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## Next of kin sought for victim here

*Police identify individual*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials say they have identified the man they believe was killed in a hit-and-run accident Thursday evening near the intersection of Sgt. Paredez and Trades Avenue on the city's north side.

The victim was identified by the Big Spring Police Department as 62-year-old Eleutario Torres Padron. However, law enforcement officials are having some trouble locating the man's family.

"No family has been found for the victim," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, said. "The department is asking anyone with information on the victim's next of kin to please notify the police department."

According to Everett, Padron's body was discovered lying in the roadway in the 600 block of Sgt. Paredez Street shortly after 7 p.m.

Thursday.  
 "Officers found a severely injured male who was transported to the emergency room by ambulance," Everett said. "At this time all evidence in the case indicates the victim was struck by a vehicle. He was found by a passer-by who notified police."

"He (Padron) later died as a result of his injuries. Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman ordered an autopsy, which was expected to be performed Friday afternoon in Lubbock."

Everett said the case is being treated as a fatal hit and run, however, no description of the suspect or suspects or any vehicle description is known.

"The vehicle that struck the victim left the scene prior to him (Padron) being found," Everett said. "There is no suspect or vehicle information currently available to pass on at this time. However, anyone who has any information on this crime should call the Big Spring Police Department."

Area residents with information can contact the BSPD at 432-264-2550.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen, center, is joined by Deputy Chief Rick Groves, left, and Fire Marshal Carl Condray during a reception in Jensen's honor Friday at Big Spring City Council chambers. Jensen retired Friday after 23 years with the department.

## Fire Chief Jensen retires after 35 years on the job

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Brian Jensen is retiring, but don't expect him to take up a rocking chair anytime soon.

Jensen, chief of the Big Spring Fire Department, retired Friday after 23 years with BSFD and 35 years as a firefighter.

Along with his wife, Debbie, and their children, Jensen will relocate to Denton this summer to be closer to relatives.

At a reception in his honor Friday afternoon, Jensen said firefighting has been a very rewarding career.

"I never grew up wanting to be a firefighter, but it's a very good venue to help people,"

he said. "It wasn't just a job; it was a way to make a difference — and it was a lot of fun."

Jensen began his career as a volunteer firefighter in Coahoma before joining BSFD in 1988. He steadily worked his way up the ranks, serving as firefighter, paramedic and deputy chief before succeeding Frank Anderson as chief of the department in 2000.

Asked what he will miss most about his time with the fire department, Jensen had a quick answer.

"Oh, the people, for sure," he said. "I've worked with a great group of folks over the years."

Deputy Fire Chief Rick

Groves will head the department on an interim basis while city officials conduct a search for a permanent chief. City Manager Gary Fuqua said no timetable has been set for naming Jensen's replacement.

As for Jensen, he said he has no set plans for his retirement, but promised he'd stay busy.

"I'm not one to sit around; I'll be doing something," he promised. "But I won't be working 8 to 5, that's for sure."

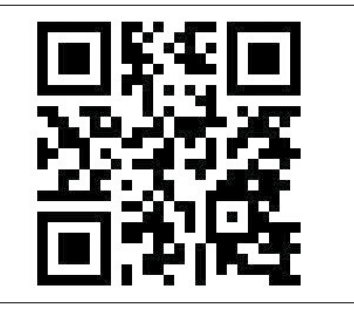
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## Routine items to greet commissioners Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will face a routine agenda when they meet Monday afternoon.

Among the items expected to be considered by the court, commissioners are expected to meet with either Gene Valentini or Leslie Soto of the Lubbock County Juvenile Mediation Services regarding case management.

The court will also discuss the possible sale of property

in the city of Coahoma, as well as meet in executive session with with County Attorney Josh Hamby, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

Commissioners will hear from County Auditor Jackie Olson, who will provide invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments and her office's monthly financial report. The court will also hear from County Treasurer Teresa Thomas, who will present her quarterly report, a payroll report and personnel considerations.

Sheriff Stan Parker is slated to discuss profiling for a ticket report.

County Clerk Donna Wright will present her office's monthly report during the meeting, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will report on proposed pipeline crossings and county road maintenance.

Jameson is also to request permission from the court to hire a roller operator.

Monday's meeting will get under way at 1 p.m., consid-

erably later than the court's normal 10 a.m. meeting time. However, the later starting time was necessary due to a funeral scheduled Monday morning, according to county officials.

For more information, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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## Obituaries

## Marion Newton

Marion Newton, Jr., 67, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Pat Ray and the Rev. Mike Couch officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born June 5, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Sherry Thomas on Dec. 17, 1966,

in Big Spring.

Marion was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1962. A third generation Howard County farmer, he began farming in 1962 and was voted Farmer of the Year in 2005. He had been a member of the Farmer's Market since 2005, serving as president for several years. Marion was very involved in the 4H and FFA and loved collecting antique tools and tractors.

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Newton of Big Spring; his son, Gregg Newton and wife, Tracy of Big Spring; his daughter, Kelly Tucker and husband, Bobby Joe of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Turbo Tucker of Houston, Rachel Tucker of Georgia, Falon Newton, Hannah Tucker and Granger Newton all of Big Spring; two brothers, Lonnie Newton and wife, Diana and Harrell Newton and wife, Darlene all of Big Spring; one sister, Shirley Ann Long and husband, Donnie of Big Spring; his mother-in-law, Betty Thomas of Big Spring; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.M. Newton on July 25, 1989; his mother, Chloie Newton on May 9, 2007 and his father-in-law, R. C. Thomas on Dec. 26, 1995.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or a favorite charity.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Ruth Robinson



Ruth Robinson, 93, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix, officiating.

The family will receive friends following the services.

She was born March 9, 1918, in Hereford, Texas, and married Woodrow Robinson in 1942, in Howard County. He preceded her

in death in 1985.

Ruth came to Howard County in 1926, and was a bookkeeper. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church and a member of the Historical Commission of Howard County and the Prospectors Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Mills of Big Spring and Betty Develle of Mesquite; one son, Robert Robinson of Stanton; one sister, Francis Zant of Waco; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters-in-law, Lorene Robinson of North Carolina and Merle Higginbotham of Monahans.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Larry Robinson and one sister, Vera Mae Rawlings.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midway Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

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

## Robert Roesberry

Robert Roesberry, 78, of Midland, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012. Services will be held at a later date in Las Vegas.

Survivors include wife Elizabeth Roesberry; sons, Daniel Roesberry and Lewis Roesberry; daughters, Ellen Roesberry Myers (Jon) and Roberta Roesberry Rushton (Jody); sisters, Ida Wollum and Cora Fae Roesberry; brothers, Charley Roesberry and Max Roesberry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Norma Geneva Wheeler



Norma Geneva Wheeler of Big Spring was reunited with her husband, Joe Max Wheeler, in Heaven on Thursday evening, Jan. 5, 2012. Norma peacefully passed away at Lubbock Heart Hospital in Lubbock with her twin sons, Ronald and Donald, standing at her side. Norma was the eighth and youngest child born to Albert and May Shortes in the Brown Community on their family farm close to Ackerly, Texas, on Aug. 2, 1924.

Norma and Joe married on Jan. 9, 1943. They lived in New Mexico and in Iowa for a few years, returning to Texas and settling in Big Spring in 1960, where they raised their three sons, Marvie Allen, Ronald Joe and Donald Max.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Joe in 1985; her parents, Albert and May Shortes; and her siblings, Owell Shortes, Othel Fitts, Erma Blaggrave, Loyd Shortes, Nona Blaggrave, Fabain Shortes and Mark Shortes.

Norma is survived by her three sons, Ronald and Donald of Big Spring and Marvie and wife Evelyn of Big Spring; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Dorothea Shortes (Fabain's wife) of Simi Valley, Calif.; the Wheeler in-laws, Robert and Dorothy Wheeler of Big Spring, Dorothy Wheeler Downey and Vonnie Downey of Big Spring and Alton and Willy Wheeler of Pasadena; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Craig Holdstedt officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Family visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be made to Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church, 6000 Bentwood Trail, Dallas, TX 75252-5147; First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, TX 79721-2222; Oral Roberts Ministries, P.O. Box 2187, Tulsa, OK 74102-2187; or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

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

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## Support Groups

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call

263-2673.

• 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**

• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the

month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or [midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com](mailto:midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com) or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

## Police blotter

• BRITTANY DIANN CASTILLO, 19, of 1507 E. 11th Place, was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.

• VANESSA TERESA ALVAREZ, 24, of 1504 Chickasaw St., was arrested Friday on warrants for failure to appear (three counts), disregard stop sign and safety seat system — child.

• RICARDO LOPEZ, 43, of 7417 Amanda Ellis Way, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• RAFAEL SEBERIANO JIMENEZ, 44, of 511 E. Second St., was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 35, of 1013 S. Nolan St., was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces, theft of more than \$20 and less than \$500 by check and warrant from other agency (two counts).

• DONALD JOE WREYFORD, 56, of 804 W IH 20, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Nolan Street.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar Avenue.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of W. 18th Street.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Sunset Boulevard.

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# Agency ranks 2011 as driest year ever in Texas

**JUAN A. LOZANO**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON—Drought-stricken Texas suffered its driest year on record in 2011 as well as its second hottest, the National Weather Service said Friday.

And 2012 is not expected to offer much relief. "Unfortunately we are once again predicting below normal precipitation statewide to continue into the springtime, through May at least," said Victor Murphy, a climate service program manager for the weather service in Fort Worth. Temperatures during the summer are also expected to be above normal, he said.

The average rainfall for the state last year was 14.88 inches. The previous driest average total was in 1917 with 14.99 inches.

The weather service said 2011's average temperature was 67.2 degrees. Texas' warmest year on record was in 1921 with an average temperature of 67.5 degrees.

Last year, Texas suf-

fered its worst single-year drought, its largest agricultural losses and the hottest summer in U.S. history. From June through August, Texas averaged 86.8 degrees, beating out Oklahoma's 85.2 degrees in 1934.

The drought started in fall 2010 with the arrival of the La Nina weather condition that causes below-normal rainfall. La Nina is back and forecasters say the drought is expected to drag on through at least May.

Murphy said forecasters were expecting below normal rainfall across the state in 2011 because of La Nina.

"But I think the magnitude of the drought and the severity of the drought was obviously not expected," he said.

However, it was no surprise that the driest year on record was also the second hottest, Murphy said.

"Drought begets heat, heat begets drought and basically a vicious feedback cycle develops," he said. "That's pretty much what happened to

us (last) year."

Scant rainfall and scorching temperatures in 2011 dried up many riverbeds, prompting some wildlife biologists to rescue threatened fish that are found only in one Texas river in the world.

Ranchers and farmers have been hit hardest. The most recent estimate shows crop and livestock losses at \$5.2 billion and that number was expected to rise.

The drought led to some of the worst wildfires ever seen in Texas, destroying hundreds of homes and scorching millions of acres. The Texas Forest Service estimates that as many as 500 million trees across the state died last year due to the drought.

Many Texas cities, including Amarillo, Lubbock, Victoria and Wichita Falls, had their lowest rainfall totals in 2011. Houston, which averages nearly 50 inches of rain a year, had less than half that total in 2011, making it the third driest year on record for the city.

Houston's average temperature of 71.9 degrees tied 1962 for the hottest on record. Other cities, including Austin, Brownsville and Midland, also had their hottest average temperatures on record in 2011.

Murphy said another reason why it was so hot and dry in 2011 was because no tropical cyclones, including tropical storms and hurricanes, made landfall in the state. While residents along the Texas coast are usually wary of such storms, they could have brought much needed rain and kept temperatures down, he said.

Despite above average rainfall in December, many of the state's reservoirs and lakes remain well below normal levels and this does not bode well for 2012, Murphy said.

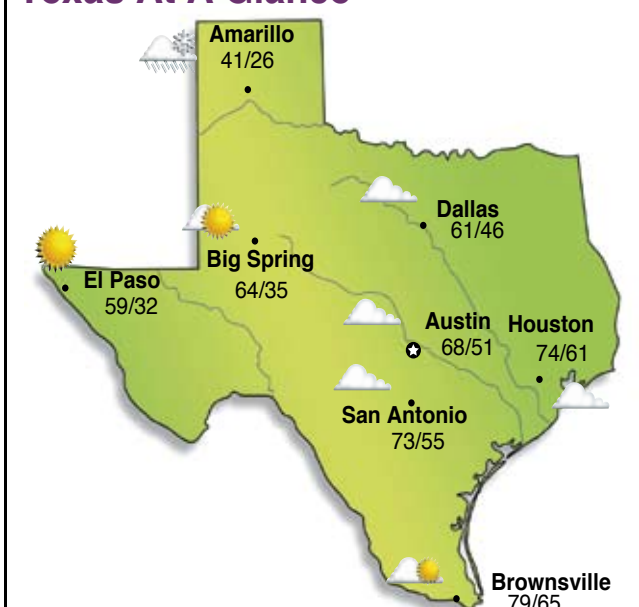
"What happens in the spring time will be huge not only for the summer time but also for recharging the state reservoirs," he said.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 1/8	Mon 1/9	Tue 1/10	Wed 1/11	Thu 1/12
<b>64/35</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>44/32</b> Showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>56/32</b> Occasional showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>62/31</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>52/28</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:58 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:59 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:01 PM

## Texas At A Glance



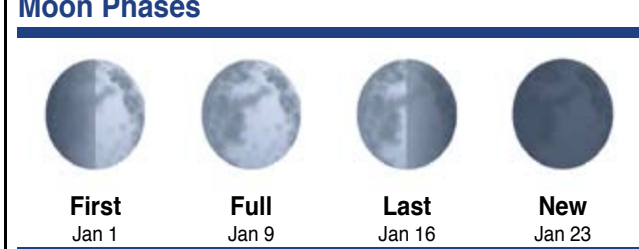
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Abilene	59	38	pt sunny	Kingsville	79	62	pt sunny
Amarillo	41	26	mixed	Livingston	72	56	cloudy
Austin	68	51	cloudy	Longview	64	47	cloudy
Beaumont	75	60	rain	Lubbock	50	30	mst sunny
Brownsville	79	65	pt sunny	Lufkin	71	55	cloudy
Brownwood	64	43	cloudy	Midland	64	35	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	76	63	pt sunny	Raymondville	78	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	60	46	cloudy	Rosenberg	74	60	cloudy
Dallas	61	46	cloudy	San Antonio	73	55	cloudy
Del Rio	70	46	cloudy	San Marcos	70	52	cloudy
El Paso	59	32	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	45	cloudy
Fort Stockton	67	36	pt sunny	Sweetwater	60	37	pt sunny
Gainesville	56	40	cloudy	Tyler	62	46	cloudy
Greenville	58	43	cloudy	Weatherford	57	40	cloudy
Houston	74	61	cloudy	Wichita Falls	55	38	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	50	rain	Minneapolis	38	27	pt sunny
Boston	42	26	sunny	New York	44	33	sunny
Chicago	42	28	cloudy	Phoenix	65	40	sunny
Dallas	61	46	cloudy	San Francisco	63	43	mst sunny
Denver	33	20	sn shower	Seattle	51	44	rain
Houston	74	61	cloudy	St. Louis	50	35	cloudy
Los Angeles	76	45	sunny	Washington, DC	50	36	pt sunny
Miami	77	65	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

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• Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

• An account has been set up at T&P Credit Union for Herchel Lewis who is trying to rebuild his house at 904 E. 12<sup>th</sup> after a recent house fire claimed the house and the life of Doris Lewis. Lewis is asking for help to gather funds in order to rebuild the house, which his family has called home for more than 30 years. For more information, contact Lewis at 432-517-4308.

