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## Richard Hight to speak here

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**Herald Staff Report**

Internationally known inspirational speaker and artist Richard Hight will be at Hall Center for the Arts in a 7 p.m. performance Monday as part of Howard College Foundation's Speaker Series.



Hight

The event is free to the public but a ticket is required for admission due to limited seating. Tickets can be obtained by calling Howard College at 264-5063 or by visiting the reception desk at the Old Main building on campus.

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As he draws artwork choreographed to selected pieces

of music, Hight creatively communicates a message of positive attitude, leadership, inspiration and motivation.

His work has graced museums, corporate and private collections and he has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX networks.

"We are excited about our presentation this semester," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks. "Mr. Hight will bring a new component of artistry to the series that we haven't seen before and I am certain the audience will be entertained as well as informed."

Each semester the Howard College Foundation provides the free event to the public to bring new cultural opportunities to the area and support the creation of a college-going culture.



HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno and Tony Claxton  
**West Texas Centers held its eighth annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals basketball tournament Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At lower right, Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan was one of the dignitaries on hand to welcome players and fans.**



## Restrictions on water use in effect Sunday

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

With reductions in deliveries recently announced by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, officials with the city of Big Spring hope new restrictions — which go into effect Sunday — will help the municipality cut its water usage by approximately 28 percent.

According to City Manager Gary Fuqua, municipal water customers will be going to a two-hour-a-week schedule for outdoor watering, similar to those adopted by neighboring cities also struggling with the effects of the drought.

The new restrictions allow residential customers whose address ends in an odd number to water their lawns for a two-hour period Tuesdays between the hours of 6 p.m.

and 10 p.m. Residential customers whose address ends in an even number will be allowed to water for a two-hour period Thursdays between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Commercial establishments will be allowed to water in accordance with the Drought Contingency Plan for a two-hour period Wednesdays between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Fuqua said he and other city administrators realize the new schedule will make it tougher for law enforcement and code enforcement officials to regulate, but he's hopeful citizens will make it a matter of honor.

"We realized very quickly that by trying to give citizens a little flexibility in when they water, we were making

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## Clock ticking on tax-aid program at Senior Center

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents looking for assistance in filing their income tax returns. The annual AARP Tax Aid program will wrap up with sessions Monday and April 9.

Volunteers with the program — which assists hundreds of Crossroads area residents with filing their income tax returns with the federal government — will be at the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center from 8 a.m. until noon both days, according to program coordinator Ray Alexander.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who



Alexander

don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Alexander said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Alexander said the process is easy, files just need to be sure to bring a few vital pieces of information with them.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including W-2 forms and 1099 forms," Alexander said.

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Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM

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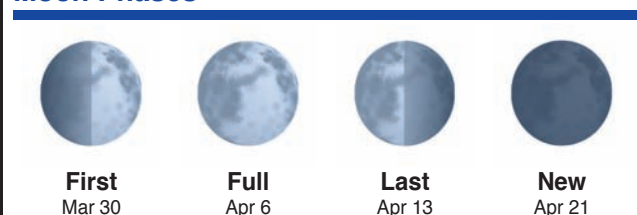
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	56	t-storm	Kingsville	90	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	70	40	windy	Livingston	83	65	t-storm
Austin	81	60	t-storm	Longview	83	64	t-storm
Beaumont	81	70	t-storm	Lubbock	70	44	windy
Brownsville	86	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	67	t-storm
Brownwood	83	59	t-storm	Midland	77	49	windy
Corpus Christi	84	72	t-storm	Raymondville	91	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	80	61	t-storm	Rosenberg	81	68	t-storm
Dallas	82	62	t-storm	San Antonio	84	62	t-storm
Del Rio	92	60	t-storm	San Marcos	82	61	t-storm
El Paso	71	44	windy	Sulphur Springs	83	62	t-storm
Fort Stockton	79	49	windy	Sweetwater	78	53	t-storm
Gainesville	80	59	t-storm	Tyler	83	63	t-storm
Greenville	80	60	t-storm	Weatherford	81	58	t-storm
Houston	81	70	t-storm	Wichita Falls	83	54	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	60	sunny	Minneapolis	65	45	t-storm
Boston	49	34	mixed	New York	56	40	sunny
Chicago	78	61	t-storm	Phoenix	76	52	sunny
Dallas	82	62	t-storm	San Francisco	62	49	cloudy
Denver	47	33	mixed	Seattle	54	46	rain
Houston	81	70	t-storm	St. Louis	91	67	sunny
Los Angeles	75	53	sunny	Washington, DC	65	44	sunny
Miami	87	68	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Mon 4/2	Tue 4/3	Wed 4/4	Thu 4/5	Fri 4/6
9	9	9	9	9
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Obituaries

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez, 34, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born July 8, 1977, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Rodney Martinez on June 8, 1994, in Big Spring. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Rodney Martinez; her parents, Sisto and Isabel Herrera; three sons, Rodney Martinez, Rocky Martinez and Randy Martinez; two brothers, Adam Herrera and wife Sylvia and Sisto Herrera Jr. and wife Linda Ann; her grandmother, Sophia Ortega; a niece; and two nephews; all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Marcelino and Juanita Herrera and Frank Alcantar.

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

Robert 'Bob' Adair

Robert "Bob" Adair, 54, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 29, 2012, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Andrews.

Bob was born Jan. 24, 1958, in Andrews. Survivors include two brothers, Paul "Sonny" Adair and wife Lynn of Big Spring and Terry Adair of Andrews; one sister, Laurie Kennedy and husband Randall of Williams, Ariz.; grandmother, Verniece Ballew of Tucumcari, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Paul W. Sr. and Laurel (Ballew) Adair, and two nephews.

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

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Police blotter

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

- BRANDON THOMAS LANDO, 25, of 3200 Ave. C, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault by contact.
- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 41, of 2508 Dow, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while license invalid, fail to appear (two counts), expired registration, warrant from other agency, failure to identify/fugitive give false information and driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- SONIA GONZALES, 17, of 3405 Airport, was arrested Friday on a charge of harboring runaway-child.
- ANA VERONICA JURADO, 33, of 3405 Airport, was arrested Friday on a charge of harboring runaway-child.
- DEANNA CELIS FORD, 31, of 2604 Ent, was arrested Friday on warrants for no drivers license when unlicensed, failed to maintain financial responsibility, no inspection certificate, fail to appear.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAVIER GAITAN, 37, unknown address, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK ANTHONY HICKMAN JR., 25, was arrested Friday on a warrant for possession/consume alcoholic beverage in city park and fail to appear.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 42, of 5704 E. Midway Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- THEFT was reported: In the 300 block of S. Main Street. In the 800 block of Kent Avenue. In the 2200 block of N. Hwy 350.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Ent Drive.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2400 block of Main Street.

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

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Rep. Drew Darby was one of several individuals who greeted those attending Friday's Hoops, Dreams and Goals basketball tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## ► Odds and ends

### Potato kicks off 32-state tour

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Call it Tuber Tour 2012.

The Idaho Potato Commission is commemorating its 75th anniversary and hoping to dispel some bad press for potatoes by taking a lifelike, six-ton spud on a seven-month, 32-state tour.

The Big Idaho Potato departs the state Capitol Friday morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Gov. Butch Otter. The building-sized potato that was first seen at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl will be making stops that include Chicago, New York, Washington, Denver and Los Angeles.

The public can trace the route on <http://www.bigidahopotato.com>

### Don't cry over spilled milk

YORK SPRINGS, Pa. (AP) — Officials in central Pennsylvania aren't crying over a few thousand gallons of spilled milk. They're sprinkling some lime on it.

Hanover's The Evening Sun newspaper reports crews sprinkled lime to prevent the milk from curdling, which could cause a horrendous smell and attract flies.

A truck that overturned Thursday near York Springs spilled about 3,000 gallons of milk into a creek. State environmental officials cleaned up about 90 percent of it with vacuum trucks.

Concerns then turned to milk that had seeped into the soil.

A spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection says putting lime in the soil chews up the milk's

fat, neutralizing the odor.

### Batman escapes ticket in Md.

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Police in Maryland pulled over a motorist dressed as Batman, but the caped crusader escaped without a ticket.

Authorities pulled over the driver of a black Lamborghini with Batman logo tags last week in Silver Spring outside Washington. The driver was dressed as the Dark Knight — cape, mask and all. Police, however, weren't impressed and wanted to talk to him about his superhero logo license plate, which isn't an approved plate in the state.

The driver, who goes by Lenny B. Robinson when not dressed as a superhero to visit sick children at hospitals, was able to show them a proper license plate for the car.

### Pipe, cooler, tank douse blaze

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP) — In what a top department official called a first, Pittsfield firefighters arrived on the scene of a blaze this week to find it had already been extinguished by a water cooler, a fish tank, and a broken water pipe.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Cancilla tells The Berkshire Eagle that the Wednesday evening blaze started in a malfunctioning water cooler that melted, releasing water. The heat also caused a fish tank to leak.

The flames burned through the wall causing the joint on the water pipe to break, releasing more water.

He says the house sustained heavy smoke damage.

## WATER

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it harder to identify those people who are cheating," Fuqua said. "To a certain degree, we're relying on our citizens to be honest and only use their two hours during that time. Make no mistake, however, law and code enforcement will still be watching, and neighbors will still be calling, so this definitely is not a free pass to water for the entire four-hour block of time."

Additional restrictions include:

- Vehicles can only be washed at commercial — including mobile — car wash establishments.
- Wading pools, fish ponds and fountains can be filled during the allotted watering schedule only.
- Swimming pools, jacuzzis, hot tubs and other recreational water-using items can only be filled between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- No outside watering is allowed except on the days and times

designated, with the exception of potted plants and flower beds, which can be watered on any day between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. using a watering can of 5 gallons or less. Use of a water hose during these hours is strictly prohibited.

• Washing of houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. is strictly prohibited.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said he hopes municipal water customers will do everything they can to conserve water during these dry times, how-

ever, he's aware there will likely be people less-than-willing to do what's best for the community.

