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College testing new wells

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

Part of Howard College's effort to reduce its reliance of city water supplies has become reality.

After several long months of testing and drilling, the college's Big Spring campus now has water wells that are operational and tied into the existing underground irrigation loop that previously carried raw water from CRMWD.

"With the local water situation being what it is, we are very excited to finally get our wells operational," said Terry Hansen, executive vice president of the college. "This will definitely be a long term benefit for the community and the college, even when the drought conditions improve."

In order to make the irrigation system fully operational, it must first be tested. That testing will begin today.

"I have contacted the Big Spring City Manager to inform him that we would be testing our irrigation systems and that the water being used is from our wells and not CRMWD or city water," Hansen said.

After drilling six wells across the Birdwell Lane campus, college officials chose to complete only four, stating that the completed wells will meet or exceed the college's irrigation needs.

Irrigation patterns have not been determined for campus-wide lawns at this time. The main priority is to keep trees and shrubs alive and maintain the baseball and softball fields at National Junior College Athletic Association standards for safe play.

"We are grateful for the excellent producing wells that we now have but we are still very in-tuned to the current drought situation," said Hansen. "There are no plans to return to the lush green lawns of the past until our weather patterns change."



Hansen



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A spark from a passing train is being blamed as the cause of a wildfire that erupted west of Big Spring Wednesday afternoon. Hundreds of acres were scorched in the blaze, but no injuries were reported.

Spark likely cause of fire

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Volunteer firefighters battled a blaze west of Big Spring on Wednesday that scorched hundreds of acres but did not result in any injuries or significant property damage.

A spark from a passing train is the likely cause of the fire, which began around noon Wednesday near Bates Road just west of the Big Spring city limits.

"After that, the winds picked up



Sullivan

the fire and pushed it in several directions," said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Hindering firefighters' efforts was the lack of easy road access to the blaze. In addition, a pile of dead salt cedar trees, which had been cleared to make way for an oilfield road, caught fire and became a "super-hot" spot that

the firefighters could not get close enough to to douse.

Aside from nine HCVFD units involved in the blaze, volunteer units from Martin County and LeNorah soon joined the battle, and bulldozers from the city of Big Spring were called in to make fire breaks and impromptu roads for fire trucks.

Nine hours after the first call was received, the fire was finally

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City schedules District 1 large item pickup Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As the spring months bring the green, the city is bringing the clean.

The city of Big Spring will kick off spring cleaning in the Crossroads area Friday with its annual Large Item Pick-up program, aimed at assisting local residents get rid of oversized items they may not have the means to transport to the landfill.

This year's program begins with District 1, represented by Councilman Marcus Fernandez and will continue with a different city district each month.

In past years, the program has been intended to help the area's disabled and el-

derly residents with large, cumbersome trash items, however, according to City Code Enforcement Supervisor Chad Averette, that idea has been expanded.

"When the Large Item Pick-up program began, it was aimed mainly at the elderly and those with disabilities. Many of them simply didn't have the means to transport larger items to the landfill," Averette said. "We've really gone beyond that during the last few years, however. Now, the aim is simply to assist those city residents who need help."

"Over time it's not hard to become overwhelmed and,

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'Going Home' reunion picnic set for city park

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring will be aiming to prove the saying "you can't go home again" wrong this weekend.

Current and former Big Spring residents will gather at Comanche Trail Park for what could be the biggest reunion to take place in the community thus far.

The inaugural Going Home to Big Spring Spring Picnic is set from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday.

The Old Settler's Pavilion has been rented and those attending are encouraged to bring their own food and refreshments.

"This is just for fun and re-

ally no organization to it," Jenna Clinkscales, co-host, said.

The idea originally started about eight months ago when former Big Spring resident Bobby Watson mentioned the picnic on the Big Spring Boomer Facebook page. Eventually, the idea grew and before long, several hundred

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- Howard College Adjunct Instrumental Instructor Dan Kiley will present a trumpet recital Saturday at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church at Fourth and Scurry. The recital is free and involves several guest musicians and is open to the public.
- Spring of Siloam CWJC will host its spring graduation Saturday, May 5 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow at the Holy Grounds Cafe. The ceremony will take place at Spring Creek Fellowship at 501 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring High School Theatre Department will perform its One Act Play, "Eurydice" by Sarah Ruhl, at 7 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.
- Friday will begin a women's community Bible study at Howard County Library. The Bible study will run from Friday until June 1. Each meeting will take place at 1:15 p.m. each Friday. The topic is Pursuing More of Jesus by Ann Graham Lotz. The book cost is \$14 and scholarships are available.
- The Lone Star District will hold its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.
- An account has been opened at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union for Orlando and Jessica Olague who lost their home last Tuesday in the tornado that hit Arlington, Texas. They have two small children, Bella and Eli. They were born and raised in Big Spring where their parents and family still reside. The account is under the name of Jessica Sanchez Olague and any help is appreciated. God bless.