• A benefit account

for the Arguello family, who lost two family members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring, one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons In-

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• 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

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# EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## A remarkable season

There is a great tradition and folklore surrounding Texas and the game of football. The sport has spurred movies, books, and tales told throughout generations. This year's college football campaign provided recognition for a remarkable young man, a homegrown Texan who provides inspiration to us all: Robert Griffin III, the quarterback for the Baylor University Bears.

In early December, Mr. Griffin — or RG3, as he is known to Baylor fans — was named the 2011 Heisman Trophy winner. This was Baylor's first-ever Heisman winner. In large part because of RG3's unparalleled accomplishments on the football

field, Baylor finished this football season ranked Number 15 nationally with a 9-3 record, including impressive victories over nationally ranked TCU, Oklahoma, and Texas.

While Baylor and Big 12 fans have witnessed Griffin's football prowess, many more American sports fans will have the opportunity to watch him lead the ranked Bears in the Valero Alamo Bowl on December 29, 2011.

But it is not only his football talent that makes Robert such a remarkable young man; he is the model student-athlete.

An honor-roll student at Baylor, he graduated with a degree in Political Science in only three years with a 3.67 GPA. While he was leading the Bears on the gridiron this year, he was also studying for his Master's Degree in Communications. And he has indicated that he would like to attend law school, as well.

Robert's career at Baylor balances academics and athletics, and should serve as a role model for other aspiring young athletes.

The discipline to succeed was instilled in him at a very early age by his parents, Robert Jr. and Jacqueline Griffin, both Army Non-Commissioned Officers, who laid the groundwork for his strong work ethic and sense of duty. A graduate of Cooperas Cove High School just outside Ft. Hood, Robert was a top student and a three-sport star athlete — he still owns the Texas High School records for the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

During his Baylor football career, Robert set 52 school records in passing, rushing, and total offense. He has thrown for an incredible 10,070 yards and 77 touchdowns, while rushing for 2,220 yards and 32 touchdowns. During his extraordinary 2011 Heisman season, Robert passed for almost 4,000 yards and 36 touchdowns, while rushing for 655 yards and seven touchdowns. It's no surprise that he also earned the 2011 Davey O'Brien Award, presented annually to the best NCAA quarterback.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, Robert Griffin III was overwhelmingly recognized as the best college football player of the year. His Heisman acceptance speech in New York was as gracious as it was eloquent.

Congratulations to Robert Griffin III for an incredible season that enters the history books; to his family, who provided the foundation for his abilities and accomplishments; to his teammates; and to the entire Baylor Nation.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the U.S. Texas Senator. Find out more by visiting her website at <http://hutchison.senate.gov/?p=home>.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our actions speak louder than words,  
Lord, for You.

Amen

# Cupid might have an accomplice

David Hatala claims no kinship to Cupid, but as operator of a fondue restaurant where proposals of marriage are common, he's a willing accomplice upon request. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of suitors have popped the question in the intimate "lovers' lane" area tucked away inside The Melting Pot, an upscale eatery in Arlington.

He happily strives to accommodate "ring bearers," and he thought a recent vignette might be a unique prelude to the upcoming Valentine proposal season. (Poets have written of such across the centuries. For example, Alfred, Lord Tennyson in 1835 chilled winter's grip, telling of a young man's springtime fancy turning to thoughts of love.)

Romantics believe such thoughts are harbored by both men and women all winter long.

Anyway, the saga began on a Thursday, shortly after dark. Into the restaurant moseyed a cowboy-looking guy, guitar case in hand. (Call him Barney.)

"There's going to be a mighty big moment in my life — if you can help me out," the visitor said. "I drove over two hours in heavy holiday traffic to get here because I'm determined to 'get it right.'"

Sensing he might be vital to "getting it right," Hatala snapped to attention, ready to assist. Barney explained he'd been dating a woman for several years and was ready to extend a

marriage proposal.

"I want to see about a reservation here Saturday night for the big moment."

"You'll get the corner booth in lovers' lane and the most romantic melodies in our musical arsenal will waft through the air with the aroma of a wonderful dinner," the proprietor promised.

"We won't need any 'canned music,'" Barney countered. "I've composed both music and lyrics for a special proposal. I'll leave my guitar here today, and when it's chocolate-dipping time, I'll wink at the waitperson to deliver it. Then, I'll get down on one knee to make my marriage proposal in song."

Hatala, impressed that a man would make a 300-mile round-trip to cover all preparatory bases, pledged to silence the house music at wink time.

Thus the proposal plan was in place.

Just 48 hours later, the couple was directed to the promised booth.

Finishing 90 minutes of fondue morsels of meats and veggies, the pair was ready for dessert. The chocolate repast was in place and one wink led to delivery of the guitar and the elimination of house music.

After a single verse of the "proposal," potential for problems prevailed. "He was one-note Charlie as a guitarist," Hatala said. "His singing was worse and the lyrics were horrible." The owner knew if he didn't act quickly, other guests might chose exiting over eating.

On the second verse, the woman answered, yelling several decibels louder than her suitor's musical mess-up: "No way on

God's green earth I'm gonna marry you!"

Hatala acted quickly, making a timely turn-up of house music in a "return to regular programming." Some guests whispered in hushed tones, wondering about the commotion. (One thought a waiter had dropped a tray of dishes and was lamenting the loss in song.)

The couple finished dessert in silence, then double-timed out of the restaurant.

"At least they didn't ask for separate checks," the restaurateur said. "And I made sure to hand him his guitar case as they left."

Hatala figures conversation was frosty at best — absent at worst — during the couple's 150-mile trip home.

Reflecting on the experience, he's trying to figure out the whole scenario. "Maybe the guy was determined to propose at a fondue restaurant and The Melting Pot was closest," he reasoned.

"Cupid's accomplice can only do so much," Hatala said, admitting the probability that we can "stick a fork" in this couple's relationship. Sometimes, I guess, fondue can become "fon-don't."

"Cupid's arrow doesn't always hit the mark," he said. "But I'll keep on aiming to please."

Two things for sure: If he sees the guy again up the way, he'll mumble something about a broken knob on the music system and that his insurance no longer covers guitar storage.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Reliever route

TO THE EDITOR:

Our West Texas area is growing and so is the traffic congestion.

I saw on the news the other night, Midland has seen an increase of some 29,000 vehicles over the last year or so. It is probably due to the oil boom. As for Big Spring I would assume we have also increased in vehicle traffic as well.

Personally I can not wait until the FM 700 extension (Reliever Route) is complete and heavy truck traffic can go around Gregg St. I know the number of 18 wheelers and oil services trucks has increased and it is noticeable with the traffic and deteriorating of the newly paved Gregg St. You are taking a chance with your life at the intersection of Hwy 87 and Interstate 20 and FM 700 and Hwy 87 by Wal Mart as well as other areas along Gregg St.

I say bring it on, it can't be completed soon enough.

A. CHARLES SMITH JR.  
BIG SPRING

### Animal cruelty

TO THE EDITOR:

I heard today there's a man here who crops his dogs ears without anesthetic.

That is cruel and mean. I hope he gets payback, someday, somehow.

Man, you know better than that.

That's just plain stupid. I'd like to put my stun gun next to his ears and see how he likes it.

Also, to do that he tapes the dogs legs so he can't fight back and tapes the mouth so he can't scream out. Boy.

How I'd like to get my hands on that, well, I can't say the word because this is a family paper, but you get the general idea.

Everyone who knows me knows how I hate animal cruelty. Makes my blood boil.

SHARON OSBURN  
BIG SPRING

### Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, Home Town Christmas has exceeded all expectations, delivering 600 gifts to 150 Big Spring children. In 2008 we began this project with a handful

of volunteers, a few dollars and 25 children in need. This Christmas, there were 35 helpers who made sure every child had four gifts. Tireless and dedicated volunteers received a wish list and shopped for each child to personalize and provide exactly what that child asked for from Santa.

For the most part, our group never saw children or parents being helped. They only knew boys and girls had asked for special things and they were determined to fulfill their wish lists. Absolutely they gave a gift of unselfish love that will warm their hearts forever. This bunch would not give up until every child had what they asked for and a smile on their face Christmas morning. If money ran low, someone reached into their own pocket, if we ran out of wrapping paper, Verna improvised and wrapped with scraps. If boxes were not the right size, Bob made new ones. Harold made certain everything battery operated had batteries. At the very end, noon Christmas Eve, we received a call from a mother with five children and nothing for anyone. In record time, we had four wrapped gifts for each child, and Jimmy and Beverly pulled out of Wells Fargo with a pick-up load of gifts. It was a tired, but happy little group at the end, worth it all because they had given the greatest gift of all, love and helping others.

These kids are in struggling families that can barely put food on the table and pay bills, much less think of extras like Christmas gifts. Right here in our little town, many children go to bed hungry, have no food on weekends when they are not getting school lunches, no warm clothing, live in houses that are cold for lack of money to pay bills and the list of needs goes on and on.

Calls came in from parents with broken hearts asking for help for a tree, a few gifts, a Christmas. So, we took trees where there were none, decorations and lights to an unlit tree and gifts. Thanks to a very generous group of volunteers and our community, no request was denied. Big Spring has big hearts. Evidence of that was seen in the community and the halls of Wells Fargo, filled with bikes, big and little toys, cloth-

ing, fruits, turkeys and makings for Christmas dinner.

The entire project was a concerted effort of Big Springers, opening their hearts and each giving what they had to give. Some shopped, some wrapped, some delivered and it just worked. Bob Stewart, Verna Davis, Clyde and Beverly McMahon, Kristen Partee and Ginny Olshanski managed the wrapping tables. Beverly Johnson organized shopping. Mary Lou and Alvina, school teachers, Milton, Don, Brain and Jimmy and Southwest Tool magically appeared at delivery time. We never had to ask for help because friends saw what we were doing, walked into the bank and said "Here we are, what can we do?" It was a happening and it worked.

Many hours of hard work brought it together, but the monies to support these efforts made it all possible. Deane Mansfield Kelley started our funding four years ago and continues today and others have followed. Russ Rutledge, Wells Fargo Bank, Juanell Roever, Jeanette Bentley, Lisa Barber, John Paul and Becky Amos, Marilyn and Frank Clark, Ben Ella and Bob Stuart, Wilbur Cunningham, Verna Davis and Don Finkenbinder contributed.

To our community, we say "Thank you home town folks for Home Town Christmas."

Last year we thought it could not get any better, but this year it doubled and was the best ever. We should never doubt the great need in our town and know that when we give and unite wonderful things happen.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and he lives on in Big Spring, Texas, because Christmas lives on in our hearts forever.

JEANIE JOHNSON KNOCKE  
KATHY JOHNSON

### Ports to Plains

TO THE EDITOR:

The *Big Spring Herald*, Dec. 4, 2011, published an article on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, with misleading and erroneous data given by Gloria McDonald. Mrs.

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LETTERS

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Mrs. McDonald has never been a member of the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors and has never been delegated or authorized to speak for the board in any official capacity. Any factual information the *Herald* might want to obtain on this entity should be sought from the Ports-to-Plains staff, 5401 N. MLK Blvd, Unit 395, Lubbock, Texas 79403, or from a Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors member. Howard County's current Board of Director's member is Howard County Judge Mark Barr, who was elected to this position by the 19-member board on Oct. 19, 2011. He will attend his first board meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 15-17, 2012.

What is the Ports-To-Plains Alliance? The concept originated in 1997 when the city of Lubbock, Texas, initiated an effort to pursue a corridor study for a potential trade route that would originate at the Texas-Mexico border and on to Denver, Colorado, to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. With the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1991, studies were initiated taking into account expected trade activities along a particular corridor and analyzing the available transportation. Then, June 9, 1998, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (TEA 21) was signed by President Clinton and the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor was designated as a "high priority" corridor on the National Highway System Map. This designation made the route eligible for federal funds.

During this time, Bill Crooker, a Howard County commissioner, was chairman of the Transportation Committee Task Force of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and was quite involved with the Texas Department of Transportation in an attempt to get a four-lane route on Highway 87 from Big Spring to Sterling City. The task force was successful. In March 1999, Bill Crooker was asked by the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors Chairman Randy Neugebauer (now congressman) to be on the board. Bill Crooker served as the only representative from Howard County from March 1999 to Oct. 19, 2011.

The Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors are Chairman John Bertsch, Plainview, Texas; Vice Chairman Tom Martin, Lubbock, Texas; Secretary Brad Bekkedahl, Williston, N.D.; Treasurer Todd McKee, Lubbock, Texas; Justin Bennett, Des Moines, N.M.; Steve Burgess, Limon, Colo.; Sid Cauthorn, Del Rio, Texas; Gil Cisneros, Lakewood, Colo.; Richard "Buzz" David, Amarillo, Texas; John Friess, Sonora, Texas; Beverly Haggard, Lamar, Colo.; Travis Hiner, Scottsbluff, N.E.; Len Mitzel, Edmonton, Canada; Dwain Morrison, San Angelo, Texas; Dave Nix, Lamesa, Texas; Milton Pax, Dumas, Texas; Penny Peryatel, Raton, N.M.; Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford, Texas and Mark Barr, Big Spring, Texas.

Ports-to-Plains is a corporation organized as a business league within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The board's primary objective is to stay abreast of state and federal legislation that may assist in designating the spe-

cific route and funding segments of the corridor. This is not a Big Spring City Council appointment to a local committee.

JOYCE CROOKER  
BIG SPRING

Limit to letters

To the Editor:  
My wife and I have subscribed to the *Big Spring Herald* for more than 30 years and most of the time enjoy reading it.

We have a question: If the limit of words to "Letters" is supposed to be no more than 300 words or less, why do Mr. McDonald's letters continually run over 300 words?

An answer from the *Herald* would be appreciated.