"In a situation like this, you'd like to think everyone would pull together as a community and work to get through this. Unfortunately, not everyone is going to see things that way," Darden said. "We certainly don't want to hand out citations and we'll do everything we can to avoid that. However, if you're caught wasting water or not following the city ordi-

nance, you run the risk of getting a ticket.

"We have a hotline set up so people can call in and report violations," Darden said. "All they have to do is call 264-2548. If someone sees a violation, they can call that number and we'll take care of it."

For more information

on the city's Drought Contingency Plan or questions regarding the ongoing restrictions, contact City Hall at 264-2401.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## TAXES

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"They also need to bring any forms that show their 2011 earnings and their 2010 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

According to Alexander, many Crossroads residents miss out on money they are due from the federal government because they think they

can't afford help with tax form preparations.

"There's an unbelievable amount of money that simply goes unclaimed each year because people either don't have the money to pay for traditional tax preparations or they don't have someone to advise them," Alexander said. "The Tax Aid program doesn't cost the filers anything and a lot of people are actually shocked how much money they can get back."

The Big Spring Senior Citizen Center is located

at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Taxpayers have until Tuesday, April 17 to file their 2011 tax returns and pay any tax due, but the final Tax Aid session is April 9.

For more information, contact Alexander at 263-4992.

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# 'Unsaintly, unbountiful' in Naw'lins

Feel free to plant your tongue in "cheekish" concrete, remembering this account comes straight from the lips of my Uncle Mort down in the thicket. My 99-year-old kin heard it from the general store owner who was happy to pass it along from the bread delivery man who heard it on the CB radio. (The "originator" is a man who claims his cousin, an usher at the New Orleans Superbowl, got his "facts" from in-the-know football followers.)



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Tears of saddened fans flow in rivulets down Bourbon Street, and there's a general shortage of paper towels in all brands—save one. They'd sooner go through a trainload of Kleenex than dry up the tears with Bounty. In fact, there's rumored to be bounties on the heads of folks caught using Bounty towels. They're sick to death of hearing "bounty." In fact, movie goers are boycotting rentals of The Bounty Hunter, Mutiny on the Bounty and Trip to Bountiful. Fans using Bounty towels, or voicing the "B" word, risk being "pink-slimered," feathered and ridden out of town on a rail — or perhaps a pirogue. The liquid is sloshed from a "blivet" — 10 gallons of slime in a five-gallon bucket.

Some say Roger Goodell issued a heavy-handed penalty, calling him "Commissioner BAD-ell." Randy Galloway of the Fort

Worth Star-Telegram says the fans are in a "commissioner-induced coma."

With the windup of the collegiate basketball season, tongue-wagging about teams leaving the Big 12 Conference is slowing. Still, there is strong sentiment about defection of Texas A&M University to the Southeastern Conference. Aggie former students and alumni of the University of Texas are — in many cases — crying a duet about one of the nation's oldest football rivalries going by the boards. (Add to these many thousands the names of others who pull for neither school, but would pass up Grandma's Thanksgiving turkey to see the game resumed.)

The Longhorn faithful yell that the Aggies are leaving the Promised Land.

Aggies respond that they've escaped from the land of broken promises. I dunno; I just know that a classic match-up is no more.

The boys of summer are "champing/chomping at the bit" (choose one) to usher in the 2012 major league baseball season.

At the Texas Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, fans will grit their teeth when they fork over cash for the new champion hot dog!

It is two feet long — almost bat length. They say the sumptuous fare nestles in an exotic bun and will feed five. The tab is \$26. (My late friend Hardy Reed, himself an acclaimed chef, felt that "a hot dog is barely enough reason for jaws to be moving.")

I can envision a 'dog being ordered from mid-row, and the vendor asking "threesomes" to pass it down. What's next—a three-figure menu item?

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### High prices

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Suez Shrine Club has been helping children and families since the 1950s. That tradition may soon stop due to something as simple as an electric bill. For years, the club's electric bill has been approximately \$40 a month but over a three-month period has grown to approximately \$400 a month.

TX cannot or will not give an explanation for the increase. The club's electrical usage has not increased but the overall bill has skyrocketed. The club meets once a month for approximately three hours. At a cost of a little over \$100 an hour, the club cannot afford to meet. Several members have contacted TXU, only to be greeted by hold times over 30 minutes and more than one occasion they have been disconnected and had to start the process all over.

The club cannot afford electrical bills of this magnitude and may be forced to close its doors. Big Spring would lose another civic organization that works for the community and Howard County.

The club brings the Shrine Circus to town and donates money and/or food to worthy causes like Isaiah 58, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the Boy Scouts. During the Christmas season the club members host a party for local underprivi-

leged children. The club provides Christmas gifts for the children and food for the families in attendance. Most importantly, the club is the community's portal to the Shriners' Network of Hospitals. These hospitals have not only given life back to children but have given hope to the families that otherwise would have no other place to turn. Clubs like the Big Spring Suez Shrine Club have made it possible for these families to get care at the hospitals with absolutely no cost to the families. How tragic will it be if this club has to close its doors because big corporations like TXU and Oncor do not care enough about their customers or communities to try and find a solution to an obvious problem?

BO CLAWSON  
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### Congratulations

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to LaRinda Hair of Big Spring for being the winner of the Forsan Jr/Sr After Prom John Deere Gator giveaway.

We held the giveaway March 24 at the Forsan baseball field. Special thanks to Greg Sherman of KBYG Radio for actually drawing our winning ticket. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Burton were also on hand to help out.

We would also like to thank Big Spring Printing for the tickets and Porter Henderson Implementation Company for help in securing the Gator and taking care of the shipping.

We sure appreciate everyone who bought, sold and made donations to our efforts to provide a great After Prom for our students.

Thank you again for your support.

Kelli Ballard, After Prom Treasurer and the After Prom Committee

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we never slam the door behind us  
on our way out, Lord, but always leave with  
Your love in our heart.

Amen



## Take Note

• The Breathing Believers team has joined with Pizza Inn to help raise money to benefit the fight against cystic fibrosis. April 9 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. residents are encouraged to stop by and dine in at Pizza Inn. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's sales plus all tips to the cystic fibrosis.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. This Friday, Mike Potter and Kevin Rainwater will be providing entertainment. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Blankenship Field track is currently closed to the general public. The band practice field (located to the west of the track) is available for walking. There will be a timer that will turn on the lights for early morning walkers and the lights will come back on late in the evening for those who want to walk at night.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

## GRADY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUND



Courtesy photo

Grady High School One Act Play cast members are, left to right, front row, Cayley Oppegard, Charley Ann Wells, Charmynee Arnold, Sarah Matthews, Ariel Arnold, Lupita Jimenez and Aaron Warren; and back row, Jacob Beaty, Ty Beaty, Morgan McDonald, Sam Warren, Carey Warren, Jack Kennady, Savannah Sawyer and not pictured Andrew Cornett.

## Grady students fare well in Zone OAP competition

Grady High School One Act Play cast and crew have advanced to District competition, scheduled Tuesday at Sands High School in Ackerly. Among the GHS participants earning Zone

awards were Sam Warren, Best Actor; Carey Warren, All-Star Cast; Ty Beaty, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; and Cayley Oppegard, Best Crew Member.

## Texas Briefs

### Country star George Jones remains hospitalized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A publicist for country star George Jones is knocking down a rumor that he is suffering from pneumonia.

Kirt Webster said Friday night that Jones remains hospitalized in Nashville with an upper respiratory infection. He is receiving antibiotics and doctors expect him to stay until Tuesday. The 80-year-old singer was admitted Thursday.

Jones released a statement saying "thanks to all my fans and friends for their prayers and support during this time."

The Saratoga, Texas, native is known for recording dozens of country hits, including "White Lightning" and "He Stopped Loving Her Today."

### Jury finds ex-Texas nurse guilty in bleach deaths

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A former Texas nurse accused of killing five of her patients and injuring five others by injecting bleach into their kidney dialysis tubing was found guilty of capital murder Friday.

Kimberly Clark Saenz, 38, was fired in April 2008 after a rash of illnesses and deaths at a Lufkin dialysis clinic run by Denver-based health care giant DaVita Inc. She was charged a year later.

Her trial began March 5. Defense lawyers argued that Saenz was being targeted by the clinic's owner for faulty procedures at the facility, including improper water purification. They also suggested that officials at the clinic, about 125 miles northeast of Houston, fabricated evidence against Saenz. Prosecutors described claims Saenz was being set up by her employer as "absolutely ridiculous."

The mother of two now faces life in prison or a death sentence as the case moved to the punishment phase. Prosecutors had said they would seek the death penalty if Saenz was convicted.

Prosecutors had described Saenz as a depressed and disgruntled employee who complained about specific patients, including some of those who died or were injured. Her attorneys said she had no motive to kill any patients.

Two patients who were at the clinic on April 28, 2008, testified that they saw Saenz use syringes to draw bleach from a cleaning bucket and then inject it into the IV lines of two patients who subsequently died.

The licensed vocational nurse, on the job about eight months, was dismissed the following day and the clinic was shut down by DaVita and state health inspectors. It reopened about two months later.

Defense attorney Ryan Deaton argued in his questioning during the nearly four-week-long trial that Saenz and others used syringes rather than measuring cups for bleach to ensure precise amounts were being used for proper mixing of cleaning solutions.

### EPA pulls order forcing driller to provide water

HOUSTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency said Friday it is no longer requiring a gas driller it had accused of contaminating private wells to provide water to two North Texas families.

The EPA submitted the withdrawal to the court in Texas on Thursday, not long after Judge Trey Loftin concluded residents in Parker County had collaborated with an environmental consultant to falsify video showing how their water — supposedly contaminated with methane — could be ignited.

It remains unclear whether the judge's ruling in January influenced the EPA to withdraw its order against Fort Worth, Texas-based Range Resources. But the agency said in a statement this move allows the focus to move "away from litigation and toward a joint effort on the science and safety of energy extraction." Range has agreed to conduct periodic testing at 20 area water wells.

The Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees oil and gas drilling, and Range Resources have long insisted drilling did not cause the water contamination.