- An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- 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.
- 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.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions

- such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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people had agreed to make the trip back to Big Spring. "Several people are coming from as far away as Alaska, Oregon and Oklahoma," Clink-scales said. "There will be quite a bit of money

coming into the community this weekend with all the stuff going on and that will serve as a nice boost." The majority of those attending, according to responses on Facebook, are 50 and older. The reunion isn't limited to a certain class, but instead is aimed at bringing anyone and everyone who has ever

called Big Spring home back together again, officials said. "Most of us attending are over 50 so there will more likely be wheelchair races than drag races any more," Clink-scale said jokingly. No entertainment has been scheduled for the event, but a brief trivia contest will take place. Several attendees are

also set to share five-minute-memories about Big Spring throughout the event. To find out more information about the picnic, like the First Annual Going Home to Big Spring "Spring Picnic" event page. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234.

FIRE

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extinguished, Sullivan said. Except for some torched power lines, there was no significant property damage. Also, no injuries were reported, Sullivan said. With the recent onslaught of high temperatures and prevailing dry conditions, Sullivan fears more wildfires are

on the way. "This is just a precursor. With us having 100-degree days in April and May just around the corner, I'll probably be requesting that the county judge re-institute a burn ban in the next couple of weeks," Sullivan said. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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before you know it, there's simply no way to get caught up. We recently helped a gentleman and removed nearly three dump truck loads from his property. There's a point where it can get to be too much, and that's when it's important to ask for help." Averette said the list of items that get picked up as part of the program each year is a long one, to say the least. "Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Averette. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to

pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that." Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up. "A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are

safe while they are picking these things up." All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, added Averette. "To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items. We try to stick to the district we're working on that month, however, if someone is right on the district line, we'll try our best to accommodate them." For more information

on the Large Item Pick-up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Website at <http://www.mybigspring.com>, or call 264-2504. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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By Eddy Pitchford

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How long has it been since you've examined your walk with the Lord?

Psalm 26:2, "Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart."
Lamentations 3:40, "Let us search and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord."
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Robocalls to phones

To help traditional landline and wireless telephone customers avoid prerecorded commercial telemarketing calls, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently approved changes to its telemarketing rules. Unwanted autodialed calls, which are often referred to as robocalls, intrude upon recipients' personal time and – in the case of calls to wireless phones – waste their minutes.



GREG ABBOTT

Under the FCC's new rules, solicitors must get the consumer's written authorization in advance before robocalling that consumer. The written consent may be obtained through electronic means such as a website form.

The FCC's rule change also eliminates the “established business relationship” exemption. Under the old policy, the FCC allowed

solicitors to robocall individuals with whom the soliciting company had previously conducted business. The new FCC rule requires written consent for all telemarketing robocalls – regardless of whether the company previously did business with the consumer.

The FCC's rule change also requires solicitors to give consenting call recipients an opportunity to change their mind and withdraw their written consent. Under the new rules, every robocall must include an automated, interactive opt-out mechanism that enables a recipient to revoke consent and instruct the solicitor to stop calling by pressing just a few keys during the call. The solicitor must automatically add the consumer to its do-not-call list and immediately disconnect the call.

The new rules also strictly limit the number of abandoned or “dead-air” calls that solicitors make within their robocalling campaigns. “Dead-air” calls refer to calls in which a recipient hears only a dial tone or dead air because a telemarketer has abandoned the call.

The FCC did not change the federal rules governing telephone calls that deliver purely informational recorded messages. In other words, calls that merely inform consumers are treated differently than calls that attempt to sell a product or service.

For example, informational robocalls include automated messages updating consumers about airline flights or school closures.

Other types of authorized robocalls include calls from financial institutions, political candidates, telephone carriers and most charitable organizations. Similarly, the new rules do not apply to messages about recipients' health care.

The FCC's new rules also exempt debt collection calls as long as the caller is not trying to sell something.

Texasans who receive unwanted prerecorded telemarketing calls should file a complaint with the FCC at www.fcc.gov/complaints or by calling (888) 225-5322.

Recipients may also file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or by calling (800) 252-8011.

The FCC's new rules come as the Texas Attorney General's Office resolves enforcement actions against three telemarketing firms that participated in an unlawful scheme to sell car warranty service contracts.

According to state investigators, the defendants' unlawful telephone solicitation scheme violated multiple state and federal telemarketing laws.

In addition to falsely marketing service contracts as extended warranties, the telemarketing companies used falsified telephone numbers to hide their identities. As a result, recipients' caller identification devices displayed fake numbers when they received calls from the defendants.