WALTER R. GLEASON  
BIG SPRING

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Your point is well taken. However, as a longtime reader, you know the *Herald* has allowed many letters — not just those written by Mr. McDonald — to exceed the 300-word limit. The word count was originally set up years ago as a "guideline" to give the *Herald* a way to control content if length became an issue. The fact is, Letters to the Editor is a hugely popular part of the paper and we rarely edit letters for length today. However, your observation is valid and the *Herald* will eliminate the word count from its letters policies, while retaining the right to edit for style and content.

BSEDC

To THE EDITOR  
A recent article in the *Big Spring Herald* reported comments made by Terry Wegman, director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation. He expounded on the premise that any cuts in their funding would have a detrimental effect on the well-being of all businesses in town. This approach is all in the "eye of the beholder."

This theory seems to rationalize that job increases provide answers to all the problems now existing in Big Spring. No one would argue that job development does help increase the income to taxing agencies in the area. However, the way by which these jobs are procured should be questioned. The method used by most EDCs amounts to little more than bribery — we will offer you money if you will locate in our town. These monies given are subject to certain stipulations involving employee growth, investments, etc., with the obvious idea that this will return the EDC's (should read — "taxpayer") investment.

In the past, the local EDC has been notorious for limiting to the taxpayers information concerning its operations. It would be of great interest to know the expected rate of return of these business fundings. How long will it be before the taxpayer gets his money back and starts to see some entries in the black column? A good example is the \$3M obligated to the Settles Hotel project.

NewsWest 9 TV station recently ran an item concerning the local EDC. It provided essentially the

same information and approach as the *Herald* article.

The timing of these coverages is certainly not coincidental with the potential ruling by the Big Spring City Council involving funding improvements to the water treatment plants. Mr. Wegman's statements essentially state the EDC does not want to have any limits placed upon its finances, but would rather the taxpayers dig deeper in their pockets to fund the very necessary changes required to our water systems. These changes are not just "niceties." If something is not done very soon, the State of Texas can impose harsh penalties. It could involve assessing a \$1,000 per day fine for every day the city is out of compliance, or ultimately shutting down the entire facility.

The Big Spring EDC seems to have at the forefront of importance their continued existence, rather than realistically having the taxpayers best interest at heart. If the community had money spilling out of its pockets, funding business development would be a no-brainer. This is certainly not the case.

Priorities need to be placed. Without an acceptable water system in place, trying to lure businesses is akin to beating a dead horse.

This is essentially putting the cart before the horse. You must have a good community infrastructure to have any hope of having people wanting to move here.

The EDC needs to be reminded, their funds do not fall out of the sky as free money. The local taxpayer provides them. This should certainly give the citizens the right to give opinions as to the usage of these monies in certain conditions. Using EDC funds to help finance improvements to our water treatment facilities is one of these. The rules governing the EDC allows funding of certain projects under a 4B option, subject to voter approval.

Mr. Wegman does not want to even give the citizens the chance to say yes or no. This indicates he feels the taxpayer would like to save some money by using tax moneys already in hand rather than having an additional tax burden placed upon them. Our tax rate is already sky high and should not be raised. It is long overdue we start to live within our means after years of funding superficial projects.

Little is published on the detailed operations of the Big Spring EDC. All we ever hear about its function is when they pat themselves on the back for something they consider to be a positive. No organization is perfect, not even the EDC.

The Midland, Texas, equivalent to our EDC periodically issues a detailed report, published in the Midland Reporter Telegram, giving a resume of all aspects of their operations. It gives details of all of its finances, to whom the moneys were obligated, and, last but not least, a listing of all of its failures in addition to its successes. Our local EDC should be required to do the same, to be published in the *Big Spring Herald*. If the EDC objects to this, they must not be very proud of their operation.

It is hoped our city council will have the best interest of its taxpayers at heart when they rule on the usage of EDC funds.

ARDIS MCCASLAND JR.  
BIG SPRING

Long lost sisters have reunion

HEATHER PILKINGTON

Register Staff Writer  
Gainesville Daily Register

In a Sept. 4 *Register* story, Melendez described the dream she felt meeting the woman she believed was her long-lost sister and the key to unraveling her past.

Melendez was one of six children born to hardworking single mother, Jewel Hennessee, whose health problems include epileptic seizures.

After a while, her mother (Hennessee) became too ill to care for her children and contacted the welfare office to find assistance, Melendez said.

Melendez said her mother believed she was placing her children into a foster care environment for six months. Once she recovered, Hennessee tried to reclaim her children, only to be informed she had signed forms placing her children up for adoption, not foster care.

From that moment, Hennessee would never see or hear from daughter Norene again.

Extensive research and help from a friend to obtain a genealogy report led to the location of long-lost family contacts and, ultimately, Melendez's first conversation with her sister, Alta Pendergrass, and the astonishing news that Melendez was one of six children and her second sister, Dorothy Zingale, was still alive.

On Aug. 4, Melendez took the first step to meeting her sisters by taking a trip to California.

"I didn't know what to expect from these peo-

ple," she said during the first interview. "When I stepped off the plane, I saw her running toward me. That was my family. It felt normal, like we were never apart."

On Dec. 19, Pendergrass was the one to board a plane headed for Texas, with the financial support of a second son, Sam and his wife, Lori.

The other sister, Zingale, could not make the trip to Texas and stayed behind.

"I remember the call when Norene had been found," Pendergrass said. "My son Waymon called me and asked if I was sitting down. I told him 'as a matter of fact I am.' He gave me a long distance number."

He told me to call and a lady would answer the phone. "Mom, this is your sister, Norene."

Pendergrass said the journey to this point has been "spectacular," "awesome" and "overwhelming still."

"I had the opportunity to met her (Norene's) daughter, her two sons and a second daughter by telephone," Pendergrass said. "I feel very loved. It's almost like we've known each other, but really this is the first time we're meeting."

This second opportunity was a chance for two of the sisters to spend time rehashing their younger lives to one another.

"It felt good and I enjoyed having my sister here." Melendez said.

EHS art students to have work featured in East Texas museum

The works of Elkhart High School art students will be featured in an exhibit throughout the months of January and February at the Museum for East Texas Culture in Palestine.

The public is invited to meet the art students and art teacher Kathy Marlowe during an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the museum's art gallery.

EHS students in Art 1, Art 2 and Art 3 in grades 9-12 will be featured in the exhibit.

Marlowe has served as EHS's art instructor since 2005. A 26-year veteran in education, Marlowe began her teaching career in Texas, and served at schools in North Dakota, Arizona and Louisiana before attaining her current position in Elkhart.

With a true love and dedication to her students and her field of study, she has been recognized as Teacher of the Year on two occasions and has received numerous honors and awards.

The understanding that art is a viable aspect of every walk of life, as well as every vocation, has led Marlowe to her belief that

each person is an artist in some fashion and that all students are teachable.

"I want every student to experience the joy of success as a result of participating in my art classes," Marlowe said.

She focuses on the elements and principles of art while using a variety of media. Among the media are: pencil, oil pastels, Prisma color, clay, charcoal and a full array of painting techniques. Students are encouraged to develop their individual artistic creativity through a variety of art projects and activities.

No mere words can express our gratitude for the many kindnesses that have come our way since Dean departed this life for a far better one. To each of you, our sincerest thanks for your love and caring.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## News Briefs

### The smile, the hair, the walk: Shades of NKorea's founder in young new leader — his grandson

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The resemblance is striking: the full cheeks and quick smile, the confident gait, the habit of gesturing with both hands when he speaks.

North Korea's young new leader, Kim Jong Un, appears to be fashioning himself as the reincarnation of Kim Il Sung, his grandfather and the nation's founder, as he seeks to solidify his hold on the nation of 24 million in the wake of his father's death last month.

Unlike Kim Jong Il, who sequestered himself for three years of mourning before formally taking up the mantle of leadership, Kim Jong Un is moving swiftly to demonstrate a decisiveness perhaps aimed at dispelling concerns about his ability to rule. He is only in his late 20s and made his public debut as his father's anointed successor just 15 months ago, far less time than the 20 years Kim Jong Il had to prepare to lead.

With the world watching, Kim Jong Un has tread confidently down the "red silk carpet" laid before him by his father, as one analyst put it, using family tradition as his guideposts. Kim Il Sung has served as his main muse as he seeks to consolidate power and loyalty.

"The image of a young smiling Kim Il Sung is deeply engraved in North Korean people's minds. It is the image of a young general who liberated the nation from Japan's imperial rule," said Ahn Chan-il, a political scientist at the World Institute for North Korea Studies in South Korea who was born in North Korea. "Kim Jong Un is borrowing from that. Kim Il Sung is resurrected in the looks and behavior of Kim Jong Un."

### Obama administration offers robust defense of health care overhaul to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending President Ba-

rack Obama's signature health care overhaul, the administration is urging the Supreme Court to uphold the contentious heart of the law, the requirement that individuals buy insurance or pay a penalty.

The administration filed a written submission with the court Friday describing the 2010 law as an appropriate response to a "crisis in the national health care market."

The justices will hear arguments in the high court's biggest case this term over three days in late March. The outcome, expected in late June, has the potential to affect President Barack Obama's bid for re-election.

One federal appeals court struck down the so-called individual mandate as exceeding Congress' power under the Constitution. But two other federal appeals courts upheld the law and agreed with the administration's argument that Congress was well within its power to adopt that requirement.

Florida and 25 other states, as well as the National Federation of Independent Business, told the court in separate briefs that if the justices strike down the individual requirement, they should invalidate the rest of the law as well. Thirty-six Republican senators echoed the states' argument in their own filing.

### Santorum turned his Washington experience into a lucrative career as a consultant and pundit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Losing his Senate seat might have been the best thing that ever happened to Rick Santorum's bank account.

In 2006, the Republican presidential hopeful earned about \$200,000 from his Senate salary and book royalties. From January 2010 to August 2011, he earned at least \$1.3 million as he cashed in on his 16 years in Congress by working as a corporate consultant, political pundit and board member.

The financial disclosure report Santorum filed last August shows how his income has changed. Many voters are taking their first hard look at the former congressman and two-term senator from Pennsylvania following his near-win in the Iowa caucuses.

Santorum's resume contrasts with campaign rhetoric that casts him as an outsider who would shake up Washington. It also appears at odds with the image that Santorum stresses as a candidate with hardscrabble roots in blue-collar Pennsylvania and as the grandson of an Italian immigrant coal miner.

Much of the money Santorum earned in recent years was for his work as a board member for a large health care company and consulting for a Pennsylvania energy company and a Washington lobbying firm.

### Texas teen reunites with her family 6 months after being mistakenly deported to Colombia

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas teenager who was deported to Colombia in May after claiming to be an illegal immigrant was returned to the United States and remains at the center of an international mystery over how a minor could be sent to a country where she is not a citizen.

Her family has questioned why U.S. officials didn't do more to verify her identity and say she is not fluent in Spanish and had no ties to Colombia. While many facts of the case involving Jakadrien Lorece Turner remain unclear, U.S. and Colombian officials have pointed fingers over who is responsible.

Jakadrien, 15, arrived in Dallas on Friday evening and was reunited with her family. She was flanked by her mother, grandmother and law enforcement when she emerged from the international gate at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport shortly before 10 p.m.

"She's happy to be home," the family's attorney, Ray Jackson, said, adding that the family would not be issuing any statements Friday night.

He said the family was "ecstatic" to have Jakadrien back in Texas and they plan to "do what we can to make sure she gets back to a normal life."

### Japan plans to scrap nuclear plants after 40 years to beef up safety after Fukushima disaster

TOKYO (AP) — Japan says it will soon require atomic reactors to be shut down after 40 years of use to improve safety following the nuclear crisis set off by last year's tsunami.

Concern about aging reactors has been growing because the three units at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant in northeastern Japan that went into meltdown following the tsunami in March were built starting in 1967. Among other reactors at least 40 years old are those at the Tsuruga and Mihama plants in central Japan, which were built starting in 1970.

Many more of the 54 reactors in Japan will reach the 40-year mark in the near future, though some were built only a few years ago.

The government said Friday that it plans to introduce legislation in the coming months to require reactors to stop running after 40 years. Japanese media reported that the law may include loopholes to allow some old nuclear reactors to keep running if their safety is confirmed with tests.

The proposal could be similar to the law in the U.S., which grants 40-year licenses and allows for 20-year extensions. Such renewals have been granted to 66 of 104 U.S. nuclear reactors. That process has been so routine that many in the industry are already planning for additional license extensions that could push the plants to operate for 80 years or even 100.

### U.S. scraps 8-decades-old FBI definition of rape to count more people as victims, including men

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration says it is expanding the FBI's more than eight-decade-old definition of rape to reflect a better understanding of the crime and to broaden protections.

The new definition counts men as victims for the first time and drops the requirement that victims must have physically resisted their attackers.

Vice President Joe Biden, author of the Violence Against Women Act when he was in the Senate, said the new definition announced Friday is a victory for women and men "whose suffering has gone unaccounted for over 80 years." Calling rape a "devastating crime," the vice president said, "We can't solve it unless we know the full extent of it."

The change will increase the number of people counted as rape victims in FBI statistics but will not will not change federal or state laws or alter charges or prosecutions.

It's an important shift because lawmakers and policymakers use crime statistics to allocate money and other resources for prevention and victim assistance.

The White House said the expanded definition has been long awaited as many states and research groups made similar changes in their definitions of rape over recent decades.

### In the West Bank, a hold on US funding shuts down Sesame Street

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — It's quiet time on Palestinian Sesame Street.

The iconic children's program, known as "Sharaa Simsim" in Arabic, has been put on hold for the 2012 season because of a funding freeze by the U.S. Congress.

Sharaa Simsim is one of many U.S.-funded Palestinian programs suffering after Congress froze the transfer of nearly \$200 million to the U.S. Agency for International Development in October. The suspension aimed to punish the Palestinians for appealing to the United Nations for statehood.

The funding suspension — affecting hospitals, education, and government ministries that all rely on American aid — is breeding resentment and frustration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, even among the most progressive organizations.

In the Ramallah offices of Sharaa Simsim on Thursday, the writing workshop room was empty and the set was closed.

## sudoku

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Reflex Reaction

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The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠  
Pass 2♠  
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

The impetuous player who plays first and thinks later must occasionally pay for his exuberance. Bridge is not the kind of game you can play impulsively and expect to get the best results. There are simply too many different hands and situations where relying entirely on past experience may not guide you to the right bid or play.

Take this deal where it would be very easy to go wrong. Let's say you're East and that your partner leads the ace and another club to your king.

It is not difficult to recognize that West started with the doubleton ace of clubs and that you can give him a ruff. But if your thinking stops right there and you impulsively return a club, declarer makes the contract, losing only two clubs, a club ruff, a spade and a diamond.