The EPA and some Parker County residents had argued fracking had contaminated the water with benzene, methane and other toxic gases. Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a drilling method used to extract oil and natural gas embedded in impermeable layers of rock. The process involves pumping

chemical-laced water at a high pressure into the ground to release once out-of-reach gas and oil.

The method has allowed drillers to extract gas and oil from shale formations nationwide — and even globally — but has been accompanied by concern that it is not environmentally safe.

In northeastern Pennsylvania, the EPA announced earlier this month that testing of water wells had failed to show evidence of contamination. The agency had been delivering water to three of the 11 homes in Dimock, Pa., where residents accuse drillers of contaminating their water. Dimock has been at the center of fierce debate over the environmental impact of drilling in the Marcellus shale.

Range Resources and the Texas Railroad Commission both argued the aquifer in Parker County has always been laced with naturally occurring methane.

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## Steers fall to Andrews

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers jumped out to an early 3-0 lead Friday against the Andrews Mustangs at Steer Park, but the Andrews had two big innings which would prove to be enough to take the non-district game from BSHS by a score of 11-7.

It appeared the Steers' bats were hot when Brett Brorman and Haegan Rodriguez each singled, then were advanced by a wild pitch.

Gunnar Kennedy drew a walk to load the bases with no outs.

A bad throw charged to Andrews scored Brorman after a Joseph Morelion pop fly.

Another wild pitch scored Rodriguez, and Garrett Stuteville singled to score Kennedy making it a 3-0 ball game.

The Steers were in control until the top of the fourth when Andrews rallied bringing the score to 6-3.

Charging right in the bottom of the same inning, Brandon Portocarerro legged out a single and Brorman got a base hit. A wild pitch advanced the runners, and Rodriguez was hit by a pitch to load the bases once again for the Steers.

Gunnar Kennedy doubled, picking up

two RBI, and another RBI single by Morelion tied the game at 6-6 before the inning ended.

With the game tied at 7-7, in the top of the seventh, the Bulldogs rallied again, tacking on four insurance runs, giving them the 11-7 advantage.

The Steers couldn't overcome the deficit, and a scoreless bottom of the seventh ended their hopes of staging a comeback.

Though a loss is never enjoyable for a manager, good things did come from the matchup, according to BSHS Coach Bert Otto.

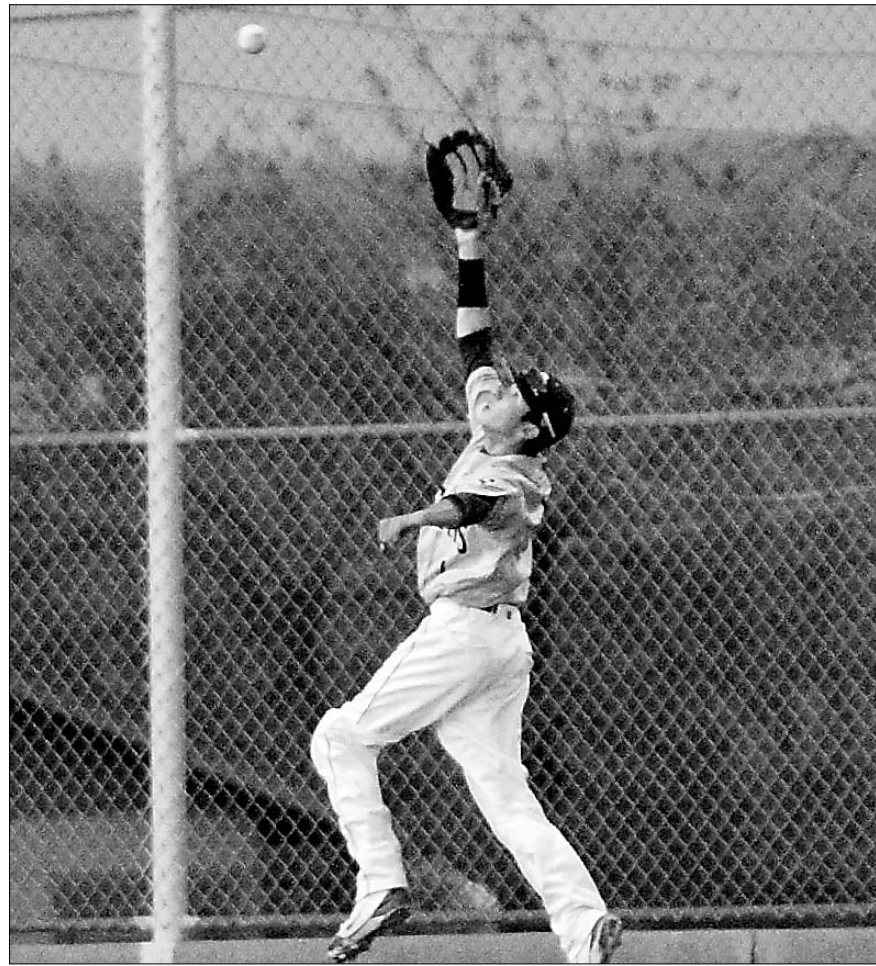
"We competed well, even with our backup players in", he said. "That's a testament to these kids."

Otto said he will continue to work on defense with his squad, as they prepare for their next district game.

"We need to make routine plays", he added.

The Steers will be hosting Sweetwater on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



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BSHS's Jeremy Gutierrez catches a pop fly in left field during Friday's game against Andrews at Steer Park. The Steers lost 11-7

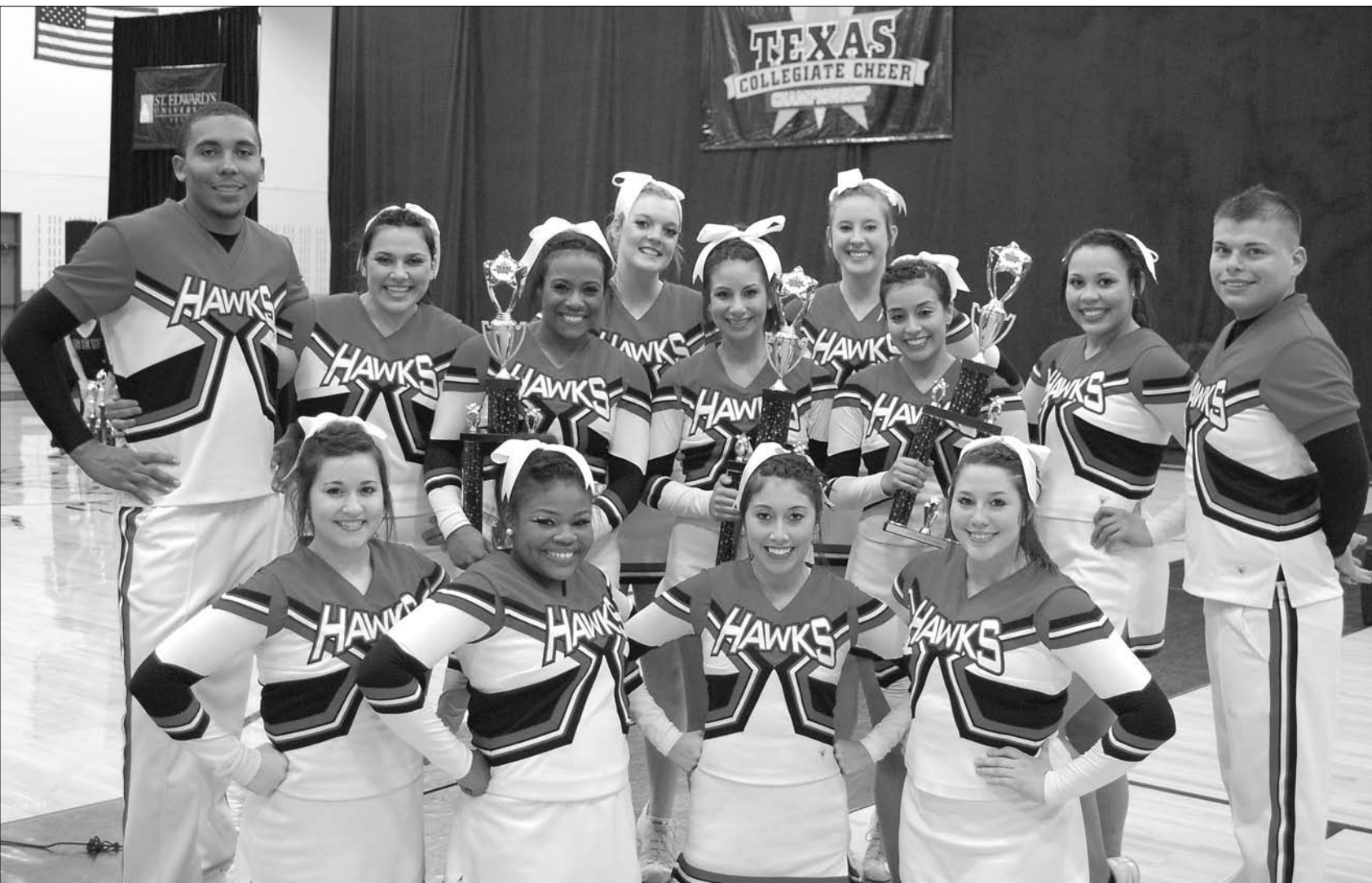


Photo by Hollie Allred

The Howard College Cheer squad recently traveled to Austin to participate in the Texas Collegiate Cheer Championship. Despite being the only Junior College competing, the Hawks placed second in the Cheer Division, and third in the Skills Division. Pictured are (back row, from left) Anthony Bradley, Elena Robles, Desiree Anderson, Chelsey Hunt, Valinda Saldivar, Theresa Turner, Samantha Martinez, Chanel Cuvillo, and Matthew De La Garza. (Front row) Kyrstin Baker, Tawney Dabney, Jasmine Cazares, and Valerie Ross. Not pictured is Tabitha Gomez.

## Hawks take two from Clarendon in doubleheader

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks showed their versatility Friday, taking both games of a doubleheader from the Clarendon College Bulldogs at home.

The Hawks won the first game by a score of 2-1, and the second 18-10, bringing their Western Junior College Athletic Conference record to 8-2 (22-5 overall).