Under settlement agreements with the defendants, the companies must provide clear disclosures to customers and abide by state and federal telemarketing laws in the future.

To find out more information visit the Federal Communications Commission website at www.fcc.gov/complaint or call (888) 225-5322

Greg Abbott is the Texas Attorney General and can be reached by visiting Office of the Attorney General website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or by calling (800) 252-8011.

Citizens have freedom to fear

Serious commentators are telling us not to assume the Supreme Court is going to find “Obamacare” unconstitutional just because the conservative justices gave the government lawyer a hard time when the case came before the Court last month.

Somehow that doesn't make me sleep better at night. This is the same Court that gave us the Citizens United decision, which opened the sluice gates of special-interest money that flooded a political system that was already awash in it. The ruling was the Court's worst decision since Dred Scott in 1857, which ruled that no Americans of African descent, whether enslaved or free, were U.S. citizens.

You think the Court is going to find mandatory health insurance constitutional? Nah.

In the first place, you had four votes against the plan right out of the gate. Justices John Roberts, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito are old-fashioned conservatives. The only change they believe in is change that takes us back to the 18th century.

In the second place, the high court's lone swing judge, Justice Anthony Kennedy, was one of the more hostile questioners. “You are changing the relationship of the individual to the government,” he told the government's lawyer.

So forget about it, you health care fans, the vote is going to be 5-4 against the Affordable Care Act.

The only real question is whether the justices will strike down the entire plan or just the compulsory mandate. That's the part that requires people to buy insurance or pay a fine.

I say it doesn't make much difference. The only way you can pay for the other provisions of the bill – providing coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions, extending coverage to the poor – is by making everyone pay for it.

Without the mandate, the bill for uninsured people who show up at the emergency room after an auto accident or a heart attack, or with severe diabetes or cancer, will be paid – as it is now – by the rest of us. Those of us with insurance will continue to pay higher insurance premiums and hospital bills than we should.

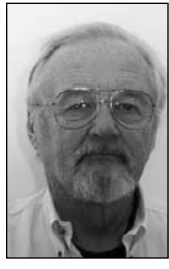
Apparently, that's the way a near-majority of American people want it. According to polls, nearly half of American oppose the mandate.

Oddly enough, however, 85 percent favored requiring insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions.

In other words, the American people want health care, they just don't want to pay for it. There's a lot of that going around.

Let's review. According to the Supreme Court majority, we can't prevent anyone from carrying a gun into a school, church, or Fourth of July picnic.

And we can't stop billionaires



DONALD KAUL

Spotlight seems to be on bullies

There has been much attention and publicity given recently to the matter of bullying. It is a real problem and it has been for a long, long time. Bullying can occur in any context in which human beings interact with each other.

Bullying is a form of aggressive behavior manifested by the use of force or coercion to affect others, particularly when the behavior is habitual and involves an imbalance of power. It can include verbal harassment, physical assault or coercion and may be directed repeatedly towards particular victims, perhaps on grounds of race, religion, gender, or ability.

In any form it is a disgusting and inexcusable act and has been the cause of immeasurable pain and suffering for millions of innocent people, especially children.

I received a call this week from a dear friend who is facing a major crisis with his teenage daughter because of the verbal abuse she suffered in school over a period of years.

She is an amazingly smart young woman with great talent and abilities, but she doesn't fit the accepted image of “beautiful” that ignorant people place so much importance on and therefore she has been victimized by ridicule and scorn to the extent that she is now suffering severe psychological pain.

The 1999 school massacre in Columbine was a wakeup call that was heard across the nation.

That year, two shotgun-wielding students, both of whom had been identified as gifted and who had been bullied for years, killed 13 people, wounded 24, and then committed suicide.

A year later an analysis by officials at the U.S. Secret Service of 37 premeditated school shootings found that bullying, which some of the shooters described “in terms that approached torment,” played a major role in more than

two-thirds of the attacks.

I'm thankful public awareness is being raised concerning this matter because, even though bullying has basically been around forever, the media defining beauty and value for us through television and movies has created a prodigious social monster that is causing far too much damage.

I resent Hollywood presuming to define beauty or worth for me. Being pretty or famous doesn't mean anything if the heart's attitude isn't right. Celebrities, sports stars, and famous people in general don't care about us regular folks at all other than as their means to wealth and extravagance and yet we continue to let them set the false standard for living a successful life.

Like many problems, the key to solving the matter isn't simply education or awareness but getting to the root of the issue. Ashleigh Brilliant, the author and philosopher I often quote, said “I refuse to start thinking independently until I see that everyone else is doing it”.

While that may sound humorous at first, it actually defines a root cause of bullying that needs to be addressed.

Even though they have been called different things in each generation, there have always been the “cool kids”, the “jocks”, or the “in crowd”.