While you cannot know exactly what South's trump holding is, you should conclude that if he has the K-Q of spades, your side will finish with no more than five tricks if you return a club at trick three. However, you should also see that there's a real chance of stopping the contract if you play the ace and another diamond instead of a club at trick three.

If you do this, South can do no better than lead a trump at trick five, which you take with the ace. Now you give your partner a club ruff, and he reciprocates by giving you a diamond ruff to put the contract down one.

You can then "apologize" to your partner for having failed to give him a club ruff earlier.

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# Indian tribes concerned about water, gaming

ANDY MARSO,

The Topeka-Capital Journal

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Ponka-We Victors, the only American Indian member of the Kansas Legislature, lived on the Tohono O'odham reservation in Arizona several years ago during college.

She remembers when farmers and residents of a nearby town diverted too much of the area's water for irrigation, leaving the tribe parched.

"I'm telling you, that is the most horrible thing to wake up to," Victors said recently. "You can't bathe, you can't cook, you can't really do anything. I felt bad for the elders and the children."

Victors, D-Wichita, said water policy is something that is on the minds of the state's Indian tribes going into the upcoming session.

The Kickapoo nation in Horton has been embroiled in a federal lawsuit for almost five years over the right to build a reservoir that tribal Chairman Steve Cadue said is sorely needed.

"We're in desperate need of water," Cadue said. "Of course, safe drinking water is the main purpose, but it affects our growth and economic development as well. We can't build new houses — we have a waiting list for people to get into the Kickapoo reservation."

Gov. Sam Brownback has said he will push a four-point plan to address water conservation this session, with an emphasis on renewing the Ogallala Aquifer.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-Wah), tribal chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Mayetta, said water isn't an issue for his tribe, but draining of aquifers is becoming a problem nationally.

Ortiz was one of about a dozen tribal leaders who

met with President Barack Obama earlier this month. One of the issues he said they discussed was water rights.

Cadue, Ortiz and Victors all said Brownback has been receptive to the concerns of the state's tribes since he became governor. They said they appreciated a proclamation he issued in November apologizing to the state's five main tribes for the "spirit of deception" that too often marked dealings with them in the past.

Brownback has also said he doesn't want to discuss expanding state gambling during the coming session, while the state's Democratic leaders have made gaming the funding centerpiece of their jobs proposal.

That doesn't sit well with Ortiz, who said the state shouldn't expand gaming while restricting the tribes to one casino per reservation.

"We're opposed to it, mainly because of the fact that this now would give the state not only four casinos, but they're also talking about two race-tracks," Ortiz said.

"So that really gives them six gaming operations, which really in return they should allow us to have more gaming operations as tribes without having to pay the state any fee."

Ortiz said he met with Kansas Democratic Party chairwoman Joan Wagon two months before the jobs proposal was presented and she didn't mention more state gaming as a possibility.

"She just said she could make no commitment about Indian gaming," Ortiz said. "We had no idea this was going in their plan."

Wagon, via email, said she wasn't aware of the gaming aspect of the proposal at the time she met

with Ortiz.

Victors said she didn't have any input on the jobs proposal and hadn't had a chance to talk to the leaders of her party about it.

"But, you know, the No. 1 thing is jobs," Victors said. "Unfortunately, I didn't see a lot of opportunities for making jobs a priority this past session. I was kind of shocked by that, coming in as a freshman. I thought that all we would talk about was the jobs issue."

Ortiz said there also was some concern among the tribes about the voter identification law the state passed. Ortiz said he was disappointed that tribal identification cards aren't included on the list of approved IDs.

"We're looking for a bill to be introduced into the Kansas Legislature that tribal identification cards be allowed as voter ID," Ortiz said. "Right now we've had meetings with the secretary of state, but I've not seen any Democrat or Republican come forth saying they'd introduce a bill."

Increasing voter turnout on the reservations is on the agenda for Victors, who said she believes she is the first female American Indian in the Legislature.

She said she would like to be a bridge between state and tribal governments, providing her unique perspectives on such things as living on a reservation without clean, abundant water.

"I would really like to see something worked out with that water issue," Victors said.

"This is Kansas, and it's the new millennium, you know. There should be something where tribes, reservations and people don't have to wake up to that burden."

# 'Partners' travel down the right path toward reaching an Olympic goal

KRISTEN RODERICK,

The Hutchinson News

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — In a state of rodeos and barrel racing, it's not too often a Kansas horseback rider excels in something other than western riding.

Now a Hutchinson native has her eyes toward the 2012 Olympics in dressage, a sport that she says is impossible to perfect.

Heather Blitz will be riding on a horse she has trained since it was born.

The 1987 Hutchinson High School graduate started riding on her parents' farm when she was 5 years old. She did a lot of western riding when she was younger, and dabbled a little in dressage in 4-H.

Dressage is a French term meaning "training." Its purpose is to develop the horse's natural ability and willingness to work, making it calm, supple and attentive to the rider, according to the United States Dressage Federation.

When she was 18 and a student at Colorado State University studying equine science for veterinary medicine, Blitz became more passionate about dressage.

She didn't think riding horses would be a career. But she began to tutor people in dressage in college.

"I started helping others and teaching," she said.

She tells students that everyone struggles to perfect dressage.

"They should enjoy the journey, not just the goal," she said.

Blitz, who now lives in Loxahatchee, Fla., teaches clinics

worldwide for dressage. Most of her clinics are in the United States, including Lawrence.

Her clinics don't keep her from competing at an international level.

"We are so excited for her," said Blitz's mother, Karen Anderson, of Hutchinson.

Paragon Blitz has competed on several horses in her career, but she was present when her current horse, Paragon, was born.

"He was a very large foal," she said.

He struggled for about three hours to stand up when he was born, so Blitz picked him up.

She laughs now when she thinks about picking up the now 1,800-pound Paragon.

Blitz had been training Paragon's mother, so she knew Paragon would be a good horse. She planned to train Paragon and sell him, but he turned out better than she thought.

A good dressage horse is very affectionate toward humans, which aids in its training.

"He's more attached to humans than other horses," Blitz said of Paragon.

She began training him when he was young, and when Paragon was 3 he went with her to Denmark.

Now, at age 8, Paragon is just starting to compete at the highest level of dressage - grand prix.

"He's so talented and he learns fast and has such a handle on it," Blitz said. "I think he can make it."

Olympic sights

Blitz has competed in dressage since 1994, winning several regional, national and international titles.

In October, she competed in the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. It is the biggest athletic event next to the Olympics, Blitz said, with 48 nations represented. It gave Paragon a chance to prove himself in a highly competitive situation.

He and Blitz placed second individually in a competition, and the United States team won the competition.

"When they went up on the podium, that was really quite a moment for all of us," Anderson said.

Her placing helped Blitz decide that the Olympics would be the next step.

If the duo gets the scores to qualify for the Olympic selection trials in June, Paragon, at age 9, will likely be one of the youngest horses there.

"In our sport, that's as low as you can go," Blitz said.

But this is a horse that has been topping the leaderboard.

"He's confident, but humble enough that he lets me be in charge," Blitz said. "He's a consistent horse who won't surprise me. He won't crack under the pressure."

Neither will Blitz, even though she will be among the few at the selection trials who hasn't been to an Olympics.

But Blitz knows what it takes to be successful.

"I can handle the pressure," she said. "I can do it."

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**Warner Bros. to impose 56-day delay on DVD rentals**

SAN FRANCISCO — Millions of DVD renters who want to check out Warner Bros' latest movies won't get the chance until nearly two months after the discs are available to buy.

The new restriction will double a 28-day delay on DVD rentals that Warner Bros. reached with Netflix's video subscription service two years ago. A person familiar with the matter explained the new rules to The Associated Press on Friday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the changes won't be announced until next week.

The person says Netflix Inc. conceded to the demands for the 56-day rental delay to ensure it can still buy Warner Bros. discs at a discount.

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## Big Spring kicker named All-American

*Roberson looks to get even better*

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor  
Big Spring sophomore Devin Roberson made everyone stand up and take notice this week, when he was named to the Maxpreps U.S. Air Force All-American Team as a second team punter. Recently, Roberson was also named to the Texas Class 3A All-State team as a second team punter. But the humble athlete from West Texas sees the accomplishment as a reason to work harder, not relax.

"It gives me something to strive for next season," Roberson said. "To try and reach the next level, to give it everything I have."

Maxpreps.com shows Roberson with 1750 punting yards for the 2011 season. The remarkably high number of yards came on 43 punts, averaging

just over 40 per kick. Roberson's longest punt for the season was a 59-yarder. The kick came in Sweetwater on Oct. 14, in a game where he was asked to punt six times.

Though he has played several positions since taking up the sport, Roberson says he realized he could punt well during his freshman year at Big Spring ISD.

"I guess I have punted since the seventh grade," he said. "But it was last year (2010 season) I learned I really could get the ball down the field."

So, second best punter in the State of Texas and the second best sophomore in the nation, does this mean he can take a break?

"No way," he answered quickly. "I don't want anyone to catch me. I have to get better, for myself and the team."



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

**KICKING SOME ... PUNTS** — Big Spring sophomore Devin Roberson was recently named to the Maxpreps U.S. Air Force Sophomore All-American Team as a punter.

## Steers run into a tough squad in Levelland

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor  
**LEVELLAND** — Big Spring had one player hit double digits in Friday night's non-district clash, but it would not be enough to stop a

59-42 trouncing of the Steers at the hands of Levelland. Freshman Ty Sealy was good for 10 points in the loss for the Steers.

Things started out bad and just got worse in the game as Level-

land jumped out to a 19-4 first-quarter lead. Though Big Spring was able to hold the Lobos to 12 points in the second period, it was still higher than the Steers' 11, sending the two teams to the locker rooms with

Levelland leading the Steers 31-15.

The second half, however, started out just as the first had, with the Lobos exploding for a 21-11 advantage in the third quarter.

Down 52-26 going into

the game's final frame, Big Spring needed a lot of offense, plus a lot of defense if they expected to compete in this one. They got both. Yes, they did have to contend with players from the second and third ech-

elons of Levelland, but the Steers showed they still do not know how to quit. They registered their highest points in the game in the fourth quarter, putting up 16, while holding the Lobos to a mere seven.

## Lady Steers fall in district opener

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor  
The Lady Steers got 22 points out of Cerbi Ritchey, but it was not enough as Big Spring fell in their District 5-3A opener against Abilene Wylie 70-55 Friday night at Steer Gym.

Wylie put up a 20-point first quarter — while holding Big Spring to only nine — to get the game started down hill for the now 16-6 Lady Steers. Big Spring would bounce back in the second period and score 19 points, but defensively were only able to hold Wylie to 17, not allowing themselves a chance to get back in the game. It would be the only quarter Big Spring would outscore the visiting Lady Bulldogs. The two teams hit the locker rooms at the half with Abilene leading Big Spring 37-28.

The third quarter again showed a more competitive outing as

both teams were held to game-low scores during the quarter. Wylie outscored Big Spring 14-13 in the period to maintain their lead going into the final frame.

The girls played a good fourth quarter, but were unable to catch the Lady Dogs, falling 70-55 to start the district portion of their schedule.

Bridgette Tuitt added 10 points for the Lady Steers in the game, while Diamond Mayes was good for eight. Ambra Hill scored four points before she fouled out of the game and LaShaunte Anderson scored three points on the Lady Steers' only 3-pointer of the night.

Logan Yarbar, Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Yaneeria Tuitt and Mackenzie Stone each added two points for Big Spring as well.

JV — Wylie 60, Big Spring 15

Freshman — Wylie 46, Big Spring 42



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**DRIVING THE LANE** — Lady Steer Cerbi Ritchey drives the lane for a shot against Abilene Wylie Friday night at Steer Gym. Ritchey scored 22 points in the game.

## Coahoma teams fall to Slaton

The Bulldogettes had to watch an improbable buzzer-beating shot fall in for Slaton as Coahoma falls 47-45 Friday night. Jennifer Castilaw led the girls from Coahoma with 22 points in the tight game, followed by Savannah Neff with 12. Minnie Goodblanket added six points, Haley Pace was good for five and Kyla Clanton contributed two in the game for the Bulldogettes.

The boys fared no better against Slaton as the Bulldogs fell 67-54. Tied 15-15 after one period,

Slaton grabbed a big halftime lead when they outscored Coahoma 21-13 in the second. Despite a great fourth quarter battle where both teams accounted for 19 points, Slaton took the win. Tanner Ruiz, Sheigh Cravens, Alex Hill and Jacob Echavarria each scored eight points for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs fall to an 0-3 district record, as they prepare for a Tuesday night game with Roosevelt. That game will be played at 8 p.m. in Lubbock.



# Razorbacks tackle Kansas State in Cotton Bowl

ARLINGTON (AP) — Joe Adams and Jarius Wright quickly found themselves on the field as freshmen for Bobby Petrino's first team at Arkansas four years ago.

"They had no choice," Petrino said. "Not as big and as fast as they are right now, but they did a nice job. There were a few times that season where they weren't sure if they broke the huddle and went to the right or broke the huddle and went to the left."

Wright and Adams are leaving 1-2 on Arkansas' career receptions list after three consecutive bowl games, the last when the No. 7 Razorbacks defeated No. 11 Kansas State 29-16 in the Cotton Bowl on Friday night to tie the school record with their 11th

victory.

The All-SEC receivers both scored in the finale, Adams on another explosive punt return and Wright on a 45-yard catch.

"It's a huge deal for us," Wright said. "We always talked about winning 11 games."

Arkansas was 5-7 when they were freshmen, then 8-5 before 10 wins last season with a Sugar Bowl appearance. The only previous years Arkansas teams won 11 games were in 1964 and 1977.

The only losses for these Razorbacks (11-2) were to No. 1 LSU and No. 2 Alabama, their SEC West rivals who will play for the BCS national championship Monday night.

Adams tied an SEC record with his fourth

punt return for a touchdown this season, a 51-yarder early in the second quarter that gave Arkansas a 10-0 lead before it even had a first down.

"Joe Adams has made big plays for us all year long," said All-SEC quarterback Tyler Wilson, who threw two touchdown passes after that. "We were struggling offensively until he sparked us."

It was the first punt return for a touchdown in the Cotton Bowl in 51 years.

"It was another one of those where you just go, 'Wow!'" Petrino said. "You could see when he made the catch he had in mind what he was going to do."

After fielding the ball near midfield, Adams took a few steps back be-

fore squirting through a gap past several defenders. He got all the way to the opposite sideline, his path cleared by one last downfield block from Javontee Herndon.

