned about the stubbornly high unemployment rate, stock market turmoil and an overall fragile U.S. economy. In fact, a recent Gallup poll found that eight of 10 Americans think the country is in a second re-

"Retailers are now scared

because some believe they're in a second recession," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group. "And the second recession is hitting them in the biggest shopping season of the year." Despite the challenging

environment, revenue in November and December is expected to be up about 3 percent. The increase — below last vear's 5.2 percent spike is above the 2.6 percent average gain over the last 10 years. But Americans are expected

to do more online comparison shopping and spend less time in stores.

To get people to spend more money once they're in stores, retailers are offering incentives that could shrink their

For instance, merchants long have matched prices at competing bricks-and-mortar stores, but not online retail-

After all, it's hard for them to compete with the onlineonly guys that can offer lower prices because they don't have the high overhead costs of running physical locations. But now a growing number of bricks-and-mortar stores like Bed Bath and Beyond Inc. are matching prices with onlineonly merchants like Amazon.

Staples Inc. doesn't have a formal policy to do so, but it has started leaving price matching with online-only competitors to the discretion of its store managers.

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Analysis: GOP race hits new gear, as presidential contenders rip Cain, whack Romney, others

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican presidential candidates tore into each other as never before in their latest debate, mindful that voting starts within 11 weeks and many GOP voters remain up for grabs.

Mitt Romney emerged from the two hour forum

Mitt Romney emerged from the two-hour forum Tuesday night still the person to beat, but he was considerably scratched up on the issues of illegal immigration, health care and jobs.

The feisty faceoff in Las Vegas marked the first time the contenders treated Herman Cain as a serious threat, and they aggressively ripped his 9-9-9 tax plan, perhaps inflicting grave wounds.

And Texas Gov. Rick Perry snapped out of his sleepy debate style, criticizing Romney so vigorously that the two men seemed close to blows at times. Perry was forceful from the start, battling to end his campaign's recent slide and to re-establish himself as the most viable alternative to the former Massachusetts governor.

First Social Security increase since 2009 coming next year; size announced Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two years without an increase in benefits, 55 million Social Security recipients will finally get a raise next year.

Experts project the increase will be about 3.5 percent. The Social Security Administration is scheduled to make it official Wednesday when the government releases an inflation measure that determines the annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

Monthly Social Security payments average \$1,082, or about \$13,000 a year. A 3.5 percent increase would amount to an additional \$38 a month, or about \$455 a year.

There was no COLA in 2010 or 2011 because inflation was too low. Those were the first two years without a COLA since automatic increases were adopted in 1975.

It's been a long two years for the millions of retirees and disabled people who have been struggling through the economic downturn, said Web Phillips of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

Fewer groups back annual screening tests for cancer

Annual cancer tests are becoming a thing of the past. New guidelines out Wednesday for cervical cancer screening have experts at odds over some things, but they are united in the view that the common practice of getting a Pap test every year is too often and probably doing more harm than good.

A Pap smear once every three years is the best way to detect cervical cancer, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force says. Last week, it recommended against prostate cancer screening with PSA tests, which many men get every year.

Two years ago, it said mammograms to check for breast cancer are only needed every other year starting at age 50, although the American Cancer Society still advises annual tests starting at age 40. Earlier this week, a large study found more false alarms for women getting mammograms every year instead of every other year.

"The more tests that you do the more likely you."

"The more tests that you do, the more likely you are to be faced with a false-positive test" that leads to unnecessary biopsies and possible harm, said Dr. Michael LeFevre, one of the task force leaders and a professor of family and community medicine at the University of Missouri. "We see an emerging consensus that annual Pap tests are not required for us to see the benefits that we have seen" from screening, he said.

Those benefits are substantial. Cervical cancer

has declined dramatically in the United States, from nearly 15 cases for every 100,000 women in 1975 to nearly 7 per 100,000 in 2008. About 12,200 new cases and 4,210 deaths from the disease occurred last year, most of them in women who have never been screened or not in the past five years.