If one is fortunate enough to be good looking, wealthy, talented, or is an outstanding athlete or performer in some area associated with “coolness”, they are admired and set the pace for their followers, and these self-anointed trend-setters and their devotees define the rest of the crowd according to their standards.

It's commonly identified as peer pressure and is one of the faces of bullying that isn't often associated with the problem even though it exists at every level of human interaction.

One doesn't have to called a derogatory name or physically assaulted to be a victim. Sometimes it's nothing more than being excluded or ignored and treated as someone with less value that inflicts the pain.

And it isn't only among the

from buying up our system of democracy by the board foot, shoveling unlimited amounts of money into Super PACs, which then buy vicious ads aimed at their favorite candidate's opponent.

And now it looks like we can't provide health care insurance to people in our society who need but can't afford it.

That apparently is the New Freedom. Instead of those freedoms from want and fear that FDR articulated in 1941, we've got the freedom to want and fear. The Republican revolution is complete.

There was a time when I thought that this radical conservatism we're seeing was a temporary fad. I thought it was something we'd grow out of, like a teenager with bad hair.

I mean, after all, the Republican agenda is mainly about low taxes for the rich, paid for by cutting services for the not-rich. How can you win an election with a platform like that in a country where the services for the poor aren't that great in the first place and the rich are getting richer all the time?

But a lot of people seem to be buying it. And even if it doesn't happen this time, even if President Barack Obama is re-elected, it won't be over.

The Grover Norquists and Koch brothers of the world will still be there with their bags of money and a Supreme Court willing to let them spend it.

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youth of our world that this problem exists. According to the Workplace Bullying and Trauma Institute workplace bullying is “repeated, health-harming mistreatment, verbal abuse, or conduct which is threatening, humiliating, intimidating, or sabotage that interferes with work, or some combination of the three.”

Statistics show that bullying is 3 times as prevalent as illegal discrimination and at least 1,600 times as prevalent as workplace violence.

When anyone is blessed with anything that sets them apart, whether it is beauty, brains, brawn or bounty, they need to realize the power they have and use it to benefit others, not destroy them.

Our purpose in life should be to have a positive influence on those around us and we are the ones who wield that power through our words and deeds.

When was the last time you spoke a kind word to someone who didn't really deserve it? When did you step in and take up for the one being mistreated?

When was your last RAK (random act of kindness) when you just did something unexpected to make someone else's day better? When did you use your influence and position to raise someone else up to a new level of significance?

Peer pressure isn't a bad thing if it is used positively.

You might not hear a lot about it, but peers have a profoundly positive influence on each other and play important roles in each other's lives through true friendship, setting a good example, giving sound advice and counsel, and generally giving support and encouragement to those in their circle of influence.

Want to know the best thing about doing that? You can start making a difference today.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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News in brief

Political stakes rise in fight over student loans as both sides see chance to show priorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans alike say they want to prevent the cost of federal loans from ballooning for millions of students. But the effort has evolved into an election-year battle each side is using to embarrass the other and spotlight its own priorities to voters.

In the latest political chess move, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, scheduled a House vote for Friday on legislation preventing the 3.4 percent interest rate on subsidized Stafford student loans from doubling as scheduled on July 1. In a bitter pill for Democrats, the measure's \$5.9 billion cost would be paid for with cuts from President Barack Obama's health care overhaul bill.

Boehner announced the vote in an abruptly called news conference Wednesday that followed days of pounding by Obama and congressional Democrats. It also came two days after the GOP's presumptive presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, tried defusing the issue by embracing the call for freezing interest rates, putting more pressure on congressional Republicans to back the effort or look isolated.

"What Washington shouldn't be doing is exploiting the challenges that young Americans face for political gain," Boehner said. He also accused the president of "campaigning and trying to invent a fight where there isn't and never has been one."

Ariz. migrant law: U.S. could soon see about-face over how it confronts illegal immigration

PHOENIX (AP) — The United States could see an official about-face in the coming months in how it confronts illegal immigration if the Supreme Court follows through on its suggestion that it would let local police enforce the most controversial part of Arizona's immigration law.

Over the last several years, states frustrated with America's porous borders, have rejected the long held notion that Washington is responsible for confronting illegal immigration and have passed a flurry of laws to let local police confront illegal immigration. The Supreme Court is poised in the coming months to let the states know whether they haven't crossed the line.

The justices strongly suggested Wednesday that they are ready to let Arizona enforce the most controversial part of its law, a requirement that police officers check the immigration status of people they suspect are in the country illegally. Such a ruling could codify the type of local enforcement that some local authorities in Arizona have carried out over the last six years and open the door to such enforcement in states with similar laws, such as Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah.

"I think you'll see more involvement by local police in immigration enforcement, an involvement that hadn't previously been seen," Kevin Johnson, law school dean at the University of California-Davis and an expert in immigration law, said of the possibility of Arizona's law being upheld.