"It obviously made a major difference," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "The players were probably tired of me talking about being able to contain Joe Adams and not let him bounce the ball outside. Sure enough he bounced it outside."

The last punt return for a touchdown in the Cotton Bowl was by a Razorback. When Lance Alworth had a 49-yard return in a 7-6 loss to Duke in the 1961 game.

"To get this program consistently in the top 10, in BCS bowl games, great bowl games like the Cotton Bowl, hope-

fully in the top five in the country with 11 wins, it means so much to me personally, and to this group of seniors," defensive end Jake Bequette said. "It's just been such a fun ride."

Kansas State (10-3) also was trying to match its school record with 11 victories, but still finished a surprising season in Snyder's second Wildcats turnaround. K-State won 11 games six times during a seven-year span in Snyder's first tenure before his three-year retirement, and almost reached that mark again in his third season back.

Wildcats quarterback Collin Klein tied the Big 12 record with his 27th rushing touchdown this season and matched the FBS record for quarterbacks.

"It's overshadowed by our ability as a group. We came up short," Klein said. "My heart just goes out to our seniors. We weren't able to send them out the right way."

After being held to 15 yards on 12 carries in the first half, Klein finished the opening drive of the third quarter with a 6-yard TD run that got the Wildcats to 19-16.

That matched the Big 12 record for rushing touchdowns held by 1998 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams of Texas. The only other FBS quarterback with 27 rushing touchdowns in a season was Ricky Dobbs for Navy in 2009.

Wilson was 20 of 31 for 216 yards against Kansas State. Wright made three catches for 88 yards.

# Penn State hires O'Brien as new football coach

STATE COLLEGE (AP) — In Bill O'Brien, Penn State picked a Happy Valley outsider to take over a storied program that had run into turbulent times in the final days of longtime coach Joe Paterno.

One of O'Brien's tasks as the Nittany Lions' first new coach in nearly a half-century will be to win over several former players and alumni who are skeptical about the hiring of a replacement without Penn State ties or angered by the search process triggered by Paterno's firing Nov. 9.

Good luck. The New England Patriots' offensive coordinator will be formally introduced at a news conference on campus in the Nittany Lion Inn ballroom at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

"I am thrilled to be the head coach of the Penn State football program," the 42-year-old O'Brien said in a statement. "As head coach of this special football program, it is my responsibility to ensure that this program represents the highest level of character, respect and integrity in everything we do."

He said that encompassed coaches, players and anyone else involved in the 125-year-old football program.

"There is tremendous pride in Penn State football and (we) will never, ever take that for granted," O'Brien said.

Former NFL linebacker Brandon Short, now an investment banker in New York, supported interim coach Tom Bradley, citing the longtime assistant's role in helping to maintain the program's high academic standards.

He also praised Bradley's ability to guide the team through the crisis that enveloped the program starting two months ago when child sex abuse charges were filed against retired defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky.

Short and fellow standout linebacker LaVar Arrington had organized a petition in support of Bradley's candidacy. Before the announcement Friday night of O'Brien's hiring, Short had said he would consider cutting his relationship with the school if someone without Penn State ties was hired, and that there might be a "large backlash" from other former players.

"I guess we'll just have to see how it works out," Short said Friday morning, hours before O'Brien's hiring was made official. "For Penn State's sake — hopefully they end up making the right decision."

Others, including former quarterback Kerry Collins, asked lettermen to give O'Brien a chance.

"Whether you agree or disagree with his hiring, we should support him," Collins said in a statement Friday night, according to the Reading Eagle. "Instead of chastising him for not being a Penn Stater, let's show him what it means to be a Penn Stater. ... Let's support him in any way we can."

Some fickle, fed-up Penn State fans also took to social media to debate O'Brien's resume and qualifications. While instrumental in running the Patriots' prolific offense, O'Brien has never been a head coach.

Now he's replacing Paterno, a Hall of Fame coach who won 409 games, the most in Division I, in 46 seasons on the job. And he'll be taking over a proud program tarnished by a scandal that also led to the departure of President Graham Spanier.

O'Brien and Paterno do share one connection — both attended Brown University.

"I understand Bill O'Brien has been named head coach and I want to congratulate him on his appointment," Paterno said in a statement to The

Associated Press provided by his family. "I don't know Bill, but I respect his coaching record, and I am particularly pleased we share a connection to my alma mater, Brown."

"Despite recent commentary to the contrary, Penn State football has always been about more than winning," Paterno added, citing what he said

was the program's commitment to education and community service. "I am hopeful this tradition will continue."

This was O'Brien's first year coordinating New England's high-scoring offense, but he has coached star quarterback Tom Brady since 2009 and spent 2008 coaching receivers.



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Young stargazers will shoot into space when they make a blast-off snack cake, complete with astronaut and candy flames.

Bee-utiful bee-topped cupcakes are sure to bring on quite a buzz, while princess-ready chariot cookies will sweep any mini-majesty off her feet.

Ready to get started? These tips for decorating with kids will help.

- Be prepared. Get organized and assemble all the tools and ingredients you'll need before you start. Keep towels handy for quick and easy cleanup.

- Keep age in mind. Preschoolers have shorter attention spans and like instant results, while elementary age children can handle more involved tasks.

- Consider kid-friendly products. The Wilton Kids(tm) line offers a variety of fun tools and supplies. Mini pans, vibrant-colored icings and flexible silicone stretchy cutters - no sharp edges - make creating scrumptious sweet treats a cinch.

- Think sprinkles. Kids of all ages love this go-to decoration. Set out sprinkles in a variety of colors and shapes and let imaginations run wild with creative decorating ideas.

- Have fun. Turn up some music, take plenty of pictures and enjoy the quality time.

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### Blast Off Snack Cake

- Serves 6
- Rocket Mini Pan
  - 1 package (9 ounces) small cake or snack cake mix
  - Ingredients to prepare mix
  - Color-N-Swirl Bright Icing Kit
  - Cornstarch
  - Mini marshmallows
  - Mini candy-coated chocolates
  - Color-N-Swirl Primary Icing Kit
  - Regular and large spice drops

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Rocket Mini Pan with vegetable pan spray.

Prepare cake mix following package instructions. Pour into prepared pan, filling 2/3 full. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Trim off top and engine detail from cake. Reserve trimmed pieces for another use such as a pudding topper or for cake balls. With spatula or butter knife, ice smooth using violet tube icing from icing kit.

Using round tip and orange tube icing from icing kit, pipe space man face. Pat smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch. Cut marshmallow in half for eyes. With cut sides down, attach to space man face. Pipe pupils and mouth with blue tube icing from icing kit. Attach mini candy-coated chocolates with icing.

Using star tip and yellow tube icing from icing kit, pipe star pattern on cake. Cut regular spice drops in half. Attach to cake, cut sides down, with icing. Cut large spice drops into slices to resemble flames. Attach to cake with violet tube icing from icing kit.

### They'll Bee Delicious Cupcakes

- Each cupcake serves 1
- Mega Cupcake Tote
  - 12-cup Standard Muffin Pan
  - Favorite cupcake recipe or cake mix
  - 9-inch Angled Spatula
  - White Ready-To-Use Decorator Icing
  - Create-N-Color Primary Fondant Treat Kit

Place baking cups from cupcake tote into muffin pan. Prepare cupcake batter following instructions; fill baking cups 2/3 full. Bake following instructions; cool completely. Using spatula, ice cupcakes smooth with white icing.

Dust face mold from fondant kit with cornstarch; fill with yellow fondant. Unmold. With edible color markers from kit, draw eyeballs and mouth.

Using dark green fondant from kit, make a teardrop-shaped body, about 2 inches long x 1 1/4 inches wide. Attach head to body with icing; place on cupcake top. Using red fondant from kit, make six 1 1/4-inch-long logs for legs; bend in half. Attach three legs to each side of body with icing. Roll small red fondant balls for feet; attach.

Using yellow fondant from kit, make a 1/2-inch triangle for tail; attach to body with icing. Position bee on top of cupcake.

### Her Majesty's Chariot Cookies

- Each cookie serves 1
- Create-N-Color Bright Fondant Treat Kit
  - Cornstarch
  - Roll-Out Cookie Dough (recipe available at [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com))
  - Rolling Pin
  - Stretchy Cutters Set
  - Color-N-Swirl Bright Icing Kit
  - 9-inch Fondant Roller or rolling pin
  - Oval Fondant Cut-Outs

Make two flower wheels by kneading and softening a small amount of pink and the purple fondant from fondant kit. Dust flow-



er mold from fondant kit with cornstarch. Press pink fondant into swirl portion of mold. Using violet fondant from kit, fill remaining portion of mold. Unmold.

For crown, dust fondant mold from kit with cornstarch; press violet fondant from kit into crown mold. Unmold.

Prepare and roll out cookie dough. Cut cookies using large round cutter in set. Bake and cool cookies following recipe instructions.

Spatula ice cookies smooth using pink tube icing from icing kit. Press fondant flower wheels on the bottom of the cookie.

Roll out violet fondant to 1/16 inch thick. Cut door using medium oval cut-out. Cut out windows using small oval cut-out; cut in half. Roll out pink fondant 1/16 inch thick. Cut oval using medium oval cut-out; cut oval in half. Place pink half over bottom of violet door. Roll small piece of violet fondant into ball and attach for door handle. Place door and windows on cookie; add crown to top of cookie.

### Her Majesty's Chariot:

- Press pink then purple fondant into flower mold to make wheels.
- Press violet fondant into crown mold.
- Smoothly ice cookies with pink icing.
- Use oval cut-out to make door and windows.



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## Weddings

### Bubel and Williams



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Paul Williams

Miss Suzanne Elizabeth Bubel and Mr. Jason Paul Williams, both of San Antonio, Texas, were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at 11 a.m.

at St. Pius X Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Father Francis McHugh.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bubel of San Antonio, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. Klein and the late Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bubel of Chicago, Ill. The groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and the late Mr. Donald W. Williams of Big Spring, Texas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lucia Pickett and the late Mr. Roy Pickett of Stanton, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Williams of Big Spring, Texas.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, was attended by her matrons of honor, Mrs. Courtney Wille, childhood friend of the bride and Mrs. Nina Bubel, sister-in-law of the bride, both of San Antonio, Texas.

The best man was Mr. Blake Wright, of San Antonio, Texas, childhood friend of the groom. Mr. Jason

Kamperbeek of Waxahachie, Texas, college friend of the groom served as groomsman. Miss Alexandria Bubel, niece of the bride, served as flower girl and was joined by her brother, Jackson Bubel as ring bearer.

Ushers were Mr. Walter Brumley, Jr. of Big Spring, Texas brother in law of the groom, Mr. Walter (Trey) Brumley III of Big Spring, Texas, nephew of the groom, Mr. Steven Bubel of San Antonio, Texas and Mr. Paul Bubel of San Antonio, brothers of the bride.

Music was provided by Allegretto Music Company of San Antonio. Miss Emilea Brumley, niece of the groom of Big Spring, Texas sang "Ava Maria" during the lighting of the Unity Candle and was accompanied by Mr. B. Randall Stevens of Midland, Texas. Other members of the wedding party included the readers, Ms. Sheri Evans, sister of the groom, and Miss Sheridan Evans, niece of the groom, both of Corinth, Texas. Mrs. Robin Brumley, sister of the groom, served as a member of the house party.

Following the ceremony, the bride's

parents hosted a buffet luncheon reception at the San Antonio Country Club. Music for the reception was provided by Mr. William Chrisman of San Antonio.

On the eve of the wedding, the wedding party and out of town guests enjoyed a rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's family at Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine Restaurant in San Antonio.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio and received her bachelor of science in 2004 from Texas State University. In 2008, she was awarded a master of education from Texas A&M University and is teaching first grade in the North East Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor of science degree in humanities.

He is employed with Cars.com in San Antonio, Texas.

The bride and groom make their home in San Antonio.

## Anniversary



Fabian and Cathy Ontiveros

Fabian and Cathy Ontiveros of Big Spring celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary Dec. 31, 2011.

The couple has 11 grandchildren in Lubbock and Big Spring.

The couple met at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama and were married Dec. 31, 2004. Both attend College Baptist Church. They still enjoy bowling.



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## Births



Jaelyn Marie Gonzales

Jaelyn Marie Gonzales, daughter of Abraham and Jennifer Gonzales of Big Spring, was born Dec. 9, 2011.

She was born at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa.

She measured 20.75 inches and weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Hortensia Jacobo, of San Angelo and Uvalde.

Paternal grandparents are Max Gonzales and Rebecca Rivera, of Uvalde, Texas.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, A.J. Gonzales, Jocelyn Gonzales and her baby angel Xavier Joel Gonzales.



Makinze Kayann Blair

Makinze Kayann Blair, daughter of Heath and Jacy Blair of Coahoma, was born Dec. 2, 2011.

She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rodney and Linda Ozart. Paternal grandparents are James and Debbie Blair.

Makinze was welcomed home by her siblings Corbin and Braxton Blair.



Aria Angelica Saenz

Aria Angelica Saenz, daughter of Alberto Saenz and Ashley Carrillo of Big Spring, was born Dec. 26, 2011, at 10:44 a.m.

She weighed six pounds eight ounces and measured 18 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Noelia Carrillo and Roy Carrillo. Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Elvira Saenz.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, E.J., Dominic and Demis Saenz, Ruben and Aubry Lopez.



Julianna Esther Rios

Julianna Esther Rios, daughter of Adam Flores and Stacie Rios of Big Spring, was born Dec. 24, 2011.

She weighed 5 pounds 5 ounces and measured 18 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are George and Deborah Gutierrez and the late Salome Rios.

Her paternal grandparents are Daniel Flores and Connie Sherman.

Julianna was welcomed home by her siblings, Jyllian and Joshua.

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# Who's Who

## A&M University announces honor students

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while

taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Among those recognized were: Kate L. Halfmann, of Garden City, was recognized on the distinguished students list. Halfmann is a junior pursuing a bachelors degree in business administration.

Reagan A. Rupard, of Big Spring, was recognized on the dean's honor roll. Rupard is a senior pursuing a bachelor of science degree in ag leadership and development.

## Sims graduates with DPT from Hardin-Simmons

Shannon Sims, graduated with a DPT (doctor of physical therapy) degree Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, from Hardin-Simmons University.

Shannon graduated from Big Spring High School in 2005, received her bachelor of science degree from McMurry University in Abilene in 2009.

She married Hunter Sims in May 2011 and they reside in Brownwood.

Shannon will begin employment with Brownwood Regional Medical Center in February.

Shannon is the daughter of Howard and Sarah Higgins of Big Spring.