From 'No Child Left Behind' to jobs plan, education makes a political comeback in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years on the political back burner, education is making a comeback in Washington, driven in large part by Democrats.

President Barack Obama has made saving teachers' jobs a key part of his effort to sell his \$447 billion jobs package as he travels the country. Senate Democrats have made dramatic pleas to help schools with budget woes, and in a last-ditch effort to get at least part of the president's plan passed, a vote is expected soon on a section of the plan designed to save the jobs of teachers and first responders.

Separately, a Senate committee was to meet Wednesday to debate and amend the education law known as No Child Left Behind, one of the most significant efforts in the Senate to update the law since it was passed in 2002. Signaling some rare bipartisanship on Capitol Hill, Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., the top senators from their respective parties on education, announced agreement on the bill Monday.

But that agreement didn't satisfy the Obama administration, which voiced concern that the bill doesn't include a requirement that states and local districts develop plans for evaluating teachers and principals.

Last month, Obama announced he was frustrated that Congress hadn't fixed No Child Left Behind, despite widespread agreement that the 2002 law had flaws. He said he would allow states that met certain conditions to get around some of the provisions of the law. At least 39 states, in addition to the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have told the Education Department they intend to seek a waiver.

Police hunting exotic animals that escaped from Ohio farm ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Officers armed with

assault rifles patrolled Zanesville Wednesday morning, a day after police killed dozens of animals that escaped from a wild-animal preserve, and where the owner's body later was found.

Warning that more animals still were on the loose officials expected up to four school districts

loose, officials expected up to four school districts to cancel classes as the remaining bears, big cats and other beasts from the Muskingum County Animal Farm were hunted down.

Close to 30 of the 48 animals were shot and killed

Close to 30 of the 48 animals were shot and killed on Tuesday. Officials were pondering how to dispose of the remains.

"These are wild animals that you would see on TV in Africa," Sheriff Matt Lutz said at a press conference. He told residents to stay indoors and sent updates to them via Twitter.

Remembrance planned at Apple headquarters for Steve Jobs

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple is holding a private memorial service for employees to celebrate the life of company co-founder and former chief executive Steve Jobs.

The service, announced to Apple employees in an

The service, announced to Apple employees in an email by CEO Tim Cook, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at company headquarters in Cupertino. It will also be webcast to employees worldwide.

Apple plans to close its retail stores for several

hours so employees can watch the service online, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue, and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The corvice will take place in the campus' out.

The service will take place in the campus' outdoor amphitheater, according to Cook's email.

The celebration is for employees to "take time to remember the incredible things Steve achieved in his life."

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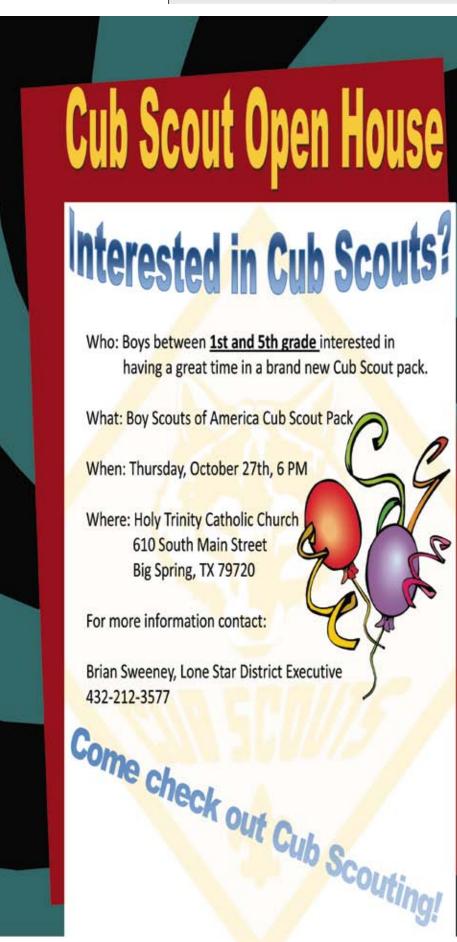
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(revenue) is up substantially," Terry Wegman, executive director, said.