Pakistan's top court convicts prime minister of contempt over presidential graft case

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Supreme Court convicted Pakistan's prime minister of contempt on

Thursday but spared him a prison term for refusing to reopen a corruption case against his boss, the president, leaving the premier in power but facing fresh calls to resign.

The ruling against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani added to political uncertainty and tensions between the government and the court, effectively crippling an administration that has shown little will to tackle the economic and security challenges facing the country.

Thursday's hearing had been widely anticipated by opponents of Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari, who were hoping the Supreme Court would sentence the prime minister to prison and order his immediate dismissal from office. That would have triggered a major political crisis, brought criticism on the court and could have benefited Gilani and Zardari electorally by making them martyrs in the eyes of their supporters.

Gilani is the longest-serving prime minister in the history of Pakistan, where civilian governments have repeatedly been toppled by the country's powerful military, often with the support of the Supreme Court, which critics allege is heavily politicized. Corruption charges have routinely been used to target those in power, or seeking to return.

Gilani's conviction in a court of law means there are now grounds to initiate dismissal proceedings, which involves the speaker of the parliament and the election commission. It could take up to four months and be fiercely contested every step of the way.

Beleaguered beef industry avoids widespread market scare over mad cow case with quick response

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The announcement that mad cow disease was spotted in a California cow drew a rapid response this week from the beleaguered American beef industry, which has been enduring one crisis after another for more than a year.

First, a severe drought in the Southwest cut cattle herd numbers to their lowest level in more than 60 years. Then an intense controversy erupted over a common type of filler known as "pink slime," hurting ground beef sales. The industry was just regaining its footing when the word of the mad cow discovery came Tuesday.

"They say things happen in threes, so hopefully this is the last one," said Buck Wehrbein, who manages a feeding operation in Mead, Neb.

The infected dairy cow, only the fourth ever discovered in the United States, was found as part of an Agriculture Department program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the fatal brain disease. The animal apparently acquired the infection from a random mutation, not from eating infected cattle feed.

It was the first new case of mad cow disease in the U.S. since 2006 and came just as beef exports were finally recovering from an outbreak in 2003. With billions of dollars at risk, the USDA and other government officials responded quickly, explaining that consumers were never at risk because none of the animal's meat was bound for the food supply.

Analysts say new missiles displayed by N. Korea are sloppy fakes

TOKYO (AP) — Analysts who have studied photos of a half-dozen ominous new North Korean missiles showcased recently at a lavish military parade say they were fakes, and not very convincing ones, casting further doubt on the country's claims of military prowess.

Since its recent rocket launch failure, Pyongyang's top military leaders have made several

boastful statements about its weapons capabilities. On Wednesday, Vice Marshal Ri Yong Ho claimed his country is capable of defeating the United States "at a single blow." And on Monday, North Korea promised "special actions" that would reduce Seoul's government to ashes within minutes.

But the weapons displayed April 15 appear to be a mishmash of liquid-fuel and solid-fuel components that could never fly together. Undulating casings on the missiles suggest the metal is too thin to withstand flight. Each missile was slightly different from the others, even though all were supposedly the same make. They don't even fit the launchers they were carried on.

"There is no doubt that these missiles were mock-ups," Markus Schiller and Robert Schmucker, of Germany's Schmucker Technologie, wrote in a paper posted recently on the website Armscontrol-wonk.com that listed those discrepancies. "It remains unknown if they were designed this way to confuse foreign analysts, or if the designers simply did some sloppy work."

The missiles, called KN-08s, were loaded onto the largest mobile launch vehicles North Korea has ever unveiled. Pyongyang gave them special prominence by presenting them at the end of the parade, which capped weeks of celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the country's founding father, Kim Il Sung.

After birds strike 2 planes, senator proposes allowing goose kills at NY wildlife refuge

NEW YORK (AP) — The problem of birds living near some of the nation's busiest airports is coming under renewed scrutiny after two emergency landings in a week and more than three years after the famous ditching of a jetliner in the Hudson River.

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand on Wednesday proposed making it easier to round up geese from a federal refuge near Kennedy Airport and kill them, an idea that's meeting opposition from wildlife advocates.

A JetBlue plane bound for West Palm Beach, Fla., made an emergency landing at Westchester County Airport north of New York City on Tuesday. A Los Angeles-bound jet made an emergency landing at Kennedy Airport after a bird strike on the right engine a week ago.

No one was hurt, but Grant Cardone, a sales training consultant who was on the flight out of Kennedy and was filming video from his window in seat 1D as the birds hit the plane, said it was scary.

"I felt like the plane was going to roll over on its right side," Cardone said. "Those five or six seconds were terrifying."