Logan Ehlers, who picked up the

complete game victory was mired in a pitchers duel with Clarendon's Jorge Lopez throughout the first game.

Each team put one run on the board in the third inning, but it remained a stalemate until HC's Reed Seeley hit a solo homerun in the bottom of the sixth, giving the Hawks a one-run advantage that they would hold on to take game one.

Hawks' Coach Britt Smith credits Seeley and Ehlers for the win.

"Ehlers pitched well for us," he

said. "It was an absolute pitchers' duel. Then, (Seeley) hit one out in the bottom of the sixth, and we were able to get the win."

If game one was a defensive showcase, game two was its offensive counterpart.

The Hawks took an early five-run lead in the bottom of the first and starting pitcher Ethan Carnes did his job by consistently hitting the strike zone.

The Bulldogs battled back, scoring

five runs of their own to tie the game at 5-5 in the top of the third inning.

In the top of the fifth, the Hawks enjoyed a 10-6 lead when a three-run homer gave Clarendon new offensive life, and making it a one-run ball game.

The Hawks answered back in the bottom of the sixth when Jordan Allen hit one out of the park, scoring two for HC and bringing the score to

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Herald photo/Brian McCormack

Howard College's Ethan Carnes hurls a pitch during Game two of a doubleheader Friday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks defeated Clarendon 2-1 in the first game, and 18-10 in the second game.

### Sports Calendar

#### MONDAY

##### Baseball

• Coahoma at Forsan, 7 p.m.

##### Softball

• Coahoma at Forsan, 5:30 p.m.

##### Golf

• Forsan at Denver City, TBA.  
• Big Spring Girls at Big Spring Country Club (District).

#### Tuesday

##### Baseball

• Midland College at Howard College, 3 p.m., Jack Barber Field  
• Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7 p.m., Steer Park

##### Softball

• Sweetwater at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.



# Lady Steers drop game to Alpine

**Herald staff report**

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Lady Steers traveled to Monahans Friday where they lost a tough game to a 16-4 Alpine squad by a score of 7-2.

Though BSHS didn't come home with a victory, it was a strong outing against Alpine, which is ranked No. 13 in the state.

Logan Yarbar pitched a complete game, and kept the Lady Steers alive, unfortunately, a lack of offense was the deciding factor in the loss.

Ayanna Gomez reached base for BSHS and was driven in by Ambra Hill on a double. Hill scored on a wild pitch, but that would be the extent of the Lady Steers' run production.

BSHS Coach John Sparks was able to find a silver lining in the loss.

"We need to see teams like Alpine simply because they're a good, solid team. They always play well," he said.

"We were competitive, but we are still struggling at the plate. I still have all the confidence in the world in the girls. You just never know in this district."

**Other scores:**

**Baseball** —  
•Forsan def. Colorado City, 10-4.

**Softball** —  
•Howard College def. Midland College, Game 1, 10-1; Game 2, 12-5  
•Forsan def. Colorado City, 8-2.

# Payton, Saints appeal NFL ruling

**BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Saints coach Sean Payton is appealing his season-long suspension from the NFL for his role in New Orleans' bounty system.

And he's not the only one looking for a little relief from the penalties handed down by Commissioner Roger Goodell.

General manager Mickey Loomis, assistant coach Joe Vitt and the Saints organization each decided to appeal on Friday.

Payton will also ask Goodell for guidance on the parameters of the suspension, which runs through next year's Super Bowl, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the league and the Saints did not announce Payton's plan to appeal.

Saints spokesman Greg Benschel did confirm that Loomis was appealing his eight-game suspension and, separately, the team would challenge its \$500,000 fine and loss of second-round draft picks this year and in 2013.

Vitt, suspended for six games, is doing the same. David Cornwell, representing Vitt as head of the NFL Coaches Association, confirmed the decision in an email to the AP.

Goodell last week announced the suspension of Payton, starting Sunday, for his role in connection with New Orleans' bounty system, which offered improper cash bonuses for big hits that either knocked opponents out of games or left them needing help off of the field.

Former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, who left the Saints after last season to join the St. Louis Rams, ran the bounty program and has been suspended indefinitely.

The commissioner has said since the unprecedented penalties were announced that the Saints' coach would likely be allowed to continue working as his appeal was resolved.

However, he added that the challenge would be expedited, indicating that Payton would not likely be able to add on much work time should his appeal be upheld.

Goodell also said at the NFL owners meetings this week in Florida that Payton could have some contact with the team but did not go into detail, and Payton indicated that he was still a little unclear about that, as well.

The NFL could not immediately provide details on how Payton's decision to file an appeal on Friday would affect the timeline for the process to play out.

"The decision to appeal is for Sean Payton to make and announce as he deems appropriate," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "If there are appeals, the commissioner will arrange for expedited hearings, as he stated at the league meeting."

Parcells has said he would consider coaching the Saints if asked. At a spring training game in Jupiter, Fla., on Friday, Parcells declined to answer questions about the possibility.

If the suspension is reduced, however, the Saints could decide it makes more sense to promote an assistant.



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## Darvish Ks 11, powers Rangers win

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers right-hander Yu Darvish did just fine without a scouting report on the Colorado Rockies.

He struck out 11 in six innings in a 5-3 victory over the Rockies on Friday night. He allowed three runs and six hits and walked one.

Jason Giambi hit a two-run home run, his first of the spring, off Darvish in the second inning. Both Giambi and Todd Helton hit doubles off Darvish, who will be the Rangers' No. 4 starter.

The Rangers' Josh Hamilton left the game after seven innings with a tight left groin. He's day to day.

The Rockies' Michael Cuddyer left in the sixth after a Darvish fastball hit him on the right hand. He suffered a bruise.

Darvish struck out Carlos Gonzalez and Troy Tulowitzki each three times.

"It didn't seem like I had that many strikeouts," Darvish said through an interpreter. "But just the way me and (catcher) Mike Napoli, the way we worked together tonight, some of the great pitch calling that he made for me, and the way I was able to pitching comfortably, that all led to the 11

strikeouts."

Darvish walked the first batter he faced, Marco Scutaro, but ended the first inning with strikeouts to Dexter Fowler, Gonzalez and Tulowitzki.

In the second inning, Helton led off with a double, and Giambi followed with a two-run home run.

"I threw a strike, and he hit a home run, which I deserve to get hit in that situation," said Darvish, whose ERA is 3.60. "Giving up a home run to a hitter like Jason Giambi, I'm kind of honored by that."

Darvish threw 98 pitches and got in trouble in the sixth inning. He gave up a leadoff single to Fowler, and after a stolen base, wild pitch and two outs, he allowed an RBI single to Helton, a double to Giambi and hit Cuddyer. A flyout ended the inning.

Darvish said he didn't get tired. Rangers manager Ron Washington said Darvish didn't seem fatigued, as he continued to show good velocity.

"He had a good four-seam fastball working. He was moving it around, threw some good sinkers, went through some pretty good hitters, especially those left-handers," Washington said. "Each time he's taken the ball, he's gotten better."

## Ex quarterback Ryan Leaf arrested

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The West Texas district attorney who prosecuted former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf in 2009 said Saturday that he'll file a motion to revoke Leaf's probation following his arrest in Montana.

Leaf was arrested Friday in his hometown of Great Falls on burglary and drug possession charges, police said.

James Farren, the Randall County district attorney who prosecuted Leaf in Texas and negotiated a plea deal with him in 2010, said he would file the motion Monday to revoke the 10-year probation Leaf got in the agreement.

"I think it's sad," Farren said of the allegations against Leaf in Montana. "While I hoped for better results I'm not surprised it happened."

Leaf did not immediately respond to text and voice mail messages left Saturday.

The circumstances surrounding Leaf's arrest were not immediately clear. Great Falls Police Sgt. Dean Bennett, who confirmed Leaf's arrest, said Friday

night that he had not seen a report detailing the allegations against the ex-football player.

Leaf was booked on felony charges of burglary of a residence and criminal possession of dangerous drugs, plus a first-time charge of misdemeanor theft, Cascade County Detention Center Officer Robert Rivera said.

Leaf was freed on \$76,000 bond and is scheduled to make an initial court appearance Monday.

Leaf's defense attorney in the Texas case, Bill Kelly, said Saturday that he hadn't spoken to his client. Leaf's father, John Leaf, called Kelly on Friday to tell him about the arrest, he said.

"His dad was pretty upset, of course," Kelly said.

"People get hooked on these things and it's hard to get off of them. It's just a sad, sad deal because he was doing so well."

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## HAWKS

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12-10. Not wanting to watch another lead slip away, Paul Hendrix led off the bottom of the seventh inning by belting a triple. Colt Bickerstaff then went yard, scoring Hendrix and increasing the Hawks' lead to 14-10. Levi Scott drew a walk, and Elliot Richoux joined the homerun derby by blasting a two-run shot of his own. The inning ended with the Hawks leading 16-10.

The Bulldogs couldn't manufacture any more runs.

After the bases were loaded by three consecutive HC singles in the bottom of the eighth, two straight walks scored two more runs, bringing the game to a close with a final score of 18-10.

Smith was pleased with the outcome, but hopes to tie up some loose ends as they prepare for the home stretch in conference play.

"We could be better," Smith said. "We need to focus more defensively. And I would like to see more consistency on the mound."

The Hawks continued their four-game series against the Bulldogs with a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field Saturday. Results will be in the Monday edition of the *Herald*.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

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# At play, the cowboy way

*For 34 years, Coahoma youngsters have been entertaining crowds at the kindergarten rodeo*



*Photos by Steve Reagan*



Thursday's Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo was a celebration of the western way of life — from a child's viewpoint. Clockwise, from top right: Professional rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller and his young counterpart await the start of the bull riding event; Jody Nix is accompanied by a trio of musicians while singing a song; two youngsters show off their square-dancing skills; a rodeo clown comes to the aid of a "fallen" colleague; and a cowgirl prepares to round a barrel during the racing competition.



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## Engagements

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### Saul and Clark

Rodney and Denise Smith of Lockney, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tessa Michelle Saul, to Britt Casey Clark, son of Casey and Fayelyn Clark of Big Spring.