## McMurry University announces honors

ABILENE — The following students have been named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Students earning recognition for the Dean's List are:

- Brandi Barber, junior mathematics, grades 8-12 major from Sterling City

- Tara Williams, senior biochemistry major from Big Spring

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to more than 1,400 students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene. Students choose from 41 majors; education and business are popular as are the school's pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, law and physical therapy. The three-week May term gives students an opportunity to explore a subject outside their major. Through the Servant Leadership Program, students learn about ethics and develop leadership qualities. McMurry's signature Texas Semester takes students through Texas history and culture with hands-on experiences like visits from leading authorities that take place both in the class-

room and at historical sites across the state. Internships with businesses in Abilene present undergraduates with the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge of the workplace in non-profit and corporate settings.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) have approved McMurry University to grant master's degrees. Beginning in the fall of 2012, students may enroll in a Master of Nursing program through the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing. It is anticipated that a second master's program in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an English as a Second Language Endorsement (ESL) will be launched in the fall of 2013 through the School of Education.

This past summer, the NCAA officially announced that McMurry University has been accepted into a NCAA Division II candidacy period, bringing back scholarship athletics to the institution for the first time since the 1976-77 school year.

McMurry University is committed to providing opportunities and experiences to ensure that every McMurry student achieves their maximum potential in their careers, their personal relationships, and in their roles as moral citizens and contributing members of society.

# Menus

## Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty with gravy, creamed potatoes, fruit cup, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: taco's salad, pinto beans, diced pears, milk. Burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on stick, orange juice, milk. Lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, chocolate cake, milk. Corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, applesauce, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, gravy, sliced carrots, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk. Hot pockets.

Friday: Breakfast: donuts, sausage, orange juice, syrup, milk. Lunch: spaghetti, corn, peaches, bread, milk. McRibs.

## Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: frosted flakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue rib on hoagie, baked doritos, baby carrots, ranch dressing, peaches, orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: taco roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: asian teriyaki chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli, mandarin orange, egg roll, milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast: peanut butter jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, whole wheat tortilla, ranch beans, corn, pineapple chunks, lettuce and tomato topping, salsa, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cinnamon french toast, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: cheese burger on bun, sweet potato fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, pears, banana, milk.

## Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: hot dogs, oven fries, grapes, sherbet cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll,

juice and milk. Lunch: carne guisada, refried beans, tossed salad, tortilla, orange smile, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit/sausage, juice and milk. Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, oven fries, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: muffins, juice and milk. Lunch: taco salad, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned corn, cookie, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: egg, bacon, toast, juice and milk. Lunch: golden fish strips, mac and cheese, tossed salad, Texas toast, apple and milk.

## Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: grahamwich, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: toasted ham and cheese, veggie dippers, baked doritos, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: beef fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake, sausage, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, seasoned corn, Texas toast, fresh fruit choice, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, and pickle, tater tots, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, whole wheat roll, strawberries and bananas, milk.

## Senior Center

Monday: chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, cherry pink cloud.

Tuesday: brisket/sliced onions, pinto beans, squash, cornbread, cake, milk.

Wednesday: hot dogs with chili, onions and cheese, baked beans, baked potato chips, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: ham, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, apple crisp, V8 juice/milk.

Friday: hamburger steak/onions, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls, lemon pudding, V8 juice/milk.

## Federal stalking statistics

In January, the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the largest-ever study of its kind on stalking, "Stalking Victimization in the United States." (pdf) an Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)-sponsored report based on supplemental data gathered from the National Crime Victimization Survey.

The report showed that technology, including Internet-based services like e-mail and instant messaging along with other technology such as GPS and computer spyware, have been used to harass one in four stalking victims. That translates into about 1.2 million victims whose stalkers used some form of technology to find them.

However, law enforcement remains under-equipped to deal with stalking. When it comes to technology use in the crime, the problem worsens. There are many reasons for this, but the end result, as revealed in the survey, is that victims have mixed feelings about police response to their problem.

### INTERNET SAFETY

Computers record everything you do. It is IMPOSSIBLE to clear your tracks completely. Your computer stores hundreds of bits of information about everything you do with your computer, including information about which websites you've visited, your passwords, and what your emails say. Your abuser can readily track the websites you visit or read your email messages.

**If you suspect your activities are being monitored, they probably are.** Abusive people are often controlling and want to know your every move. You don't need to be a computer programmer or have special skills to monitor someone's computer activities - anyone can do it and there are many ways to monitor your activities - even without having direct access to your computer.

If you must use a computer that your abuser knows about, we suggest "safer" Internet surfing. For example, if you are planning to flee to California, don't look just at California web pages for jobs, apartments, bus tickets, etc. Look for the same information in at least a half dozen other states too.

### EMAIL SAFETY

Email is not a safe or confidential way to communicate.

Sending email is like sending a postcard through the mail. Anyone along the path can read what it says. If you need to talk to someone about the danger or abuse in your life, if possible, please call a hotline instead.

If you must use email to discuss your situation we suggest you use an account that your abuser doesn't know about. Set up a new account with a free email service like hotmail, yahoo, or gmail.

### PASSWORD SAFETY

DO NOT use a name or password that contains any identifying information (no names, nicknames, initials, birthdates, zipcodes, etc.) Instead use a name and password that contains a random mix of letters, CAPITAL letters and numbers (for example, HJ3v67Tn) -

Make sure you can remember the user name and password. If you must write it down somewhere, put it in a place your abuser is unlikely to find it.

If the computer asks if you would like it to save your password or login information tell it NO.

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## ~ Dear Molly ~

Hi Molly!

I met a man on a dating site. We met two weeks ago at a casual place for drinks and talked for a couple hours ... I must mention he talked predominantly about himself. We have common people we know as it turns out, which was neat. He brought me some dog treats from a nice dog boutique and a little tiny box of truffles after our first meeting which I thought was so thoughtful. I wasn't thrilled how he talked about himself all night, but after the thoughtfulness agreed to go to a comedy show with him the following weekend.

The week and a half prior I had no contact besides deciding Friday or Saturday via the dating site message which I thought he should have called me. Here is the clincher — he called me that day, Saturday, in which was the date of the show we agreed upon. He wanted me to meet him at the T-station and then take it into Boston together. I wanted to hang up on him then and there, but did not since we have common people we know and we both live within 20 min. of each other. He is wealthy, has a car, not married or in a relationship. I think meeting him at the T station was a rude idea. I felt like a dating escort service.

The date was okay ... I'm not interested in him because of this. Am I being too critical?

Thanks Molly, and also, tonight he IM'd me on the dating site, he had a great time. I wrote back that I did too just to be nice but I am still angered. If the guy is that interested he would have picked me up like a regular date and called later on too rather than IM'g when we were both on the dating site at the same time! What do you think? Am I being too critical? Should I cut

him some slack? You're going to hear more from me because I have another recurrent problem I am experiencing with men from these sites.

*Signed, Train or no Train*

### Dear Train or no Train,

Let's look at this from his perspective for a minute. You met and it went well, he told you about himself and you are willing to see him again. He feels comfortable enough with you to suggest that instead of fighting traffic you take the train to the show. He may have had a very busy day and knew he wouldn't have time to pick you up so instead tossed out the idea, and you accepted. His comfort level may be due to the fact that you seem really pleasant, you have mutual friends and seem open to whatever the evening presents.

I don't think the guy had any idea that something was wrong. I have to ask you why you didn't speak up and say you'd prefer he pick you up. This is a reasonable request, especially if getting to the train station in Decem-

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# EDC hopes to tie knot with Boyce Galvanizing

*It could bring in 30 to 40 jobs, officials say*

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Another business could be making its way to Big Spring.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation held a special meeting Tuesday to consider assistance for Boyce Galvanizing.

Boyce Galvanizing is a hot dip galvanizing company which is looking to locate in the Big Spring and Howard County area. The closest similar operation is located in the Fort Worth area and Arizona.

"This is something that is needed out here. There is a huge market for it and that is part of the reason the company chose Big Spring as a location," BSEDC Executive Director Terry Wegman

said.

Wegman has been working with Boyce Galvanizing since last Easter and the project is finally starting to move forward. During the special meeting, the board approved to enter into an agreement to help get the company started.

The project is estimated at \$5 million and will bring in between 30 and 40 jobs and produce an approximate \$1.5 million dollar payroll.

"This agreement is contingent upon the approval of the SBA loan being approved and the city approving the agreement," Wegman said.

The SBA (Small Business Administration) loan along with

private investments, along with the BSEDC assistance, will help fund the project. According to Wegman, once all approvals have been received and funding is provided, the company should be able to be operational within six months.

"We think this is going to be a good industry for Big Spring," Wegman said. "This type business will help diversify our industry base and is not dependent on swings in the oil and gas business. This should be a stable business for years to come."

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## Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.

The year (2011) started on a high note, and apparently, will end on one, too. What happened in the middle was frantic, noisy and bothersome.

A year ago, in late 2010, the bears had seemingly gone to sleep. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) finished 2010 at 11,576, up 15.6 percent in the final four months of the year. Real GDP grew 3.1 percent in 2010, its fastest expansion since 2005. The unemployment rate was still high (9.4 percent), but private sector job growth had been positive for 10 consecutive months.

The stock market continued to roll in early 2011, with the DJIA hitting 12,810 on April 29. Our forecast of 14,500 for the end of the year looked reachable.

And then the wheels sort of fell off, or at least it looked like they had. Real GDP growth slowed sharply, the unemployment rate ticked higher and the stock market had a major (16 percent) correction. For August, both retail sales and non-farm payrolls were reported as big fat zeros.

Massive tornadoes tore up Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Joplin, Mo. A tsunami hit Japan and a major nuclear event unfolded. Washington, D.C., went to war over the debt ceiling. Standard & Poor's downgraded US Treasury debt, while Europe started to fall apart financially. The Super Committee failed to reach any kind of agreement on deficit reduction. MF Global filed for bankruptcy.

The bears woke up, turned the amplifier volume up all the way to 11, and started screaming about an imminent recession. They had a lot to scream about and they had a very receptive audience.

In August, after the weak data of the summer, Nouriel Roubini said, "The macro data ... will come out worse and worse, the market will start to correct again. We're going to a recession, we are at stall speed and we are running out of policy bullets." In September, Lakshman Achuthan, co-founder of ECRI said the U.S. is, "indeed tipping into a new recession. And there's nothing that policy makers can do to head it off." He has reiterated this call in recent months.

For some reason, bearish calls (about recession or depression) get a massive amount of coverage in the press — headlines, breaking news banners and continued references in any story about economic data or markets for weeks or months after the call is made.

Instead of a 2011 recession, the economy slowed early, but then picked up speed as the year progressed. Real GDP grew just 0.3 percent at an annual rate in the first quarter, accelerated to 1.3 percent annualized growth in Q2, 1.8 percent in Q3, and the consensus puts Q4 real GDP growth at 3.5 percent to 4 percent. And remember those zeros in August? Revisions now show positive retail sales and employment growth in August. Not only did the economy avoid recession, but we remain confident that economic growth in 2012 will accelerate.

We look at the economy like a scale, with good things on one side and bad things on the other. Our models suggest that the good things outweigh the bad. This was true in 2009, 2010, 2011 and now 2012.

On the good (or growth) side, we place new technology, the Fed and a slightly better fiscal outlook.

The U.S. is experiencing a wave of new technologies — the cloud, tablets, smart-phones among the most important. New oil and natural gas drilling techniques are also part of the mix. New technologies are increasing productivity and output despite the Super-Committee, S&P downgrades and European financial problems. The Fed is accommodative and federal spending is declining as a share of GDP. Combined, these developments all will boost growth.

On the bad side, government spending is too high, regulation is burdensome, and the Fed is accommodative.

Government spending may be falling as a share of GDP, but it is still very high. This limits job

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Representatives of the local AMBUCS organization are shown presenting their most recent donation to the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The new Precor Upright Bike will be used to rehab patients with knee problems. AMBUCS is a long-time supporter of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the organization is also well-known for its assistance in helping local students pursue careers in physical therapy. Shown from left to right are Jim Alexander, AMBUCS; Jason Sims, DPT, DRRC director of rehab; Penny Phillips, DRRC executive director; and Dennis Burns, AMBUCS.

Courtesy photo

# Air Evac Lifeteam surpasses 1 million members, Malone says

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

A membership milestone has been reached.

Air Evac Lifeteam — the largest independently owned and operated membership-supported air ambulance service in the United States — has reached 1 million members.

"I received a notice from our headquarters in West Plains, Miss., informing us of the 1 millionth member," said Mary Frances Malone, membership sales manager of the Big Spring Base. "This is a big deal for us."

Being a member, which costs \$50 a year for a single person, will prevent any out-of-pocket expense in the case of an emergency where an air ambulance is needed, according to Malone.

Air Evac Lifeteam has more than 100 bases

throughout 15 states with 22 bases located in Texas. According to Malone, there are more than 1,000 members in the area. The surrounding area includes Howard, Glasscock, Sterling, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell and Midland counties.

"Being a member gives peace of mind, knowing no added expenses will be incurred in case of an emergency," Malone said. "Costs can add up, especially if they need to be transported by air."

Membership can be obtained and activated the same day by calling Malone at 268-9906 or 270-3002.

Coverage for two is \$55 a year and three or more is \$60 a year. More information can also be found online at [airevaclifeteam.com](http://airevaclifeteam.com).

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)

# PBUWCD monitors aquifers via depth to water

Special to the Herald

Starting in early January, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) personnel will be making annual depth-to-water level measurements. The data collected helps the PBUWCD determine the effect of the 2011 pumpage on ground-water levels in the aquifers,

the Ogallala aquifer being the largest aquifer within Howard and Martin counties. Water level measurements are made in a network of 120 wells, most privately owned.

"We will be taking these measurements until the project is complete," said PBUWCD Manager Leatrice Adams. "It is important for producers to know district personnel

will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort. The staff of the PBUWCD appreciates the cooperation of the landowners as we continue to provide this service for the residents of Howard and Martin counties. This year we are pleased to have a new field technician, Dale Moxley, to our team."

Moxley graduated from Angelo State University with a B.B.A. in marketing and also has a master of science degree from Texas A&M University. Moxley resides in Midland with his wife Heather and daughter Clara.

The depth-to-water level measurement is made by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the

well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well is coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water.

The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the

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**County Court Decisions:**  
Probated Judgment: Sonia Marissa Morin, criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Gloria Kathleen Luna, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Holley Denise Jennings, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Sergio Azdar, theft by check - more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court cost, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Roberto Vasquez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 75 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Holley Denise Jennings, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$32 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Amanda Renee McGregor, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Paul Hogan, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Vincent Fernandez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$332 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Daniel Forrest Oyler, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Daniel Marquez, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Paul Hogan, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jordan Allen McLeod, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jose Luis Rivera, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$332 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jose Luis Rivera, criminal trespass, \$332 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Buck Chappell Jr., theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Mark R. Chamberlain, driving while intoxicated (open container) - second offense, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

**District Court Filings:**  
Ricky Lee Davis vs. Terri Adams Davis, divorce.  
Equable Ascent Financial vs. Darren D. Byrd, accounts, notes and contracts.  
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Felicia Cable vs. Robert Ray Cable, protective order.  
Amber Tandi Luster vs. Andrew Hannible Luster, divorce.