Yemeni officials: Yes to more U.S. anti-al-Qaida aid, but no to drone strikes on large groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yemeni officials want more U.S. counterterrorism aid, including drone strikes and more U.S. military trainers and advisers, to fight a growing threat from al-Qaida, Yemeni officials said late Wednesday.

But Yemen rejected a CIA and U.S. military request to expand the use of drone strikes to target groups of fighters who appear to be militants, the officials said.

Currently, U.S. counterterrorism forces are limited to striking clearly identified individuals with known links to al-Qaida. The White House approves who goes on the target list, after a lengthy, legal vetting process at the Pentagon and the CIA, and the Yemeni government approves each strike, Yemeni and U.S. officials say.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive strategic matters.

Meteorites found in Calif. along path of fireball

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Robert Ward has been hunting and collecting meteorites for more than 20 years, so he knew he'd found something special in the Sierra foothills along the path of a flaming fireball that shook parts of Northern California and Nevada with a sonic boom over the weekend.

And scientists have confirmed his suspicions: it's one of the more primitive types of

space rocks out there, dating to the early formation of the solar system 4 to 5 billion years ago.

"It was just, needless to say, a thrilling moment," Ward of Prescott, Ariz., told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday as he walked through an old cemetery in search of more meteorites about 35 miles northeast of Sacramento.

He found the first piece

on Tuesday along a road between a baseball field and park on the edge of Lotus near Coloma, where James W. Marshall first discovered gold in California, at Sutter's Mill in 1848.

Ward, who has found meteorites in every continent but Antarctica and goes by "AstroBob" on his website, said he "instantly knew" it was a rare meteorite known as "CM" — carbonaceous chondrite — based

in part on the "fusion crusts from atmospheric entry" on one side of the rock.

"It is one of the oldest things known to man and one of the rarest types of meteorites there is," he said.

"It contains amino acids and organic com-

pounds that are extremely important to science."

Ward actually has two rocks but suspects they were part of the same small meteorite that broke on impact. Each weighs about 10 grams — about the same as two nickels.

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Big Spring golfers ready to tee off in Austin

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School's 21-year drought is over. That's how long it has been since a BSHS golf squad has made an appearance at the state golf tournament.

The Jimmy Clay Golf Course — one of the toughest in the state — in Austin awaits the team. As well as the top high school golfers in the state.

But if you ask Coach Chris Joslin, he would tell you this is a special year on the links for the Steers golfers.

"All of the kids played really well all year," Joslin said. It's an exciting time for Big Spring. We feel like all five guys are going to compete."

They better, if they plan to take on the state's best, such as regional champs Andrews and reigning state champions Prosper.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, the pressure doesn't seem to be bothering Joslin or his golfers. In fact, the focus is on having fun.

"That's what I have been preaching," Joslin explained. "We play better golf when we are enjoying it. We might as well relax. All eight teams can play. It's going to come down to who gets hot and plays just that week."

The kids are following Joslin's advice. "I think we can go down there and compete with the other teams," junior Jason Guevara said. "My philosophy is to have fun, I never feel pressure when I am out there. It's about having fun."

The confidence is also there, according to



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The Big Spring High School boys golf team (from left) Jason Guevara, Tyler Broy, Ryan Pollard and Devin Roberson, take a break from practicing at the Big Spring Country Club on Wednesday. The squad will be competing in the state golf tournament May 3-4 at Austin's Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

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Playoff Calendar

SOFTBALL TODAY

• Forsan vs. Crane, Midland, 7 p.m., Mugs Softball Complex.

MONDAY

• Coahoma vs. Kermit, Seminole, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

MAY 3 (Thursday)

• Big Spring vs. Iowa Park (Game One), Mineral Wells, 7 p.m.

MAY 5 (Saturday)

• Big Spring vs. Iowa Park (Game Two), Lubbock Cooper, noon. (If nec. Gm. Three to follow 30 minutes after Game Two concludes.)

Rangers top Yanks 7-3, win series

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Struggling New York Yankees starter Phil Hughes conjured up the wrong memories of his past games at Rangers Ballpark.

Instead of the dominant pitcher he was in his previous three regular-season games in Texas, he more resembled the one who got hammered there in the post-season two years ago.

The big right-hander struggled again in what is already becoming a difficult 2012 season, not making it out of the third inning in a 7-3 loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

"Something has to change. I just have to keep working hard.

That's all I can do. I feel good with the stuff I'm throwing," Hughes said. "Every outing like this is disappointing. It's tough to deal with, you just hope things get better before they get worse."

Texas led 4-0 after 2 2-3 innings against Hughes (1-3), whose season ERA increased from 6.75 to 7.88.

He allowed five hits, struck out two and then hit two batters in his last inning.

