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College testing new wells

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

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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



Hansen

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 Man-

ager 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 irrigations 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."



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

Department. Hindering firefighters' efforts was the lack of easy road access to

in several directions,"

said Tommy Sullivan,

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 fire and pushed it the firefighters could not get close enough to to douse.

Aside from nine HCVFD units chief of the Howard involved in the blaze, volunteer County Volunteer Fire 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 Pickup 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 re-

"This is just for fun and re-

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

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

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On April 24, 2012, Travis Lee Hart, 69, of Midland, Texas, closed his eyes in peace and went to see his Jesus, leaving behind a hole in our hearts that will never again be filled by a twinkle in his eye, his old fashioned redneck humor and his never dying love for his family and grandchildren. He was born to Arvin and Lillian Dovie Hart on Aug. 24, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas.

Travis grew up in Big Spring, Texas, and learned at an early age hard work. He briefly owned his own business, Harts Body & Wrecking Yard. He also drove a cement truck for Clyde MacMahon of Big Spring, drove a wrecker for the city of Big Spring, hauled cotton seed for John Birdwell and crushed cars for Eddie Cole of Big Spring. In his last years before retirement he was shop foreman for J&S Electric and shuffled cars for Hertz Rental.

He met his soul mate and wife Shirley in Lubbock in 1974. They were married June 9, 1978. He had a great love for the Lord and was an ordained deacon for Ranchland Heights Baptist Church for many years. Travis also taught the adult Sunday school

The Lord always came first, then his wife, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the most important people in his life. He enjoyed spending time with them on his family outings. Hunting and fishing were also favorite pass

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Hart of Midland, Texas; six children, Wesley Robert Hart and wife Patty of Mabank, Texas, Melissa Adams and husband Don of Big Spring, Texas, Vonda Kepple of Midland, Texas, Vetta Gamble of Odessa, Texas, Yelisa Smith and husband Paul of Brady, Texas, and Jack Fennell of Midland, Texas; three brothers, Clifford Hart and wife Joetta of Big Spring, Texas, Cecil Hart and wife LaRue of Odessa, Texas, and Carl Hart and wife Gwen of Big Spring, Texas; three sisters, Peggy Pachall and husband Jackie (Lewis) of Brownwood, Texas, Freida Chapman and husband the Rev. Clydel of Odessa, Texas, and Janie Beth Shiver and husband Howard of Big Spring, Texas; 22 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Travis is preceded in death by his parents, Arvin and Lillian Dovie Hart; his son, Terry Lee Hart who was married to Terri Lynn Boyett; and two siblings, Betty Fern Van Allen and LaNelle Parks.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012, at Acres West Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 27, 2012, at College Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiated by Pastor Carl Anderson and assisted by Pastor Lucian Rudd. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. at Coahoma City Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences may be sent to the family online at acreswestfuneral.com.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7

- JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 24, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 303, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- MELVIN RAY DICKERSON JR., 20, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and bail jumping - failure to
- DONALD RAY RODDY, 49, of Marlin, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of S. Bell.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.
- · ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOE LUIS RIVERA, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MELVIN R. DICKERSON JR., 20, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- DONALD RAY RODDY, 49, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on on a Falls County warrant for failure to appear.
- CARLOS SANTANA YANEZ, 34, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARIO ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, 33, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAVIER PEREZ FRANCISCO JR., 24, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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



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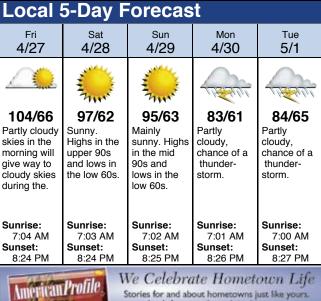
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MONDAY

 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 n m to 7:30 n m at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

 Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

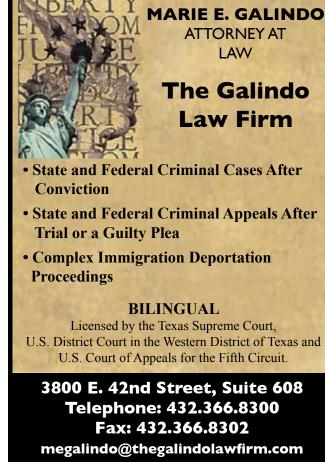




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will perform its One Act Play, "Eurydice" by Sarah

Ruhl, at 7 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in the

high school auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults

• 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

The Lone Star District will hod its Spring School

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 appreci-

Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to-

book cost is \$14 and scholarships are available.

night in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

Take note

 Howard College Adjunct Instrumental Instruc- An account has been established at Wells Fargo tor Dan Kiley will present a trumpet recital Satur-Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney day at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church at Fourth and Scurry. The recittransplant in San Antonio on June 14. al is free and involves several guest musicians and

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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ated. God bless.

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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," Clinkscales 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," Clinkscale 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 fiveminute-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.

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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

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"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.

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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 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, batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like

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 Pickup program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Website at http://www. mybigspring.com, 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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Robocalls to phones

o 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

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upon recipients' personal time and – in the case of calls to wireless phones - waste their minutes. 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

The new rules also strictly limit the number of abandoned or "dead-air" calls that solicitors make within their robocalling campaigns, "Deadair" 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

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

Texans 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

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 reachedby visiting Office of the Attorney General website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or by calling (800) 252-8011.