Tessa is a 2010 graduate of Lockney High School and is scheduled to graduate from South Plains College in May 2012.

Britt is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School. He attended Howard College and is employed with Atmos Energy in Lubbock.

Their wedding will take place April 14, 2012 in Lockney, Texas.



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### Bravo and Harris



Tonya Bravo and Gerald Lee Harris III, both of Big Spring, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Juan and Angie Bravo of Big Spring. She is a 2010 graduate of Big Spring High School. She has an expected graduation date in the summer from Howard College.

The prospective groom is the son of Lee and Laurie Harris of Big Spring. He is a 2010 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is employed by 87 Auto Sales in Midland, Texas.

The couple is set to exchange wedding vows June 23, 2012, at Church of Christ, located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main in Big Spring.

## Births

### Trayce Preston Hipp

Trayce Preston Hipp, son of Travis and Paige Hipp, was born Jan. 30, 2012.

He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Annette and David Schofield and Billy and Ginger King. Great-grandparents are Shirley Paige and Bill King.

His paternal grandparents are Barbara Hipp and Gary Hipp.

Great-grandparents are Annie Ward and Bill and Darlene Hipp.

Trayce was welcomed home by his siblings, Taryn, Paislie and Trevor.



### Adamson and McCain



Devin Elizabeth Adamson and Jacob Ross McCain, both of Coahoma, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Adamson of Coahoma.

She is a 2009 graduate of Coahoma High School and is a senior public relations major at Texas Tech University. She is employed as an accounting assistant for PlainsCapital Bank.

The prospective groom is the son of Jimmie and Debbie McCain of Coahoma.

He is a 2007 graduate of Coahoma High School.

He is employed as a firefighter for the Lubbock Fire Department.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows May 25, 2012, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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# 60th Anniversary



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R.D. (Doc) and Myrt (Norwood) Tindol celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 28. They were married at the West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring on March 28, 1952. The couple have three children and their spouses; Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Karen) Goeke, Dr. Neal Tindol and Dr. and Mrs. Rogan (Lisa) Tindol. They have three grandchildren and spouses, Gregory and Heather Goeke, Kim Goeke and fiancé Chris Blaine and Will Tindol. They are expecting a great-grand-

daughter this month. They have lived in Penwell, Odessa, Sand Springs, Coahoma, Lake Leon and Big Spring during their 60 years of marriage. Doc worked in the oil fields, taught school in Coahoma and retired from Guthrie Oil Company. Myrt taught school and retired from the Coahoma School District. They now spend their time relaxing and enjoy spending time with their family.

## Who's Who



Mrs. Lisa Davila Lang

SAN ANTONIO — Officials for the Mrs. Texas International Pageant are proud to announce that Lisa Davila Lang, wife of Dr. John Lang of Big Spring, has been named Mrs. Howard County International, 2012. Lisa will represent the greater Howard County at the 2012 Mrs. Texas International Pageant in Corpus Christi on April 29, 2012. She will be competing for more than \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to proceed to the Mrs. International Competition in July 2012.

The Mrs. International Pageant system recognizes women for their commitment to family, profession and community stewardship. Throughout her year, the new Mrs. Howard County International will not only compete for the state crown, but she will also be available to make appearances, attend special presentations and assist with civic and non-profit oriented projects.

For information about the state pageant, ticket sales or to schedule an appearance by Mrs. Howard County International, contact the state office at 210-403-0589 and ask for Kristin Koether, executive state director.

## Tech to host West Texas Veterans Higher Education Summit

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University is hosting the West Texas Veterans Higher Education Summit from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 11 at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center.

The event will feature keynote speaker David DiRamio, associate professor of higher education administration at Auburn University and co-author of "Veterans in Higher Education" and "Creating a Veteran-Friendly Campus."

A panel of educational leaders from colleges in the region will discuss military educational benefits, academic impact and the student experience, and transition and well-being.

Ryan Van Dusen, assistant director of the military and veterans programs, said as the number of veterans enrolled in college continues to increase, providing a welcoming environment will positively impact the Lubbock community and region.

"Lubbock is openly patriotic and supportive of our nation's veterans," Van Dusen said. "As more potential students become aware of this, they will recommend Texas Tech University and Lubbock to fellow veterans."

Lunch will be provided, which is organized by the Military and Veterans Programs and the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

During breaks and at the conclusion of the event, there will be a resource fair to highlight some of the services and agencies available to veterans in West Texas.

To contribute to the morale of the service men and women deployed overseas, bring a used cell phone to the event to be donated through the Cell phones for Soldiers Drive.

To register for the event go to [www.tlpd.ttu.edu/content/asp/conferences/veteransummit/index.asp](http://www.tlpd.ttu.edu/content/asp/conferences/veteransummit/index.asp).

### The schedule is as follows:

- 8-9 a.m. Registration and Check-In
- 9-9:30 a.m. Opening and Introduction
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Institutional Leadership Panel
- 10:40-11:30 a.m. Veterans Educational Benefits Panel
- 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch and Key-

- note Speaker David DiRamio
- 1:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Academic Experiences from Student and Faculty
- 2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Transition and Well-Being Panel
- 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Resource Fair
- 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Meet and Greet with David DiRamio
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# Red Mesa Grill opening under new ownership

By AMANDA MORENO

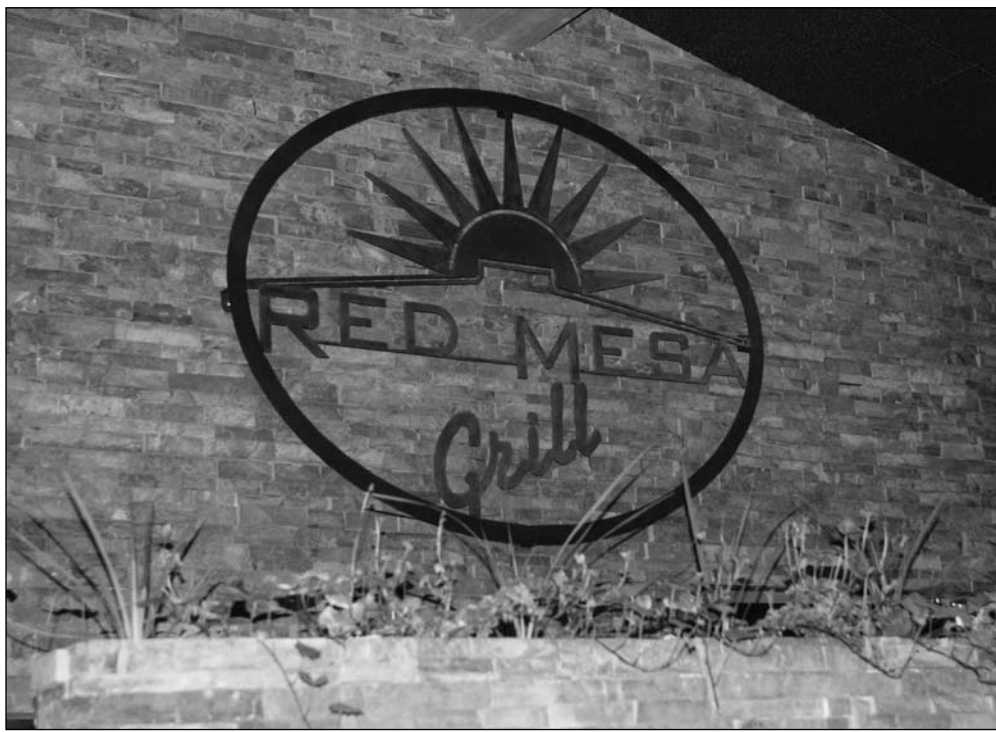
Staff Writer

Some things never change and the once popular spoken name of "Red Mesa Grill," is one of those things that will remain unaltered. However, on the inside, Red Mesa Grill has undergone several changes.

Red Mesa Grill will soon be opening its doors again, but this time under the ownership of Bob and Jessica Price and management of Gloria Garibay. Opening date is set for mid April.

"We have a new layout and completely new menu," Garibay said. "The only thing we kept on the menu was the popular Blue Coraca and the Sonora topping. Other than that, the menu is completely different."

Garibay continued. "We have incorporated the grill aspect of our restaurant and have several specialties to offer such as steaks, grilled shrimp, char-grilled burgers, fajitas, blackened tilapia, Santa Fe chicken and, of course, chicken fried steak. We



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Red Mesa Grill will be opening soon under new management and with a new menu.

will also have a couple of pasta entrees."

According to Garibay, the house specialty appetizers will be a Mexican style shrimp cocktail and a chorizo queso.

"A Tres Leches cake and Amarula drenched ice cream will be just two of the dessert options," said Garibay.

"The menu will of-

fer a diverse selection that will enable a large group to come in and dine with us while satisfying a multitude of palates," Price said.

Renovations on the building began in early March 2011 and are gradually wrapping up. After all major repairs and changes, the restaurant is now able to ac-

commodate 135 people. The previous seating occupancy was approximately 100 people.

"We were able to increase the seating capacity by relocating the huge walk-in freezer, RO system, ice machine and water heater that was in the kitchen to the

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# Energy Watch



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



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With two No. 2 seeds going down on the same day (Mizzou and Duke), and four Ohio teams in the Sweet 16, March Madness is in full swing. Nonetheless, the Federal Reserve added to the madness last Tuesday when it released its latest assessment of the economy.

After months of living in denial, the Fed finally admitted the economy has improved, while, for all intents and purposes, it also took additional quantitative easing — QE3 — off the table. The best news was that the Fed ignored the ridiculous idea of "sterilized" bond buying, which it floated in the Wall Street Journal a week ago. We can assume that idea is now dead.

The impact on the markets was dramatic — stocks rallied, bonds got crushed and gold fell again.

For several months, many analysts argued that the only reason to buy stocks was the potential of another round of quantitative easing. If the economy wilted, they thought, the Fed would ride to the rescue, so there was no reason to get too bearish. The "Bernanke put" had replaced the "Greenspan put."