The Rangers were ahead to stay after Adrian Beltre led off the second Adrian Hughes with his third homer, a 441-foot drive that landed high on the grassy hill in straightaway center field. Beltre

added a run-scoring single an inning later when Texas added three runs.

"We believe he can do it and I know he believes he can do, but right now sometimes the ball runs back a little bit, he leaves the curveball up a little bit. Cutter sometimes isn't getting where he wants it," manager Joe Girardi said. "It is frustrating, but you have to keep working at it."

Hughes had allowed only three hits in 15 1-3 scoreless innings his previous three regular-season appearances against Texas — all at Rangers Ballpark. His first major league victory came there in May

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Courtesy photo by Cory Richardson

Forsan seniors Sydney Holdampf (left) and Kyle Stevenson are set to appear at the state tennis tournament in Austin on April 30-May 1 at the UT campus courts. This is the second state appearance for both athletes.

Forsan's Holdampf, Stevenson prepare for state tennis run

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Forsan seniors Sydney Holdampf and Kyle Stevenson have been to the state tennis tournament in Austin before. Although both were eliminated from play in the first round, they believe the experience will help them deal with the mental challenge of competing at such a level when they return to the University of Texas campus to take the courts once again Monday and Tuesday.

Holdampf and Stevenson played well throughout the year, leading Forsan to a first place finish in district and a second place showing at the regional meet where they each won in straight sets.

Tennis is a fast-paced game where reflexes are tested at every step. But to become a competitor, you have to be mentally tough.

"Like all sports, it starts in the mind," Stevenson said. "You got to know in your mind you are going to win. If you think you might lose, you will lose."

Stevenson qualified for state as a sophomore, but missed it last year. He is eager for another chance to prove himself.

"I am ecstatic," he said. "It's my senior year, I would like to go out with a bang. I am keeping my mind focused. I have done

some research on my opponent and I am ready to go."

Stevenson and Holdampf have been playing competitively since seventh grade. Both of them credit family members for introducing them to the sport.

"I started playing with my aunt and I have loved it ever since then," Stevenson added.

Holdampf had a sister who made a state tennis run at Forsan.

"I got into this because my sister was a senior when I was in seventh grade. She was the one who encouraged me to play," Holdampf said.

Like Stevenson, Holdampf is confident that she will have a stronger showing than last year when she competed as a junior.

"I feel better about it this year," she added. "I was nervous then, but I have got to see it before. I am glad I get a second chance to try again."

Cory Richardson, tennis coach at Forsan, believes his two competitors have what it takes to see success in Austin.

"I like both of their chances," Richardson said. "Both of them are great leaders and students. They both work hard and put in a lot of time outside of here. They are the kind of kids you would want to represent the school. Both of them are very athletic and very smart."

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Today's Highlight in History:

- On April 26, 1937, German and Italian warplanes raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War, resulting in widespread destruction; estimates of the number of people killed vary greatly, from the hundreds to the thousands. (The raid inspired Pablo Picasso's famous antiwar painting, "Guernica.")
- On this date: In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.
- In 1785, American naturalist, hunter and artist John James Audubon was born in present-day Haiti.
- In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was sur-

ounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Va., and killed. (As he lay dying, Booth looked at his hands and gasped, "Useless, useless.")

In 1909, Abdul Hamid II was deposed as sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain (an-REE' fee-LEEP' pay-TAN'), the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1952, the destroyer-mine-sweeper USS Hobson sank in the central Atlantic after colliding with the aircraft carrier USS Wasp with the loss of 176 crew members.

In 1962, the NASA spacecraft Ranger 4 crashed into the moon as planned after failing to transmit images and data.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1972, the first Lockheed L-1011 TriStar went into commercial service with Eastern Airlines.

In 1986, a major nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union).

In 1992, Moscow saw its first publicly observed Russian Orthodox Easter in 74 years.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 74. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 74. Singer Bobby Rydell is 70. Rock musician Gary Wright is 69. Actress Nancy Lenahan is 59. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 54. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 52. Actress Joan Chen is 51. Rock musician Chris Mars is 51.

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Howard College hoopsters sign to four-year schools



Howard College basketball players (from left) Zeslie Johnson, Kali Jerrell and Brushea Daniels sign letters of intent Wednesday to play hoops at four-year schools. All three athletes received full scholarships to their respective universities.

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By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

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Zeslie Johnson, Kali Jerrell and Brushea Daniels of Howard College signed letters of intent to play basketball at their respective future schools Wednesday in the Hawk Room at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the HC campus. Each of the student-athletes received full scholarships, and are ready to take their educations — as well as their game — to the next level.

Jerrell, who signed with Stephen F. Austin University, said she has enjoyed the change Big Spring offered her.

"It was a good experience," Jerrell, a Nacodoches native said. "I had to transform. I had to learn how basketball is played in college."