"We ended up spending more than we took in, in economic development," Fillingim said, "which is what we are charged to do."

In other business, the board re-approved a contract with Wegman, as executive director. Bomar also completed

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his term as acting president role of secretary/treasurer. of the board and submitted a nomination for Justin Myers to take over the duties. The board unanimously agreed and Myers took over as acting president.

"Justin has been on the board for a year now and has learned a lot," Bomar said. "I am certain he is capable of the duties and believe he will do well in the position."

Dr. Keith Ledford will retain his position as vice president with Bomar, outgoing president, stepping into the

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jail felony).

• Victor Gutierrez, 34, prior convictions (state of Plainview, forgery

New committee chairs were also elected, with new board member Jim DePauw chairing the attraction and recruitment committee and new board member Scott MacKenzie chairing the retention and expansion committee.

The board also received an update on the vocational program at Howard College. The summer and fall semesters showed seven students able to obtain employment due to the training received from the program.

(state jail felony). Wayne Derrick Jones, 29, of Snyder, possession of a controlled

son Rd. Apt. 59, forgery (two counts, both state jail felonies).

opment Group, formerly Entrepreneur Alliance, was approved for a year contract by the board. The company is designed to help local businesses in new start up companies, offer assistance to existing companies and assist in the buying or selling of a business. The business facilitator program was an extension of the Amarillo-based small business development center. but has branched off to serve more Texas communities.

Leading Economic Devel-

"The more communities we

serve the bigger the network and the more resources are available," company representative Matty McLain said.

Since the original contract was approved by the board in February, the program has assisted 35 clients. Out of those clients, 17 are existing businesses, 16 are start up companies and two have involved buying and purchasing of the business.

"This is a very valuable service at no cost the clients," Wegman said.

> tonio, possession of a substance controlled (state jail felony).

• Robert Rivera, 40, of 2538 Langley, burglary of a building (state jail felony). • Sammy Sanchez, 38, currently being held in

the Howard County Jail, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced). · Darrick Kyle Shifflett, 24, of 109 Shifflet

Dr., possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony). · Leonard Shane Slaton, 45, of 205 W. 15th St.,

theft - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony). • Jimmy Doyle Trawick, 45, of 1313 Colby St., driving while in-

toxicated (first-degree felony). • Debra Ann Turman, 42, of 1904 Stonehaven, theft - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000

(state jail felony). • Paul Viera Jr., 25, of 1907 S. Main, evading arrest (state jail felony).

The grand jury declined to return indictments on several Big Spring politicians who admitted to accepting campaign contributions from corporations during their run for the city council.

As reported by the Herald on Sunday, Mayor Tommy Duncan, District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan all received no-bills on allegations of accepting illegal campaign contributions, bringing the criminal case in the matter to a close. However, there is pending civil litigation, according to records with the 118th District Clerk's Of-

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24, of 2511 W. 15th St., burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony) and violation of a protective order (third-degree felony). • Jason Paul Norris,

40, of Novice, driving while intoxicated (thirddegree felony).

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• Amber Renee Ramirez, 27, of 611 N. San An-

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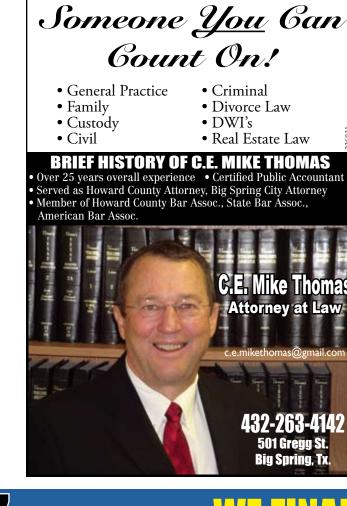
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Do you have an interesting sports item or

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

BS tennis team down Lakeview

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Big Spring could not have asked for any more from their tennis team this week, as the Steers took down San Angelo Lakeview decisively.