We've been bullish for completely different reasons. We believe the recovery is real and sustainable and that profit growth will continue. We have also believed that stocks are undervalued. Yes, monetary policy has been accommodative, but monetary policy alone is not the driving force behind the bull market, profits are. We have never believed that quantitative easing (or the anticipation of QE) has driven stock prices up — if it had, price-earnings ratios would have risen, but they haven't.

The proof is in pudding. As the odds that the Fed will embark on a new round of quantitative easing decline, the stock market has moved higher. Equity investors now realize they don't have to pray for more Fed ease to keep the bull running.

Bonds certainly got the message. The 10-year Treasury was 1.93 percent a month ago, 2.03 percent Monday, and then closed at 2.30 percent Friday. We see this as a sign investors anticipate the Fed will start to raise short term rates before the late 2014 date it wanted markets to believe.

The expectation of less Fed accommodation is why gold got hit, dropping \$56 per ounce in two days. Gold is now 12.5 percent below its record close on Labor Day 2011. With gold at \$1,659 as we write, gold investors are still speculating on a major wave of 1970s-style inflation, but the message from the Fed is that the monetary spigot will not gush forever.

Once the Fed finally realizes that economic growth and inflation are not following the Keynesian script, rates will move higher. This won't happen as soon as we would like, but soon enough to prevent the kind of inflation some gold investors have been hedging against. Gold bugs beware: gold prices are headed even lower.

What this means is that the best currency to be in over the next year or so is the US dollar. Yes, the Fed is loose, but everyone already knows that. It's priced in. The issue today is whether the Fed tightens policy faster than investors previously thought. And that looks increasingly likely.

Meanwhile, Europe's troubles are not over and neither are Japan's. Socialist European economies are making some improvements, but debts are still high and not every country can be saved with an aid package from abroad. The European Central Bank will face great pressure over the coming year to stay easy to help Italy, for example, and that means a lower Euro. In Japan, a political consensus is forming in support of higher taxes, which means more pressure on the Bank of Japan to stay loose.

Momentum is now shifting toward the U.S., with some global investors looking at equity returns sweetened by currency gains. Add higher U.S. bond yields and emerging markets should be even more willing to buy U.S. assets.

A self-sustaining, virtuous cycle is emerging, the kind that often forms in long-term bull markets. It's time to get on for the ride.

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# Alon to celebrate change

Herald Staff Report

Industry professionals and local dignitaries will be on hand Monday to celebrate the beginning of an era for Alon USA and 7-Eleven stores.

The public is invited to the event, which will be held at the 7-Eleven at 401 Birdwell Lane.

Coffee will be provided for

company officials and community leaders from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by remarks and a ribbon cutting. Among those speaking will be Kyle McKeen, president and CEO of Alon Brands and Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan.

Highlighting the event will be the taking down of the FINA sign and the unveiling of the new ALON sign.



Consumer promotions and giveaways will be part of Monday's activities.

# City, county, EDC give views

## Entities discuss future

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

In the past year, the state of the community has gone through some changes. Tuesday afternoon, representatives from the city, county and Big Spring Economic Development Board were on hand to shed light on some of those changes.

Mayor Tommy Duncan addressed some of the new ventures taking place in the Big Spring community. One of those projects includes the Workforce Commission of Permian Basin and its summer youth program. Big Brothers Big Sisters is also trying to make its way into the community.

The construction on Third and Fourth streets — a \$1 million investment — is moving forward and has been able to save enough to spread



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Mayor Tommy Duncan, Howard County Judge Mark Barr and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home Administrator Jamed Kendall gather together after the first State of the Community event Tuesday afternoon. The first installment included reports from county, city, water district and Big Spring Economic Development Corporation representatives.

the project repairs to Birdwell Lane. According to Duncan, the work should be able to include all of Birdwell, if not at least half.

Another construction project is taking place concerning the near-capacity landfill.

"Our landfill is quickly filling up. I think we have another five years of use," Mayor Duncan said.

The city dedicated half a million to construct a new cell in the landfill and to locate and establish a new landfill located in the city. There is an expected 150 years use for the new landfill once completed.

Renovations at the Municipal Auditorium — a \$500,000 investment — is almost completed. The last symphony concert of the season was

expected to be held in the facility at 8 p.m. Saturday.

County Judge Mark Barr began his presentation by informing the audience of the reduced tax rate. The affective tax rate been reduced 9 cents due to the oil boom.

"I am very positive about the way things

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**Marriage Licenses:**  
Thomas Lyn Canales, 22, and Elisabeth Jean Klaus, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Robert H. Brito, 29, and Vanessa Rodriguez, 29, both of Big Spring.  
Daniel Alvarado, 28, and Isabel Gonzalez, 22, both of Big Spring.  
James D. McKinnon, 20, and Krisann M. Lopez, 20, both of Big Spring.

**District Court Filings:**  
Shelly Phinney vs. Ronald Scott Phinney, divorce.  
Ginger Melton vs. Justin Melton, divorce.  
Dena L. Fraser vs. Joseph M. Fraser, divorce.  
Wind Energy Transmissions Texas vs. Midland Frac Oil Company, civil.  
Ben Ella Stewart vs. Shannon D. Thomason, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Estate of Bryant O'Dean Lasater, civil.  
Vickie McCombs vs. Donald B. Mc-

Combs, divorce.  
Ruben Gonzalez Castillo, expunction.  
Angela Lewis Grimsley vs. Ricky James Grimsley, divorce.  
James Delwin Schumpert vs. Kori Shea Schumpert, divorce.  
Delilah L. Soto vs. Gabriel Soto, divorce.  
Choate Company Inc. vs. Richland Resources Corp., accounts, notes and contracts.  
Vanessa Robles vs. Christopher Allen Robles, divorce.  
Crystal Gail Nicholson vs. Larry Wayne Nicholson, divorce.  
Wind Energy Transmissions Texas vs. Alon USA, civil.  
Capital One Bank USA vs. Scott A. Vellinga, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Capital One Bank USA vs. Anna Williams, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Mary Villa vs. Angel Villa Sr., divorce.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Grantee: R2 R&D LLC  
Property: The S/4 of Lot 3 and all of Lots 4-6, Block 44, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 5, 2012

Grantor: Costatex Inc.  
Grantee: Diane Click Fryar  
Property: The S/50 feet of the SW/4 of Block 38, College Heights  
Date: March 7, 2012

Grantor: Amanda Calvio and Adrian Calvio  
Grantee: Casey Ann Marshall  
Property: Lot 1 and the E/19.4 feet of Lot 2, Block 16, Edwards Heights Addition  
Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Grantor: Melvin Walter Berry  
Grantee: Terry Nichols  
Property: A tract out of Section 30, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Grantor: Joyce Jones Weaver  
Grantee: Robert Gomez  
Property: Block 4, Tennyson Addition  
Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Grantor: Dan S. Patterson  
Grantee: Robert P. Patterson  
Property: A 2.8-acre tract out of Section 22, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Grantor: Robert P. Patterson  
Grantee: Todd Patterson  
Property: A 2.8-acre tract out of Section 22, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Grantor: Delbert A. Donelson and Barbara Donelson  
Grantee: Sunday Kola Jegede and

Danya Z. Jegede  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Edwards Hills Addition  
Date: Feb. 29, 2012

Grantor: Paul Hornsby  
Grantee: Myint Thein  
Property: Lot 9, Block 7, Washington Place  
Date: March 1, 2012

Grantor: J. Gale Kilgore  
Grantee: Ben Jady Kilgore and Janet Denise Kilgore  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
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**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Mike Craddock  
Grantee: Richard Hirzel  
Property: Lot 8, Block 23, College Park Estates  
Date: March 5, 2012

Grantor: Julian Moncada and Vicki Moncada  
Grantee: Clipper Strickland and Sunni Strickland  
Property: Lot 2, Block 3, College Park Estates  
Date: March 7, 2012

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb  
Grantee: Michael Williamson and Magen Williamson  
Property: An 8-acre tract out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 7, 2012

Grantor: Larry Lestikow and Juanita Lestikow  
Grantee: Matthew Mendoza and Atchley Massingill  
Property: Lot 3, Block 24, Monticello Addition  
Date: March 1, 2012

Grantor: William Casey Kidd  
Grantee: Roy Olivas Gomez Jr.  
Property: Lots 3-4, Block 15, Fairview Heights  
Date: March 1, 2012

Grantor: Dickie L. Jones  
Grantee: Matthew Cory Van Pelt  
Property: Lot 8, Block 21, College Park Estates  
Date: March 1, 2012

Grantor: Charles Drake and Sonya Drake  
Grantee: Gracie Mojica and Frank Gonzales  
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 2, 2012

**COUNTY**

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are happening in Howard County," Barr said.  
The law enforcement center — a joint venture between city and county — is said to be on time with concrete being poured within the next week or two.  
Even though the oil boom has helped improve the tax rate, it has taken a toll on the county roads, according to Barr. Midway Road and Moss Creek Road are a couple of the main roadways being impacted.  
"We have a problem with our country roads with the increased truck traffic. We have been discussing ways to address those issues," Barr said. "The problem is only going to get worse and at this point we have set aside enough money to repair 20

miles of road a year and it's not nearly enough to what we are facing now.  
"We don't know how long this boom is going to last. We could go out and repair those roads now and in six months we could have to be replacing them again. We just don't know and we are looking at ways to finance those repairs."  
The oilfield isn't the only area seeing extensive growth, according to BSEDC Executive Director Terry Wegman.  
"The economy in our region in Big Spring is coming off its best year ever concerning sales tax," Wegman said.  
Sales tax rebates are 15 percent ahead of what they were at this time last year. To add to the good year, the Settles Hotel is projected to open at the end of July or in early August. Construction has begun on an outdoor pool and within the next couple of weeks the sign will be placed on the top

of the building.  
Wegman recapped on the projects completed and supported by the BSEDC in the past year, including the Howard College workforce training program. The program has 90 students enrolled at this time.  
"The program has really blossomed. It is benefitting existing industry, local employers and local industry," Wegman said.  
New additions to the community include the Health Care Center, which opened in July. There have been 1,200 patients seen since opening day. The next goal, according to Wegman, is to get the pharmacy and dental area up and running.  
John Crane, formerly Fiberrod, has doubled its capacity and production. In the process of expansion it has added 23 new employees. Total employment is more than 100 personnel. CeRam Kote

has double its capacity with a recent expansion, as well, and Desert Tanks, producer of fracking tanks, has come under new management and completed an expansion.  
"Desert Tanks is one of our huge success stories," Wegman said. "As part of the agreement, Desert Tanks was required to add 26 jobs and at this point they have hired 65 people and invested \$2 million."  
Another large employer in the community has also received assistance from BSEDC; Western Container has received help repairing its sprinkler system. The company is one of the area's largest taxpayers and employs more than 100 people.  
"It is very encouraging to work with a company like this and help retain them in the community," Wegman said.  
Boyce Galvanizing is another up-and-coming business

working with BSEDC. According to Wegman, finances are getting finalized and the company should eventually employ an estimated 40 employees. Transport Handling Specialist will also operate in Big Spring soon, Wegman said. Upgrades have been conducted to the rail spur at the airport and agreements have been worked with Union Pacific.  
"We are looking for big things and this is going to help build the infrastructure we need," Wegman said.  
The next State of the Community event will take place in the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus June 26. The topic will focus on education. The last two parts will follow on Aug. 16, covering the medical industry, and the Nov. 6 meeting, to focus on industry. To find out more about the series, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