Jerrell was attracted to Big Spring because of the winning tradition HC offered.

"I did research on Coach (Earl) Diddle," she said.

"He will get you where you need to go and get you to a good school."

Johnson, a Midland native who signed with the University of Texas at Permian Basin, enjoyed the camaraderie she and her teammates shared during her time here.

"The girls on the team became like my sisters," Johnson said. "It was a good atmosphere. When I came, the coaches and players all made me feel at home."

Daniels chose HC because it was within a reasonable distance from her family but found her time here rewarding.

"My mom was sick and I wanted to be able to visit her," she explained. "It was a learning experience. I learned a lot about myself, my goals and aspirations here. I thank God for the experience. It was a wonderful community with good people who really want to see you make it."

As for Coach Diddle, he is certain his trio of hoops

stars will succeed at their next endeavors.

"They were wonderful to work with and very cooperative. I am pleased they are moving on. It's a happy day for me."

Diddle now has some gaps to fill, but thinks next year will be another competitive year for woman's basketball.

"I am busy recruiting," Diddle added. "Our goal is to be a champion, but this was one of our better years. Our injuries kept us from having a great year, but the team performed well, we went to New Mexico and won convincingly."

In addition to their success on the court, the HC woman's basketball team had the highest average grade point average of any other HC team with a 3.25.

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Rangers

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2007, when he threw 6 1-3 scoreless innings in his second major league start.

But there were also those two AL championship series games in Texas since, when Hughes allowed 11 runs in 8 2-3 innings to lose both in 2010.

Rookie left-hander Robbie Ross worked 2 2-3 perfect innings in relief for his major league-best tying fourth

victory, and the Rangers their sixth consecutive series to start a season for the first time in franchise history.

"He's doing the job, he has no fear, he throws the ball over the plate," manager Ron Washington said.

As for the two-time defending American League champion Rangers (15-4) having the best record in the majors, Washington said, "We're just playing complete baseball."

Mile Napoli and Mitch Moreland also homered.

After Scott Feldman gave up two runs in 3 1-3 innings of a spot start, Ross retired all eight batters he faced with two strikeouts.

The Rangers said Ross (4-0) is the first pitcher

in the majors since at least 1918 to earn four relief wins in his first six career appearances. He hasn't allowed an earned run in his eight innings, either.

"I didn't expect anything like this," said Ross, who wasn't even really in the team's plans for this season until an impressive spring.

Ross is getting noticed for more than a cowboy get-up put together by veteran pitchers, including a kiddie vest and hat and pink backpack, that he has to put on before each game to walk from the dugout to the bullpen.

"I'm totally fine with that as long as I can be here," he said.

The Rangers have won 12 consecutive regular season series overall, dating back to last year.

New York

had won six road games in a row after their 7-4 victory in the series opener at Texas.

But the Yankees have now lost consecutive games for the first time since getting swept in three games at Tampa Bay to start the season.

Derek Jeter had two more hits, extending his hitting streak to 16 games. He raised his average to .420 and his majors-leading hits total to 34.

Napoli led off the fourth with his seventh homer. That came off David Phelps, who gave up a leadoff shot to Moreland two innings later before Beltre had another RBI single.

It was the first relief appearance for Feliz since his blown save in Game 6 of the World Series, when Texas was twice within a strike of a championship-clinching victory before losing.

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Ryan Tannehill's Preparation

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receiver positions, giving him an edge. At A&M, Tannehill's athleticism lead him to not only be the quarterback, but a leading receiver for the team in the previous year. Taking part of both positions, has given him the perspective of a receiver and a quarterback, which most quarterbacks don't have. Although some were impressed, others have firm belief in Tannehill being a "bust." In his most recent interview with SportsCenter, Tannehill stated very clearly, "The best thing to do is to just tune them (critics) and keep preparing." There are a couple of stand out teams in the pursuit of Tannehill, including Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs, and the Philadelphia Eagles. Though rumors have been going around in circles of his destination, there is no for sure answer until the name Ryan Tannehill is said today (April 26, 2012). Tannehill emphasized that wherever he goes, getting the opportunity to play in the NFL is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it is nothing but a true blessing

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sophomore Devin Roberson whose hot streak helped lead the Steers through regional play after a subpar performance the first

round.

"I intend to carry that momentum into state," Roberson said. "I have been focused on hitting the fairways and hitting the greens. We have the ability to go down there and play with anybody."

On a team with no returning seniors, at least one golfer — Tate Kennedy — wasn't sure if BSHS would make it past regionals earlier in the season.

"I never underestimated the talent," Kennedy said. "But we were a younger team. We set goals. We had to put some confidence in our team."

The tournament in Austin is slated for May 3-4. The Steers will tee off that Thursday at approximately 8 a.m.

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