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Grantee: Brenda Edwards  
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Grantee: Curtis Thurman and Jennifer Thurman  
Property: Lots 12-15, Blocks 38, Original Town of Forsan  
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creation and holds back real GDP growth from its true potential. Excessive regulation does the same thing. And while an easy Fed boosts growth, it also creates inflation, which will become more of a problem in the years ahead.  
Netting all this out, the scale is still tilted toward growth. New U.S. technologies and

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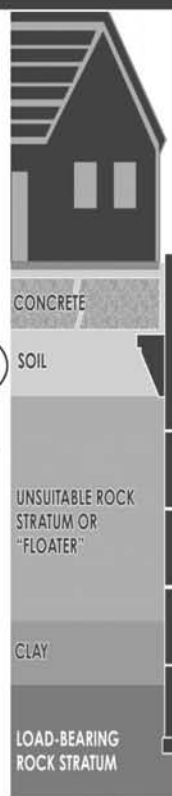
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## Nutty, Insecure Wedding-Goer

**Dear Margo:** This past March I was married in a destination wedding. My husband's parents divorced four years ago, and his dad remarried last year.

Anyways, during our reception this past June, while taking wedding pictures with the family and bridal party, my father-in-law's new wife, "Nancy,"

became incredibly upset and started yelling "this is bulls\*\*t" (mind you, there are little kids around) and throwing a fit because my husband wanted a picture of the two of us, his parents

(not standing next to each other) and his two brothers — basically, his family. She said we were disrespecting her for taking that photo.

We talked with our photographer about all of the photos we wanted taken before the wedding

date, and we also consulted etiquette websites for guidance and found that what we wanted was legit. My father-in-law and Nancy were in other pictures, though neither of them smiled in any of them.

During the reception, Nancy voiced her not-so-nice opinion about me. My husband and I wrote a letter to his father and Nancy explaining how hurt we were with their actions at our wedding.

My f-i-l called and apologized, while Nancy stated that we were the ones who were wrong and sent word that she would not apologize or even talk to us, for that matter.

My f-i-l told us Nancy has been yelling at him constantly since the wedding because "he allowed us to take the picture she didn't want taken."

My husband is sad because his relationship with his dad has been compromised. I can see that Nancy has self-esteem and jealousy issues, but I am shocked at her behavior. I guess I am asking: Did we do something wrong? — *Shocked in Green Bay*



MARGO HOWARD

**Dear Shocked:** What can I say? The woman has no manners, no sense and a whopping case of insecurity. If she weren't in any pictures, she might have something to complain about, but this was not the case. Consider it a gift from the gods that Nancy will not talk to you. And I have a hunch that your husband and his father will be just fine ... when Nancy is not around. Also, if her behavior continues like this, Nancy may not be around. — *Margo, forwardly*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at www.creators.com/dearmargo. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*  
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### Help Wanted

**SECURITY OFFICERS** Needed for Hospital Federal Inmate Protection detail. All positions are Part-time and PRN.

**Physical Requirements:** Must be in general good health and vision must be correctable to 20/30 (SNELLEN) in one eye. The ability to distinguish basic colors is required. Emotional and mental stability is required.

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### Help Wanted

**TEACHERS NEEDED** at Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc. — Head Start in Big Spring, Monahans, and Odessa. Duties include providing the Head Start child with experiences that are age appropriate by directing classroom activities in a healthy, clean, and safe environment which promotes the development of self-esteem and independence. Requires an associate degree in Early Childhood Education or closely related field; a bachelor's degree is preferred. Applications can be downloaded at: [www.gopb.org](http://www.gopb.org) or apply at GOPB's HR Department, 206 W. 5th St, Odessa TX 79760. GOPB is an equal opportunity employer.

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267-5444  
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|               | 6 Early bird's antithesis | 7 Deck alternative | 8 Drive holders         | 9 Affected to a greater degree | 10 Put away              | 11 Brenda in <i>The Closer</i> | 12 Out on a limb, perhaps | 13 Operator of the MilleMiglia program | 14 Subject to a 29 Down                      | 21 Despair  | 24 Put out  | 26 2008 <i>Survivor</i> locale | 29 Certain assessment | 31 Boxcars            | 33 Have no choice | 34 Hot spot       | 35 Go out for a bit       | 36 eBay identifier | 39 Do some scoring          | 40 <i>Esposas</i>                                     | 41 Coveted ballet title role | 45 New York home for Twain | 46 Tough to drive through | 47 They may be perfect      | 49 Lewis of kids' TV | 50 Boxes for sitting | 53 Inform, with "in"      | 55 Spiritual, for example | 58 Young ferret | 60 ___ house |

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting General Contractor, supplier and subcontractor participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 6, Above Slab Construction for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is February 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869 For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email [mgrace@garney.com](mailto:mgrace@garney.com) Garney Companies, Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer.

#7214 December 21, 22, 23, 25, 27 & 28, 2011 and January 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10, 2012

## Legals

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Tenant: Emilia Stolp  
Consisting of: misc. H.H.G.  
Tenant: David Yanez  
Consisting of: misc. H.H. Goods  
Tenant: Bobby Coleman  
Consisting of: tools, sm. gun safe, H.H.G.  
#7222 January 1 and 8, 2012

## Legals

## INVITATION TO BID

The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting General Contractor, Subcontractor and supplier participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 7 Big Spring Pump Station for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is January 26th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869. For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email [mgrace@garney.com](mailto:mgrace@garney.com) Garney Companies, Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer.

#7223 January 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 & 23, 2012

## Legals

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive proposals for the following services through the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) until February 4, 2012:

Internet Services  
Local Telephone Service  
Long Distance-  
Telephone Services  
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WAN Service

Specifications and documents may be secured from the school district's Technology Coordinator, Corey Wood, located at 3600 East 11th Place Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720, phone number (432)264-4155. The goods and services requested must qualify for E-Rate funding under the guidelines of the School and Libraries Division (SLD). Vendors submitting responses for the goods and services that qualify for E-Rate funding must be in full compliance with SLD requirements and follow all the policies and procedures set forth by the SLD for a service provider. The eligibility and purchases requested above are contingent upon funding from the E-rate program. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

#7226 January 8 & 15, 2011

## Legals

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SHIRLEY FARRACE, Deceased, were issued on January 3, 2012, in Cause No. P-14037, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: LANNY PIERCE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: LANNY PIERCE  
3438 Windmill Drive  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
DATED the 3rd day of January, 2012.  
Joshua Hamby  
Attorney for  
LANNY PIERCE  
State Bar No.: 24034471  
107 W 4th St.  
PO Box 2199  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-8395  
Facsimile: (432)263-4798  
#7227 January 8, 2012

The moon in her home territory of Cancer is a round honeydew melon in the sky, swollen with sweet emotion — and also with emotions that are not so sweet.

Mercury enters Capricorn and promptly picks a fight with Uranus in the warrior realm of Aries. The prudent traveler will avoid crossing into territory that belongs to someone else.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You need to figure out how you can delegate



HOLIDAY  
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## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

All of Lt 6, Bk 34, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,162.08, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against THOAI VAN QUACH AND QUYEN LE QUACH and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 29, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOAI VAN QUACH AND QUYEN LE QUACH, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5855 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of February, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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

Brandie Boswell  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7228 January 8 & 15, 2012

more of your workload. By trying to do everything, you are stopping yourself from moving toward a goal you greatly desire.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). One small action in the morning will significantly change the trajectory of your day. The ambitious endeavor you wish to take on will be accomplished in small, daily practices.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You will make things work, and then later, when asked how you did it, you won't have a good answer. That's because you don't have to know consciously how to solve a problem in order to do so.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It will be lucky for you to be around people who have many interests and a generally enthusiastic tone. You'll have something fresh to add to the social mix, and when you add it, vitality will sweep over you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Beware of the armchair critics. Their theories may sound reasonable from the comfort of climate-controlled living rooms, but everything is different in the reality of application and action.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A long stretch of seriousness this afternoon makes you realize how much you really need humor in your life. Laughing and creating cause for the

laughter of others are two of your greatest pleasures.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will feel absolutely driven to start and finish a certain project all in one day. It's as though you are overtaken by the desire to do so. Ask yourself what deeper motive you might be trying to accomplish.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be asked to perform a specific function over and over. Sound nutrition and good hydration will help you complete more repetitions than you would otherwise be able to do.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What you do to make the environment more pleasant for yourself will improve things for others. So don't hesitate to speak up. Someone else will be immediately glad that you did.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It will be easy for you to see your relationships as agreements with a ledger balance to keep track of the give and take. Maybe it's not the most romantic view, but it's the reason you're such a stellar partner.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be acutely aware of the difference between what you do for fun and what you do for money. Taking part in an activity that falls into both categories will bring you good fortune.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to know what everyone wants to know but few have the guts to say: "What's in it for me?" Being realistic about this will help you feel open enough to give of yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 8). Your finger is on the pulse this year. Attuned to the prevailing style, buzzwords and financial trends, you'll turn your savvy into profit. When you show a little imagination in February, you get the opportunity to experiment on someone else's dime. Romance fills your spring. Practical arrangements are settled in June. Gemini and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 39 and 14.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** In Gary Chapman's bestselling book "The 5 Love Languages," the veteran relationship counselor suggests that each person has a "primary way of expressing love and interpreting love," and that people are often drawn to those who express and interpret love in a "love language" different from their own. Some feel love in compliments, others like gifts, and still others need the warmth of physical touch. You may discover the particulars of your own "love language" this week, as the full Cancer moon brings an

outpouring of emotion. Much will depend on how feelings are expressed and interpreted. It may be necessary to see an action through many different lenses to correctly interpret the feeling behind the gesture.

This week Venus is leaving the philanthropic, intellectual and public-minded station of Aquarius for the more personal, spiritual and intuitive realms of Pisces. The nature of love will come into question often in the weeks to come, especially because so much of what goes on between people defies quantification. It may help to note that just because a bond is invisible doesn't mean it isn't strong, or that it can't be felt.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Thirty-four years after his passing, legions of fans still celebrate the birthday and legacy of Elvis Presley. Astrologer Vrajavala has suggested that Elvis may have reincarnated as the Japanese jazz musician Hiromi Uehara. This astrologer doesn't think so, but with his moon in spiritual Pisces, many feel soulfully and karmically connected to the king of rock 'n' roll.

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## Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** You recently printed a letter from "Worried Driver in Lafayette, Ind.," who asked for a universal sign to tell drivers to hang up their cellphones.

As a psychology instructor, this subject often comes up in class when discussing signs as communication. The most used response is to flash the "call me" sign and then invert it, or rotate the thumb down, which looks like hanging up.

However, as my students always note, the recipients tend to retaliate with the Royal Bird salute because they are in their "eminent domain" — their sovereign vehicle — within which they feel they have complete authority and will resist, often emotionally, any intrusion. — *Louisville, Ky.*

**Dear Louisville:** Hundreds of readers replied with suggestions, and yours was the most popular. Our thanks to everyone who contributed. Read on for more:

**From Miamisburg, Ohio:** To indicate someone's cellphone use is affecting their driving, how about making the sign for "call me" and then moving the hand to make a slashing gesture under the chin? In other words, cut the call.

**Quebec:** I made a sign with a picture of a cellphone and a line

through it and put it in my car windows. It says, "Please don't text or talk while driving."

We travel from Canada to Florida, and I use this for the whole trip.

**Massachusetts:** My 15-year-old daughter said she witnessed someone texting and driving. I was horrified when she told me she gave them the finger. She laughed and said, "Mom, 'the finger,' as in wiggling it back and forth and saying 'tsk, tsk.'" Our 12-year-old loved this idea and used it when he saw a driver talking on his phone. Amazingly, the driver looked at him, nodded in agreement and put the phone in his shirt pocket.

**Texas:** My suggestion is to just forget it. Using your phone while driving is simply rude. If you were to actually catch their attention and ask them to hang up, the response definitely would be a hand signal — and you know which one.

**Florida:** I hold up a hand with my thumb below the other fingers (like a duck's mouth) and snap them together — signaling "stop yakking."

**Boston:** My advice would be for her to pay attention to her own driving instead of rubbernecking to see what other drivers are doing.

**Kansas:** How about a "thumbs down"? It is almost universally accepted as a gesture of disdain and disapproval.

**Nebraska:** Try this: Make the "call me" gesture, and then shake your index finger at them three times, which means "naughty, naughty, naughty."

**Chicago:** Use the recognized gesture for "call me" while shaking your head "no."

**Lafayette, Ind.:** I suggest the old thumb and forefinger slid across

Visual Awareness  
Support Group

## Organizational Meeting

5:30 p.m. Jan 19

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An organizational meeting for Visual Awareness Support Group will be held at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 19, 2012 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St.

VASG is a support group forming to provide help to individuals that have poor or deteriorating vision. The meeting is open to everyone but will focus on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and care givers.

It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss.

For more information, call 263-2501 or email [eyeassoco@ccrom.net](mailto:eyeassoco@ccrom.net).

the lips, as in "zip it."

**Saskatoon:** Why is she fretting about being nice? Since when does diplomacy count when our lives may be in danger? I do as my mother would have done. I shake my index finger at them. Not surprisingly, many offenders take their remaining free hand off the steering wheel and raise their middle finger at me. Perhaps the answer is to drive a huge truck and simply push these drivers off the road.

**Huntley, Ill.:** If a cellphone user is behind me on a four-lane road, I slow down to allow them to pass. The slowing is a message of my concern, and it also removes the likelihood of a rear-end collision. Once, when I was traveling on I-55, I slowed and the guy passed to the far left, but he was so intent on his

phone that he missed the "lane closed" signs and didn't notice the barrels blocking the road 500 yards ahead. He just plowed right into them, causing great damage to his fancy Mercedes.