**RED MESA**

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new addition behind the building," Jessica Price said.  
Construction has included the implementation of ADA compliant restrooms. "The restrooms are also larger and now meet the ADA requirements," said Price.  
The only repairs left to complete will be the parking lot, which will have to be done sometime this summer. Because of inconsistent temperatures, the pavement hasn't been able to be redone at this point, according to Garibay.  
"One of the biggest improvements was the incorporation of acoustical sound barriers," Garibay said.  
"This was a popular complaint and we wanted to address it in the most effective way," added Price. Even the artwork on the walls — all created by local artist Kay Smith — is composed of high grade acoustical foam," she said.

Red Mesa will be opening with a 30-person front-house staff, which includes dishwashers and a 12-person back-house (kitchen) staff. Each of the wait staff has undergone extensive training in order to prepare for opening night and each night thereafter.  
In addition to the well-trained staff, Garibay also emphasized the quality of food that will be provided. While the prices are described as competitive with other restaurants, she wanted to assure customers that no corners were cut.  
"This is a family-friendly atmosphere and the prices are competitive among other restaurants in town," she said. "We didn't sacrifice quality for quantity... we actually got the better brand names in order to bring the best to our customers. We didn't cut any corners and we don't plan on cutting corners."  
To adhere to the family atmosphere, the full bar will be closed Sundays in order to respect customers' traditional

family values.  
Red Mesa will be open seven days a week, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until midnight, with the kitchen closing at 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
"We are expecting it to be crowded for the first couple of months and we want our customers to understand we have trained our staff to be mindful about serving customers as quickly as possible, but at the same time we want our customers to realize great service will not be compromised at the cost of speed," Garibay said.  
The service standards

are set high, according to Garibay. Her goal is to have a pleased customer from the moment they walk in the door until the time they walk out.  
"There was a lot of heart, soul and effort that went into this building," Garibay said. "Everyone worked very hard in making this a nice dining establishment for Big Spring."  
Red Mesa is located at 2401 S. Gregg St.

**2013 United Way Agency Applications**  
United Way Agency Applications are available to be picked up at the United Way office at 215 West 3rd Street. Anyone wishing to apply to be an Agency for 2013 must complete an application and return it by May 4th, 2012. Every organization that wishes to pick up an application must maintain a 501 (c) (3) designation by the Internal Revenue Service.  
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**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Howard County will hold a silent auction on April 3, 2012 for surplus property. The auction will be held at the Fairgrounds, Activity Barn, from 9:00 A.M. All items sold as is. The County will list larger items as they become available online at [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com) Please check the website periodically as the County will not advertise each item.  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The day has two distinct moods as the moon shifts from Cancer to Leo. Sticking around the house seems like an excellent way to get ready for the upcoming week, and there will be many domestic chores to keep us occupied. As the evening turns up our playfulness, creativity and need for entertainment, new pranks will come to mind.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). People have a habit of presenting themselves as they would like to be seen in an ideal world of their own creation. This is especially true online. You are more realistic, which others find refreshing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're sensitive now and may find that the bewildering tension in the air is something so tangible to you that you cannot let go of it. You'll pursue the truth that will relieve this discomfort.

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Big Spring and the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing to provide information to the citizens of the City regarding the cost and impact of the Water Facility and Water Conservation Project that will be submitted to the voters of the City at a special election to be held on May 12, 2012. The Project is to construct, acquire, improve, renovate and equip water supply facilities and water conservation improvement projects as allowed under Section 4B of the Texas Development Corporation Act, specifically including repair and rehabilitation of the City's water and wastewater treatment plants and repair and replacement of water distribution lines located in the City.  
If the use of 4B funds for the Project is approved by the voters at the special election, the EDC will use 4A sales and use tax funds to pay up to Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) toward the Project over a twenty year period.  
Public Hearing to be held on: April 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: City Council Chambers 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, TX 79720  
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#7311 March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2012

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're smarter than the bright, shiny objects that demand your attention, and yet, it's all too tempting to follow the glint. The best way to stay on track today is to take precautions against distraction.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are not your emotions — a fact that's easily forgotten when supercharged feelings race through your veins. Separate yourself from what's going on to bear witness to your experience, and you'll have greater control.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a quiet mood, inclined to speak only when you know that your words will improve the situation. It's a relief not to need the spotlight. Through observation, you'll obtain valuable information.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your personality is attractive, and every time you share your charm with others, you polish it with a new layer of experience. You may get a chance to "work the room" today, and you'll certainly work a few key conversations.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep changing up the routine. What you enjoy for a time or two may quickly get old. You'll be sensitive to other people's need for entertainment and excitement, as well. You're smart not to rely on old tricks.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to test your projects quietly before you bring them into the public eye. This allows you to take more risks. If you're going to fail, you'd rather fail in obscurity. When you have consistent success, you'll tell the whole world.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You talk; people listen. You're quite aware of how your control over your voice adds to your personal power and influence, and you may even do a bit of rehearsing or vocal warm-ups before delivering a special message.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be called by the voice of

conscience that resides inside your heart. Indeed, its dictates may not make practical sense, but that won't stop you from following. The heart needs what it needs.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your signmate Jimmy Durante famously joked, "I hate music, especially when it's played." Moderation keeps you from tiring of something you really love and becoming jaded.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're curious about people, which keeps your tasks interesting. You'll keep wondering what motivates others. You'll be surprised at what you learn by asking only one or two good questions.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 1). Your needs will be met! This month brings a serendipitous union that leads to money and opportunity. May brings obvious signs, which you'll heed to move your personal life in a positive direction. Social opportunities are plentiful through the summer. The financial scene is stellar in August. Singles could marry in September. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 13, 38 and 17.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Happy birthday to Susan Boyle, the Aries songstress who rose to fame on "Britain's Got Talent." The ride from obscurity to musical millionaire is just the kind of thrill that Aries can handle like no other. This sign is always game for opportunity and is remarkably lucky in new situations, which helps in handling huge changes with grace. Boyle has Venus in Aries, as well.

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Chica is a small, young, female Chihuahua who is about one year old. She is very sweet and friendly. The American Kennel Club (AKC) web-site describes the Chihuahua bred as alert, swift-moving, sassy little dogs that are good family pets, if children are gentle and patient with the animal. These animals need very little exercise. Short-haired Chihuahua's like Chica need very little grooming. She will be available for adoption until April 6.



**Shasta**

Shasta is young, female Sheppard/Collie mix who is about 6 months old. She is crate trained and is sweet and very playful. According to the AKC web-site, both collies and sheppards tend to be devoted family dogs.

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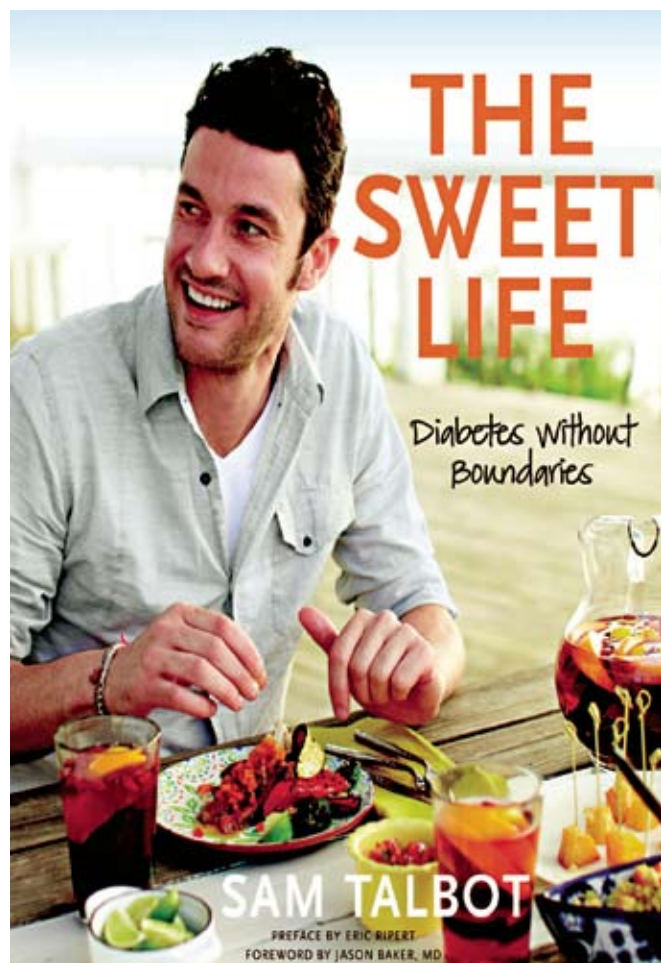
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# Pear Perfection



Sam Talbot's "The Sweet Life" is available on amazon.com, at Barnes and Noble, and at book stores nationwide.

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## FAMILY FEATURES

For the more than 25 million Americans living with diabetes, food choices are critical to maintaining their health.