The girls won seven out of nine matches and went two out of three in doubles play, while the boys won eight out of nine (2-1 in doubles). Big Spring was perfect in mixed doubles. Overall, Big Spring won 24 out of 28 matches.

In girls singles, winners for the Big Spring team along with their scores were: Reba Smith 6-3, 6-1; Liz Rodriquez 6-4, 6-1; Andrea Cansino 6-3, 6-2; Alexis Johnson 5-7, 7-6 (2) and 11-9; Nikita Wagenman 6-4, 6-4; Molly Walker 6-1, 6-1; Selena Castillo

8-7; Mercello Norman 8-5 and Katie Newton 9-7. In girls doubles, the team of Rodriguez and Walker won 6-0, 6-3; Cansino and Smith won 6-3, 6-1 and Castillo and Wagenman won 6-3,

In boys doubles, the Steer winners and their scores were: Kie Jones 6-1, 6-4; Matt Garza 6-3, 6-2; Alex Byrd 6-0, 6-1; Seth Yarbar 6-3, 3-6 and 10-6; Tyler Avant 6-3, 6-0; Conner Furgueron 7-5, 6-3; Isaiah Ludington 6-1, 6-2 and Chris Hughes 8-1.

In boys doubles, Byrd/Jones won 6-3, 5-7 and 14-12 in a highly contested match. Also Avant/ Norman won 6-2, 6-2.

In mixed doubles. Johnson/Hughes got the win 6-3, 6-1, while Ludington and Norman won 6-4, 6-2.

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

The Quarterback Club is selling yard signs for all Steers' activities. Parents can pick up a registration form at the ATC or call Denise Carrillo for more information.

Lady Steers **Booster Club** monthly meeting

The Lady Steers' Booster Club will be holding a monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, or track and also coaches of those sports are invited and encouraged to attend. Junior high parents are also welcome.

6-6-6 tournament

Oct. 22-23

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a six-hole scramble golf tournament, featuring six low ball holes and six modified, alternate shot holes Oct. 22-23. Entry fee is \$60, plus cart fee, with

private carts being allowed.

The tournament will kick off to a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days, with barbecue being served on the course Saturday. The field will be flighted according to first round scores, with the number of flights being determined by the number of entrants.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Steers senior night

The Big Spring Steers will celebrate senior night Friday, Oct. 21. The event will start at 6:15 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. All senior football players, cheerleaders and band members will be introduced. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

CGSA meeting

Coahoma Girls' Softball Association will have a board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

Rangers, Cards begin World Series tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Adams has already fielded plenty of phone calls this week, usually friends or family members wishing the Rangers reliever luck against the Cardinals in the World Se-The boldest of them even try

to score tickets to Game 1.

Adams admits that he doesn't have much experience handling all the fanfare this is his first playoff trip in seven big league seasons. But he certainly knows how to answer the phone.

The one in the bullpen has been ringing nonstop.

Yes, Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton are the homer-hitting stars. C.J. Wilson and Chris Carpenter are the staff aces in the spotlight Wednesday night. But it's the guys in the bullpens, the ones who have been called on so often to bail out Texas and St. Louis in their march through the playoffs, who could ultimately decide who wins this World Series.

"How many championships do you find where the bullpen is going to be critical to the outcome?" Adams asked, genuinely seeking an answer. "Not many."

No kidding.

Texas starters are lugging around a 5.62 ERA in the playoffs. Wilson has been hammered in each of his three starts. Yet those guys out in the bullpen have jogged in every time manager Ron Washington has dialed their number and promptly pitched out

knocking off the Detroit Tigers to win the AL pennant, Texas became the second team since best-of-seven series were introduced to have relievers earn all four wins. The Cardinals joined the club the very next day when they beat the Milwaukee Brewers to punch their World Series ticket.