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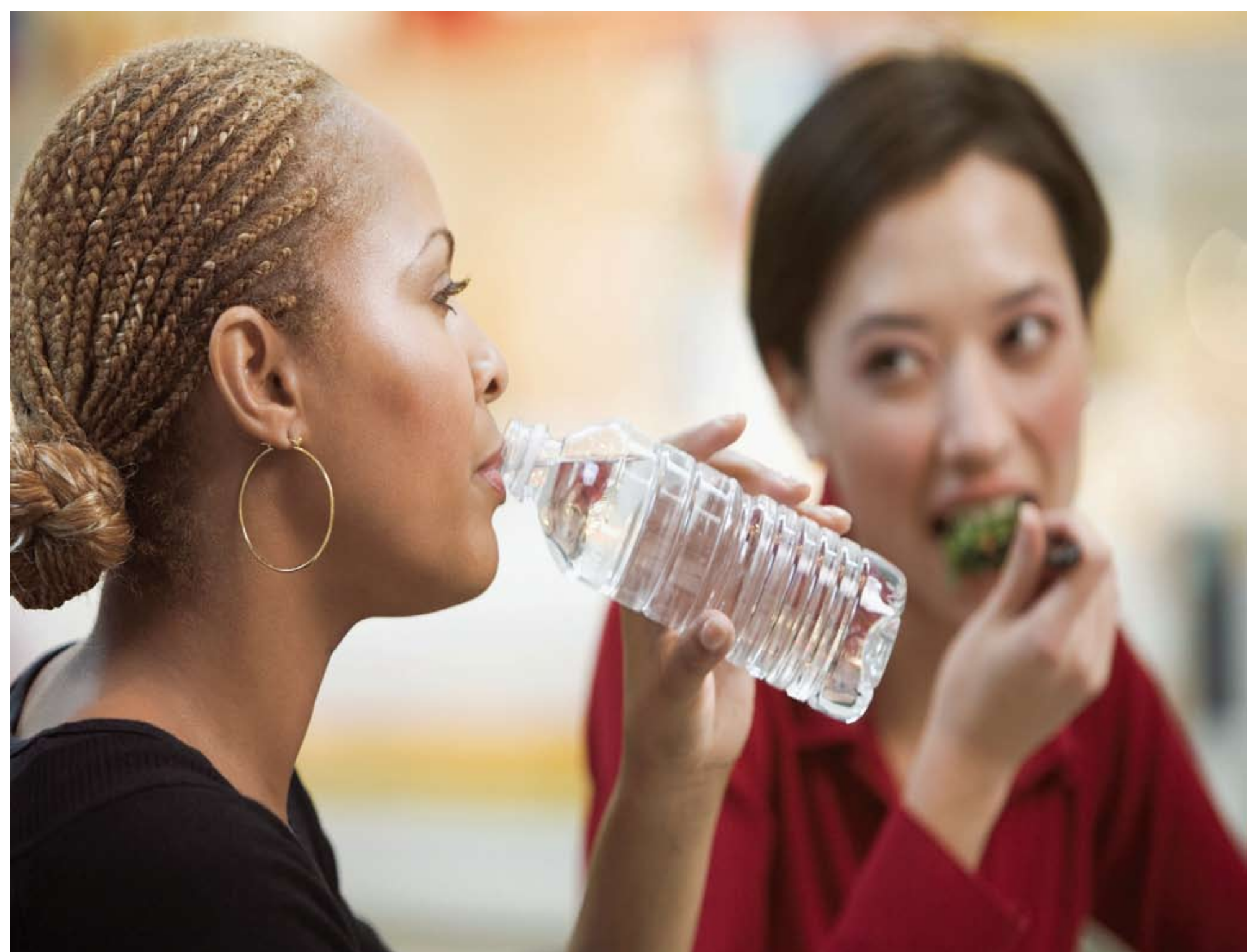


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# Drink to Your Health

FAMILY FEATURES

Getting fit and losing weight are two of the most common goals people set for themselves each year. Between gym memberships, the latest diet trends and miracle-promising supplements, billions of dollars get spent each year on achieving fitness goals. But what if one of the simplest things you could do for yourself wasn't found in a costly diet book or in an expensive pill?

## Healthy Hydration and H2O

Believe it or not, being properly hydrated is one of the best things you can do for your body. That means being in balance — the water your body loses from perspiration, breathing and other body processes is replaced by the water you consume.

Based on clinical trials on adults, published in the journal *Nutrition Reviews* in 2005, scientists have identified that dehydration has an impact on physical and mental performance. Even mild dehydration — a loss of 1 to 2 percent of body weight — can impact your mental and physical performance. In addition to being thirsty, mild dehydration can cause headaches, decrease your alertness, concentration and memory, and reduce your endurance.

So making sure you stay healthfully hydrated is an important part of taking good care of your body. And water is the key.

## Easy Ways to Stay Hydrated

Good hydration is at the heart of a healthy lifestyle. Here are some tips for getting water into your daily routine:

1. Choose water instead of caloric, sweetened beverages, especially during mealtime.
2. For an easy and inexpensive thirst-quencher, carry bottled water throughout the day.
3. Give your water variety by adding slices of lemon, lime, cucumber or watermelon.
4. Choose flavored sparkling water as another zero-calorie option.
5. Drink a cup of water before and after workouts, and more if it's hot or your workout is long and strenuous. Sip water throughout the workout for steady rehydration.

## Drink in the Facts

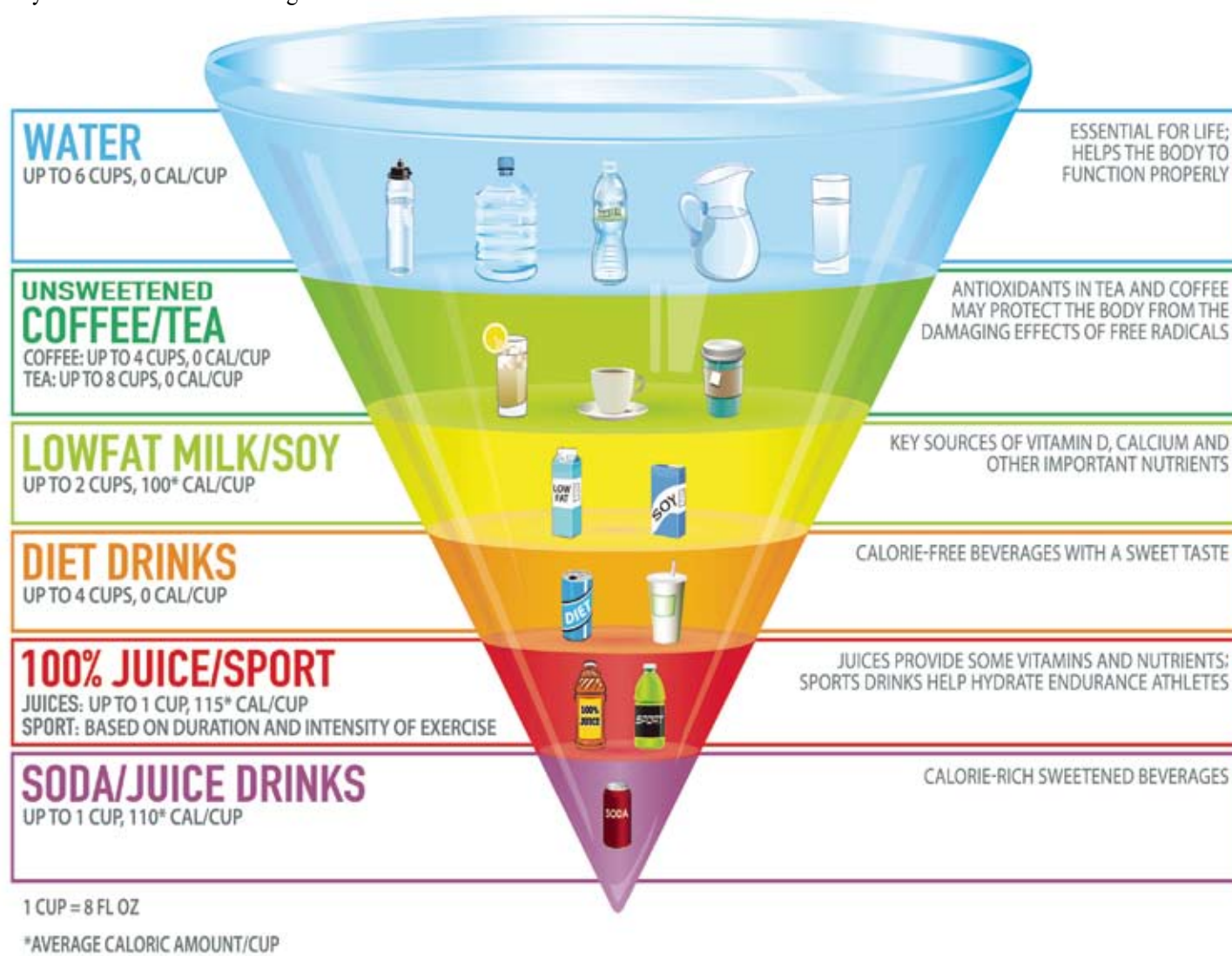
- 38 out of 50 states have obesity rates higher than 25 percent. According to "F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2011," a report funded by Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, twenty years ago no state had an obesity rate above 15 percent.
- The average person gets more than 20 percent of their total caloric intake each day from beverages. Research suggests this number should be closer to 10 percent. To achieve that goal, pay attention to the calories per serving in all your beverages.
- We drink about 450 calories a day. In 1965 we consumed only 225 calories from beverages.
- A 2010 study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that soda, energy and sports drinks — including sweetened water products — are the number 4 source of calories for Americans, providing an average of 114 calories/day.
- Unlike soft drinks and sweetened juices, water has no calories. In fact, making a simple switch such as replacing one 140-calorie sugared beverage a day with water can reduce 50,000 calories from your diet each year, as reported in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

Choosing water is one small healthy choice that can make a powerful difference.

To learn more about healthy hydration, visit [www.nestle-waters.com](http://www.nestle-waters.com).

## The Beverage Pyramid

The beverage pyramid shows how many calories "hide" in beverages and provides a guide to how many calories per day should come from beverages.



## Water-Containing Foods

Did you know you can also keep hydrated by eating certain foods?

Food	% Water
Lettuce (1 1/2 cups)	95
Watermelon (1 1/2 cups)	92
Broccoli (1 1/2 cups)	91
Grapefruit (1 1/2 cups)	91
Milk (1 cup)	89
Orange juice (3/4 cup)	88
Carrot (1 1/2 cups)	87
Yogurt (1 cup)	85
Apple (one medium)	84

Information from the American Dietetic Association

## Sip Smart

Occasion	Instead of ...	Calories	Try ...	Calories
Morning coffee shop run	Medium café latte (16 ounces) made with whole milk	265	Small café latte (12 ounces) made with fat-free milk	125
Lunchtime combo meal	20-ounce bottle of non-diet soda with your lunch	227	Bottle of water or diet soda	0
Afternoon break	Sweetened lemon iced tea from the vending machine (16 ounces)	180	Sparkling water with natural lemon flavor (not sweetened)	0
Dinnertime	A glass of non-diet ginger ale with your meal (12 ounces)	124	Water with a slice of lemon or lime, or seltzer water with a splash of 100% fruit juice	0 calories for the water with fruit slice, or about 30 calories for seltzer water with 2 ounces of 100% orange juice.
<b>Total beverage calories</b>		<b>796</b>		<b>125-155</b>

USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference



# Piece of history flowed through Big Spring

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Big Spring has a rich history of its own, but every now and then a little more history flows through.

Glenn King, a Hunstville, Ala. resident, stopped in to visit his daughter, Sharon Sanderson, and his grandchildren and during that time shared a piece of his history.

King, a retired moon rocket engineer, spent seven years working under Dr. Wernher von Braun. Dr. von Braun was a German-born American rocket scientist. Who became known as one of the leading figures in rocket technology.

"I remember I was in my senior year of college and I got a call asking if I wanted to be involved in the moon project," King said.

Of course, the answer was easy. With less than a year of college to go he accepted the offer and went to work on the moon project. King went to work for Boeing, the builders of the stage bottom used in the moon project rocket launch, according to King.

"I never worked on the space capsule which held the astronauts, but I did, however, get to sit in the lunar rover before they sent it up into space," King said.

King recalled how Dr. von Braun would gather

them in their meetings and have all the work on chalkboards.



King

"At the end he always said, 'It's real simple,'" King said. "I nudged my buddy and told him, it's not simple for me." One memorable moment, the most memorable — not necessarily the best — according to King was the moment when all three astronauts from Apollo 13 returned safely.

"I remember we brought in all our drawings and we sat there at the table trying to figure it out," King said. "We were told nobody's going home until we bring those guys home and we stayed there all night."

One thing is certain; The experience King was offered was a life-changing one.

"It gave me a new perspective in life, working for Dr. von Braun," King said. "I realized there were a lot more people more intelligent than me out

there."

While working on the moon project, a colleague informed him 87 percent of the most intelligent scientist were alive at that time.

"You study all about the great scientists throughout history," King said. "They are only a small percentage to the German-American scientist that were alive at that time. It's no wonder we were able to put a man on the moon."

After his time working on the moon project, King spent a few years designing and working in St. Louis on the F-15 fighter plane.

"I always told myself when I retired I would retire in Hunstville, Ala.," King said. "The people there are a lot like the people in Texas, very friendly."

After experiencing a few projects in life that most people only read about, King now enjoys his time as a retiree. One of his greatest joys is catching up with his grandchildren and children.

"I told my daughter coming here was like making a trip to heaven to see all your loved ones," King said.

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## MOLLY

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ber presents a hassle. At that point you could have accurately read his response and related it to his character. Just because he has money and asked to take the train no way makes him rude. What would be rude is if you asked to be picked up and he refused or gave you attitude.

This is simply about expectations, and we have to be careful about projecting them. Because you weren't treated in a certain way you decided he was rude. It's necessary to communicate your thoughts upfront and then go from there.

Relationships can't be based on hidden expectations or as someone once told me "scripts" in our head. If someone doesn't follow the scripts we have planned out then something is wrong with them.

As for him talking about himself, I don't see that as a problem either. I've known men who treat dates like an interview asking every question known to man, only to decide that his date may not be perfect enough.

We all have lives, current and past, and when someone shares a part of that history I see it as a compliment. Some people feel that asking personal questions, especially on the first date is too intrusive.

He may have been trying to fill the conversation by sharing with you what he felt you would want to know about him, while not wanting to be too pushy. I think its way too soon to know what he is about, so if you like him I'd keep seeing him and discover if you are right.

So in answer to your question, yes I think you are being critical. Internet dating is very tricky. Communication is key to its success. If you want to talk on the phone, let the guys know you would prefer a call to a text or IM.

This is a reasonable and simple request, and then they know your standards. Remember too that people have their own timing. Because he doesn't call you as often as you would like is that little script in your head again. Try to be a little open-minded about expectations, and realize that people don't know what you want until they're told.

~Molly

Readers, is she too critical? Should she have asked him to pick her up? Is the fact that he asked her to meet at the train an indicator that he's selfish?

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