Chef Sam Talbot, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 12 years old, understands those challenges. But with his new cookbook he proves that diabetics don't have to sacrifice flavor in order to follow a healthy eating plan.

Talbot is the executive chef at the Surf Lodge in Montauk, New York, and earned national recognition as the runner-up in Season 2 of Bravo's hit TV show "Top Chef." In his new book, "The Sweet Life: Diabetes without Boundaries," he shares how diabetes has affected — but has not compromised — his life and career, and offers 75 fresh, all-natural recipes that can be enjoyed by both diabetics and non-diabetics.

## Cooking to Manage Diabetes

Doctors recommend that people with diabetes follow a healthy, well-balanced diet that includes plenty of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables and carbohydrates that rank lower on the glycemic index (GI). (See sidebar for more on the glycemic index.)

"Pears are one of my favorite fruits to use in recipes," says Talbot. "They are a low GI fruit, they're high in fiber, and the flavor of a ripe pear is just out of this world. They are incredibly versatile in sweet and savory recipes in all types of world cuisines. They can be part of any meal of the day."

The two recipes here are from Talbot's book, and showcase the fresh, sweet flavor of pears. For more information, visit [www.SamTalbot.com](http://www.SamTalbot.com), and for additional pear recipes visit [www.usapears.org](http://www.usapears.org).



Photo credit: Tara Donne

## The Glycemic Index

The glycemic index (GI) rates carbohydrates on a scale of 1 to 100 based on how rapidly a food item raises blood sugar levels after eating. Foods that rank high on the glycemic index are digested rapidly, which produces marked fluctuations in blood sugar and insulin levels. Foods with a low glycemic index are digested slowly and raise blood sugar and insulin levels gradually.

Source: University of Sydney Glycemic Index Group, Human Nutrition Unit, School of Molecular Biosciences.

- One medium pear provides 24 percent of your day's fiber, and 10 percent of your day's vitamin C — for only 100 calories.

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Chef Sam Talbot

Photo credit: Sarah Kehoe

## Yogurt with Pear and Coconut

Makes 4 servings

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1/3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup Grape-Nuts or granola cereal
- 1 tablespoon granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 ripe pears, such as Anjou or Bosc, slightly firm to the touch
- 3 cups 2% plain Greek yogurt

In medium bowl, combine lemon juice, coconut, graham cracker crumbs, cereal, sweetener and cinnamon.

Peel, core and finely chop pears.

Spoon yogurt into 4 bowls and top with fruit and coconut mixture, or sprinkle directly onto each individual container of yogurt.

**Note:** This recipe can do double duty as a dessert if you serve it up parfait style. Spoon 1/8 of the pears into the bottom of each of 4 bowls or parfait glasses. Add 1/8 of the cereal mixture, then 1/2 cup of yogurt. Repeat with the remaining pears, cereal mixture, and yogurt.

**Per Serving:** 265 calories, 15 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 8 g total fat (6 g saturated), 8 mg cholesterol, 6 g fiber, 157 mg sodium

## Lavender Poached Pears

Makes 4 servings

- 2 large ripe pears, such as Bosc or Anjou, slightly firm to the touch
- 3 tablespoons granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon dried lavender
- 2 blossoms dried hibiscus
- 1 chamomile tea bag
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves

Peel, halve and core pears using a melon baller to scoop out seeds.

In large pot, combine 3 cups water, sweetener, lavender, hibiscus, chamomile tea and mint. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low. Add pears and simmer until you can easily pierce pears with the tip of a knife, about 20 minutes.

To serve, transfer pear halves to 4 individual bowls and ladle some of the cooking liquid over the top.

**Per Serving:** 72 calories, 1 g protein, 19 g carbohydrates, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g fiber, 2 mg sodium

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## Check the Neck for Ripeness

Ripeness is the key to enjoying pears at their sweetest and juiciest. To judge a pear's ripeness, USA Pear growers advise you to "check the neck." Press the neck, or stem end, of the pear. If it yields to gentle pressure, it's ripe, sweet and juicy. If it feels firm, simply leave the pear at room temperature to ripen within a few days. Don't refrigerate your pears unless you want to slow their ripening.



► **Menus**

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast round, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: sloppy joes, seasoned corn, pickle spears, sunchips, fresh apple, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast quesadilla, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice and cheese, garden salad, cornbread, orange smiles, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage gravy, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: pizza, corn on the cob, garden salad, fresh apple, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: cinnamon tastry, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches and cream, milk.  
 Friday: Good Friday!

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: apple jacks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, sliced bell peppers, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, orange smiles, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, garden salad, ranch dressing, green beans, apricots, roll, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chili quesadilla, border beans, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, banana, salsa, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: blueberry muffin top, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: hot dog, mac and cheese, applesauce, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing, milk.  
 Friday: Holiday!

**Sands ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: biscuit/gravy, juice and milk. Lunch: popcorn chicken, broccoli-cheese and rice,

tossed salad, cornbread, pears and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice and milk. Lunch: lasagna, tossed salad, Texas toast, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast on a stick, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, seasoned corn, apple and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: muffin, juice and milk. Lunch: sloppy joes, pickle spears, corn cobbett, orange, baked chips and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: hot pocket, juice and milk. Lunch: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, cheese sticks, carrots with ranch, fruit, cookie and milk.

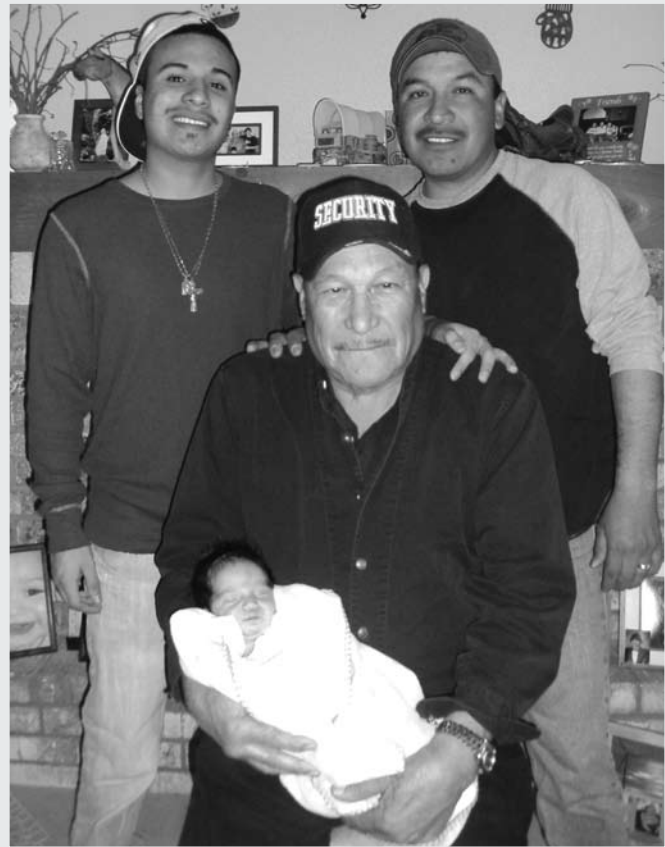
**Senior Center**

Monday: chicken enchiladas, fiesta corn, tossed salad, cherry pink cloud, milk.  
 Tuesday: barbecue on a bun, sliced onions, pinto beans, ambrosia, milk.  
 Wednesday: hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls, lemon pudding, V8 juice/milk.  
 Thursday: ham, butter beans, mixed greens, cornbread, apple crisp, V8 juice/milk.  
 Friday: Good Friday.

*Four Generations*

**A local family is able to share four generations of memories.**

**Pictured are Silberio Gutierrez (sitting) born Oct. 31, 1935, great-grandfather to Noah Lee Gutierrez who was born Feb. 29, 2012. Standing left is Brody Eric Gutierrez, father of Noah, born Aug. 13, 1992, and Willie Gutierrez (grandfather to Noah), who was born Oct. 27, 1967.**



**sudoku**

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

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				9		4		7

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*Reader's Corner*

**The queen of my life**

You loved me as soon as I came to this world.  
 It didn't matter if I was a boy or a girl.  
 Do you remember the smile I put on your face?  
 As I grew up that smile was slowly erased.  
 Mom, I'm sorry for being such a mischievous child,  
 a sudden taste of the streets "I got a little wild."  
 In my heart I knew it wasn't the things that you taught me.  
 I put my soul up for sale and the devil bought me.  
 Your my mother, you'll always be the queen of my life.  
 Please forgive me and continue to pray that I get my life right.  
 Through thick and thin or even one to ten.  
 If I could start my life over,  
 your smile would never end.

Tony Watters

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By Steve Becker

**Look Before You Leap**

South dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
 ♠10 8 6 4  
 ♥K 7  
 ♦A 8 3 2  
 ♣A 5 4  
**WEST**  
 ♠A K Q J 5  
 ♥10 6 3 2  
 ♦9 4  
 ♣8 7  
**EAST**  
 ♠7 3 2  
 ♥8 5  
 ♦K 10 7  
 ♣10 9 6 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
 ♠9  
 ♥A Q J 9 4  
 ♦Q J 6 5  
 ♣K Q J  
 The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass  
 3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass  
 4♥  
 Opening lead — king of spades.

four rounds of trumps and tried a diamond finesse. East took the queen of diamonds with the king and returned a spade to his partner, who cashed two spades for down two.

Had the trumps been divided 3-3, or West had the diamond king, this method of play would have been successful. However, these declarers failed to make allowance for the much more likely 4-2 trump division, and it eventually cost them the contract when East turned up with the king of diamonds.

The proper line of play is relatively simple. In order to guard against a possible 4-2 trump division, South should discard a diamond at trick two. If he does this, he is on much safer ground.

In the actual case, West can do no better than continue with a third round of spades, and South can then afford to ruff with much greater equanimity. When he next plays four rounds of trumps and takes the diamond finesse as before, East wins with the king, but this time, since he doesn't have a spade to return, South has the rest of the tricks.

In effect, declarer short-circuits the defense by deliberately conceding a spade at trick two. It is a trick South can easily afford to lose in the interests of safety.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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