Tony La Russa called on his bullpen 28 times in the NL championship series, and St. Louis became the first team to win a postseason series without a starter reaching the sixth inning.

"That's the thing about Tony, he's not afraid of pitchinganybody in any situation," said left-hander Marc Rzepczynski. "When that phone rings, we're all ready."

It's no surprise relief pitching has been such a focus this

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels learned the importance of it last year, when he watched his relief corps collapse in the World Series. They were pounded for three runs in the eighth inning of Game 1 against San Francisco, allowed seven runs in the eighth inning in Game 2, and



CRUZ-IN TO THE SERIES — The Texas Rangers wait to greet Nelson Cruz at home plate after a recent walk-off homerun.

gave up two more runs in the last three innings of Game 4.

The Giants bullpen, by comparison, allowed three runs total over five games.

So. Daniels traded for Adams and fellow right-hander Koji Uehara just before the July 31 deadline, and added left-hander Michael Gonzalez from Baltimore at the end of

Uehara has struggled in the postseason, but Adams has been excellent, and all Gonzalez did in the AL championship series against Detroit was allow one run over 7 2-3 innings. He wound up earning two wins, becoming only the fifth reliever to accomplish that in an ALCS.

"You know, it was obvious that we had some weakness in the bullpen as the season started and progressed until the trading deadline," Washington said, "and then it got us two pieces to help settle down the bullpen, and put people in position where they always knew where they would pitch when an opportunity presented itself in a ballgame. And from that point on, we began playing the type of game we knew we were capable of playing."

If those late acquisitions were the turning point for the Rangers bullpen, the Cardinals' success can be traced to

an Aug. 24 team meeting. St. Louis was floundering back then, well out of playoff contention, when it gathered behind closed doors and decided to start playing every game like it was a one-game playoff. That meant using the bullpen as much as necessary, whenever necessary, even at the risk of burning it

Not even a baseball lifer such as La Russa could imagine how they would respond.

The bullpen was responsible for just six losses from Aug. 1 on, five coming in extra innings. St. Louis put together the NL's best record

Meeting goes well, but still no deal in NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players and owners spent a marathon 16 hours meeting with a federal mediator and planned to return early Wednesday to continue the talks.

They didn't emerge with the deal Commissioner David Stern wanted Tuesday, but things went well enough that owners decided to alter their plans after previously saying they weren't available Wednesday.

The sides met beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday and went late into the night, finally breaking after 2 a.m. Wednesday. It was more than twice as long as any previ-

since owners locked out players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired June 30.

Both sides left the meeting without commenting at the request of federal mediator George Cohen. Owners originally

ruled out labor talks Wednesday Thursday because they have two days of board meetings planned, but the labor relations committee that was set for a morning presentation will instead return to resume discussions with the players.

Owners still will meet later in the day to dis-

ous negotiating session cuss plans for expanded revenue sharing among teams. Players have wanted that as part of the CBA process, believing it's a way for the league to address its losses. But Stern said it can't come until after the labor deal, so they first know what savings are coming from there. Although the fact that

talks didn't break off is good news, one person with knowledge of the process said not to presume there was any serious progress. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because of Cohen's request.

Joining Stern, Deputy ture of the salary cap Commissioner Adam system.

Silver and other top league officials Tuesday were 13 team executives making up the labor committee, relations including Dallas owner Mark Cuban, Lakers owner Jerry Buss, Knicks owner Jim Dolan, Spurs owner and committee chair Peter Holt and Heat owner Micky Arison. The players had their entire executive committee, led by president Derek Keyon Dooling.

Fisher of the Lakers, except for Bucks guard The sides have been divided mostly by two issues, the division of revenues and the struc-

Players oppose a hard salary cap, and they believe owners' attempts to make the luxury tax more punitive and limit the use of spending exceptions will effectively create one. Also, each side has formally proposed receiving 53 percent of basketball-related income after players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous collective bargaining agreement. Stern said last week

that he wanted a breakthrough Tuesday, even saying his "gut" told him there might not be games on Christmas Day if there wasn't an agreement before his owners' meetings.

Tuesday marked the 110th day of the lockout. Stern wiped out the first two weeks of the season – exactly 100 games last week.

The cancellations marked the NBA's first work stoppage since the 1998-99 season was reduced to 50 games.

More could be coming without a new collective bargaining agreement soon. The sides have been going nowhere despite frequent meetings in recent weeks, so Stern said they welcomed help from Cohen, who was present for talks between NFL owners and players for 16 days in February and March.

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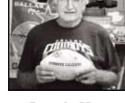
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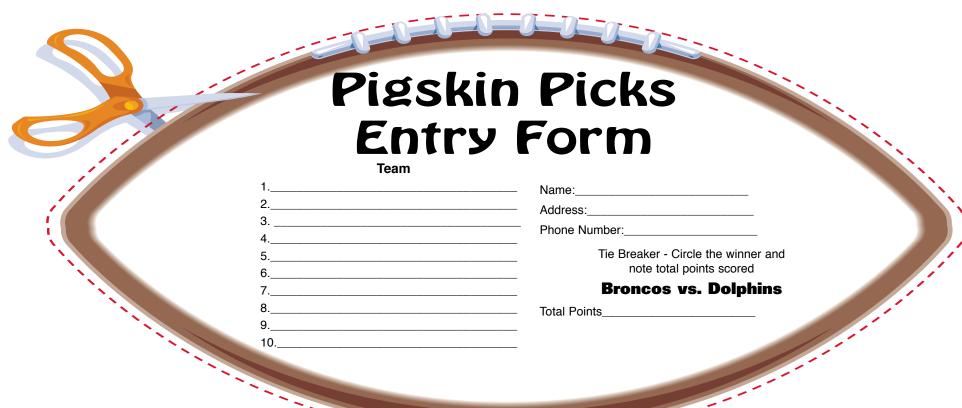
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Stars shine in Columbus, improve to 5-1

SPORTS

To a man the Dallas Stars said goalie Kari Lehtonen was once again their best player.

Lehtonen made 38 saves for his league-best fifth win, Jamie Benn had a goal and an assist and the Stars hung on for their fourth straight win, a 3-2 victory over the winless Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night.

"He's the last line of defense and he's been our first star in every game," Benn said.

Steve Ott and Michael Ryder also scored for the Stars who seemed in complete control until Kris Russell snuck a shot past Lehtonen to pull Columbus within a goal with just under three minutes remaining.

Then Vinny Prospal nearly tied it in the final seconds, redirecting the puck slowly past the post with Lehtonen leaning the other way. But it was Lehtonen's

superb work in the middle of the game that stood out.

"We turned the puck over four times in the last 10 minutes of the there," Blue Jackets (second) period." Dallas rookie coach Glen Gulutzan said. "They got their flurry of chances from there. That's when Kari was the difference for sure."

Supposedly in rebuilding mode with the NHL's lowest payroll, the Stars have won five of six to start the season.

"It's a lot, lot better than starting off slowly." Lehtonen said. "It's really hard to start climbing back and getting those wins back." On the other end of the

spectrum is Columbus, which had bursts of solid play and outshot Dallas 40-18, but it couldn't stop them from extending the worst start in franchise history to 0-5-1. They are the only team in the Western Conference without a win and have one regulation victory in their last 28 games dating to last season.

"You can hang your head and feel sorry for vourself. but nobody else in the league is going to feel sorry for you so you better keep throwing that effort out

coach Scott Arniel said. "You'd think with 40 shots you're going to get more than two. We've got to find a way to get more goals."

To compound matters for Columbus, both of their marquee freeagent signings are on the shelf. Defenseman James Wisniewski has two games left in an eight-game suspension and center Jeff Carter was placed on injured reserved Tuesday for at least a week with a broken bone in his foot.

Dallas nearly scored 25 seconds into the game when the puck caromed off R.J. Umberger then hit the right post behind Steve Mason, who finished with 15 saves.

About four minutes later, Columbus defenseman Aaron Johnson thought he scored with a slap shot from between the high circles but it was ruled teammate Derek Dorsett was in the crease and the goal was disallowed.

Ott opened the scoring at 4:17 of the second period to extend his points streak to five games. Af-

in his own zone, Ott raced to the other end and fired a shot from the right circle past Mason's glove hand.

Benn stripped the puck from two Columbus players along the boards then cut in on net, scoring with a nifty shot a 1:31 into the third period to extend Dallas' lead.

"It was amazing," Lehtonen said of the goal. "He's so good at stealing pucks." Later in the period

with a man advantage,

Brassard scored on the rebound from a shot by Rick Nash for his first point of the season. But on the next shift after the goal. Loui

Eriksson whistled a shot off the post before Ryder redirected Sheldon Souray's shot from the point on Dallas' next scoring chance to make it 3-1 just over a minute later.

"We've done some good things and we've put some periods together, some stretches together," Souray said. "But we've had some where we've sat back

ter winning the faceoff and let him (Lehtonen) take a lot of shots. When we have, he's made the saves."

Russell scooped a loose puck off the boards, skated in and beat Lehtonen from the high slot at 17:05.

NOTES: A string of goalie injuries within the organization forced the Blue Jackets to add Mathieu Corbeil, a 2010 draft pick and fifth on the depth chart, as an emergency recall from the Saint John Sea Dogs Canadian junior (a

team) to the gameday The Stars, playing the first game of a four-game road trip, improved to

Brassard's goal was the 2.000th in franchise history.

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Senators tackle tobacco in MLB

WASHINGTON(AP)— U.S. senators and health officials are taking on a baseball tradition older than the World Series itself: chewing tobacco on the diamond.

With the Series set to begin Wednesday between the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers — a team that started life as the Washington Senators 50 years ago the senators, along with health officials from the teams' cities, want the players union to agree to a ban on chewing tobacco at games and on camera. They made the pleas in separate letters, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

"When players use smokeless tobacco, they

endanger not only their own health, but also the health of millions of children who follow their example," senators wrote to union head Michael Weiner. The letter was signed by Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, and fellow Democrats Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Senate Health Committee Chairman Tom Harkin of Iowa.

The senators noted that millions of people will tune in to watch the World Series, including that's what you want to children.

"Unfortunately, these young fans root for their favorite team

and players, they also will watch their on-field heroes use smokeless tobacco products," they wrote. Smokeless tobacco includes chewing tobacco and dip.

"It's going to be kind of hard to ban that," Texas Rangers pitcher Matt Harrison said. "They probably would have a big fight on their hands for that. ... They can hide it a little bit better, I guess — not be doing it in the dugout and showing it where kids can watch and stuff. But I think it's kind of like your own freedom. If do, then you do it.

With baseball's current collective bargaining agreement expiring in December, the senators, some government officials and public health groups want the players to agree to a tobacco ban in the next contract. A coalition including the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Cancer Society and the American Medical Association has been pushing for one since last year.

"Such an agreement would protect the health of players and be a great gift to your young fans," he wrote. Durbin also sent copies of the letter to the player representatives for the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs.



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over the final month of the season as it chased down Atlanta in a dramatic wild-card race, with only three losses credited to all its relief pitchers.

The Cardinals' starters are averaging about five innings per postseason outing, roughly the same as their Texas counterparts, which means La Russa has been on the phone just as much as Washing-

"That's the thing that I'll probably remember

the most about this season," La Russa said. "It's the most interesting story on our team, except for the heart we showed coming back, as to how much of a weapon the bullpen has become."

Especially considering where it came from.

The Cardinals blew the second-most saves in the majors this year, but most of those came with a vastly different set of guys. Nobody seemed able to nail down the ninth inning early in the year, and it took a while for everyone to finally grow comfortable in their roles.

That includes Jason

Motte, who has grown nicely into the closer

Hehasa 1.47 ERA since the All-Star break, and just four of the 32 runners he's inherited this

season have scored. "It doesn't matter what inning it is, we go out there and do our job," Motte said. "The last month and a half of the season, we've had to win. And we went out there with the attitude, not to freak out, not to tense out."

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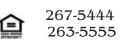
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The elements of your life support each other like spokes in a wheel. Your relationships help your professional picture, and your family helps your

domestic scene, and it

worthwhile.

all rolls along. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel so perpetually in moment that you really can't help but attract new fans and followers — or at the very least, big smiles from people who like you immensely.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may catch yourself saying, "Well, that's just the way I However, you should be warned not to define yourself rashly. How you are currently is not how you will always

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Unless you consciously take action turn off your overworked mind, you will feel overwhelmed. You can quiet your mind by listening to music, exercising or nothing at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ever heard of a "mash note"? The word "mash' was 19th-century slang akin to "crush," and the note in question is a romantic request sorts. You will receiving one shortly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are ahead of the game. That is not always the best position. People validate you when you are in the middle of the game because they don't understand you when you're ahead of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You like to have a good time as much as the next guy, and yet fun and pleasure are not your primary interests. You will be far more intrigued by prospect of a profitable venture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Enjoying life to the fullest sometimes requires that abandon your rational sense. It has served you well on many occasions, so you might hate to do that. However, intuition trumps ration every time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't lose your cool. Of course, being the fire sign that you are, you never had much cool to begin with. Enthusiasm, energy and the need to make things happen have made you quite hot, indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It may feel at times as though you were born into certain duties and obligations. You realize that you have choices regarding these things, though you

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything does not have to be analyzed in order to go on existing. Sometimes you forget this. Realize that there's a point at which you need to let go and be fine with the way things unfold.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 19). Write your wish list because you're a powerful creator year. Partnerships shift, and you'll find increasingly beneficial arrangements as you roll with the changes. You use your resources well and will be trusted with greater responsibilities. You'll rise to occasion, and the results will be lucrative. Aries Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky

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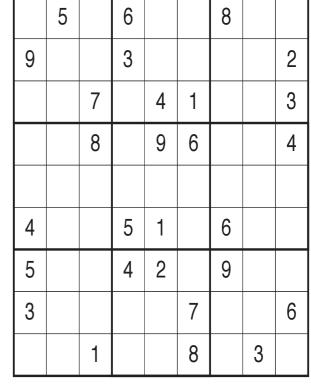
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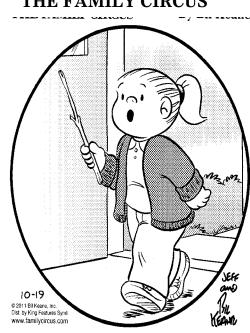
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Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the

Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates. In 1951, President Harry S.

Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany. In 1960, the United States

began a limited embargo

against Cuba covering all com-

modities except medical sup-

plies and certain food products. In 1967, the U.S. space probe

Mariner 5 flew past Venus. In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value. In 1994, 22 people were killed

in New York City.

as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age 78. Today's Birthdays: Former

U.S. ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 93. Author John le Carre (luh kah-RAY') is 80. Artist Peter Max is 74. Author and critic Renata Adler is 73. Actor Michael Gambon is Actor John Lithgow (LIHTH'-goh) is 66. Feminist

activist Patricia Ireland is 66. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 66. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 63. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 59. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 54. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 53. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 51. Boxer Evander Holyfield is 49. TV host Ty Pennington ("Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 47. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 46. Actor Jon Favreau is 45. Amy Carter is 44. 'South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 42. Comedian Chris Kattan is 41. Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 39.

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