Citizens have freedom to fear

erious 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,



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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-fasioned 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

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 preexisting 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

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 oppo-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 free-

doms 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 Republi-

can 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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Spotlight seems to be on bullies

here 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

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.



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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 selfanointed 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

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 bullving 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 signifi-

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 po-

lice 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. The most controversial parts of the Arizona law

were put on hold by a federal judge shortly before they were to take effect in late July 2010, but the statute has encouraged other states to take up similar legislation and — combined with other state immigration laws and an ailing economy — played a part in 170,000 illegal immigrants leaving Arizona since 2007.

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

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

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

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

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 mockups," Markus Schiller and Robert Schmucker, of Germany's Schmucker Technologie, wrote in a paper posted recently on the website Armscontrolwonk.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 ad-

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

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 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 "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 compounds 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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News in brief

Mexican president discusses immigration in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon said during a speech Wednesday evening that while he respects U.S. laws designed to control illegal immigration, he's against statutes like Arizona's controversial law that he believes unfairly go after immigrants. "I want to be very clear. We are respectful of U.S.

sovereignty. But we have to be firmly against those initiatives that tend to criminalize those that are not committing a crime," Calderon said during an hourlong speech to more than 200 Mexican immigrants at a community center in Houston.

The speech was part of a daylong visit to Houston by Calderon, who also met with local business leaders and the city's mayor. Latinos make up about 44 percent of Houston's population, according to U.S. census figures.

While Calderon made reference to various initiatives U.S. states have passed to control illegal immigration, he singled out Arizona's law, which he described as not only anti-immigrant but also as possibly racist.

Calderon's comments on immigration came the same day that the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments over Arizona's law, which requires police to check the legal status of people they stop for other

During arguments earlier in the day, justices on the high court seemed to strongly suggest they are ready to allow Arizona to enforce part of the law.

The Obama administration challenged the law in federal court. Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah passed similar laws, parts of which also are on hold pending the high court's de-

A decision in the high-profile immigration case is expected in late June.

Texas releases personal data in voter ID case AUSTIN (AP) — The state attorney general's of-

The Cancer moon focuses attention on our homes, our lifestyles and anything we can do to make

domestic life smoother. The Taurus sun insists

that the answer is something you can buy at a

department store, and maybe in some cases it is.

Just be careful and think it through. If you want

what you don't really need, the pur-

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are

savvy, that's for sure. But considering

the opinions of another person will

make you even more so. Even if you

think you have your plans nailed

down, ask around for different ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your

family will have an impact on your

decision-making process today. This

is true whether or not they are near-

by. Your connection bridges the gap

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is the kind of day

you prefer: Your mood is upbeat; your activities

are offbeat. You'll march happily to a different

drummer who happens to be playing at a pretty

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your executive abili-

ties will be highlighted. Though your decisions

affect many, you make them without an ounce of

stress or worry. You trust yourself, and that's the

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chase will be in vain.

of time and space.

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fice accidently provided the Social Security num-

bers of Texas voters to opposing lawyers as part of

a voter ID case, but none of the data leaked out, a top state attorney said Wednesday.

The Social Security numbers were part of a database of 13.1 million Texas voters turned over to attorneys challenging a new law requiring voters to show state-issued photo identification. The list was supposed to include only the last four digits of the voters' Social Security numbers, to allow groups to analyze whether the law would disproportionately keep minorities from voting. But when two groups opened encrypted discs sup-

plied to them by the attorney general's office, they discovered some entries included the full nine-digit number, said First Assistant Attorney General Daniel Hodge. The problem came about because the information was supplied by 254 county registrars using different forms over several decades and in some cases the full number was entered, he said. "Any claims the Social Security numbers were ex-

posed to the public are categorically false," Hodge said, explaining that six discs were made and delivered to the attorneys. "Once it was brought to the state's attention ... within 24 hours those discs were reclaimed by the state."

Hodge said only two of the copies had been accessed and in both cases the attorneys involved immediately notified the state. All of the personal data collected for the trial and shared among the attorneys is protected by a court order and the information was never placed on a public computer server, he added. A state police officer was sent to New York and Washington to retrieve the discs.

West Texas ag producers need soaking rains soon

LUBBOCK (AP) — As West Texas cotton producers await planting next month, they're hoping for a weather forecast that calls for above-normal rainfall.

That's one possibility in a three-month outlook that National Weather Service officials will share at a drought forum in Lubbock on Thursday. The agency's Victor Murphy says that through July the state has equal chances for above-normal, normal or below-normal rainfall.

Texas agriculture is coming off record losses in

2011, \$7.6 billion, as the state suffered through the driest year on record. Good rains have come to central and eastern parts of the state the past several months, but much of West Texas remain in severe to exceptional drought.

And triple-digit heat, which along with windy conditions exacerbated last year's drought, is back. Lubbock hit 104 degrees Wednesday.

Texas teen accused of faking cancer out of jail

EL PASO (AP) - A West Texas teenager accusedof faking cancer to steal \$17,000 in donations has been released from jail on bond. Court records show a status hearing has been

scheduled May 31 in El Paso for 19-year-old Angie Gomez of Horizon City. Gomez on Tuesday night left the El Paso County

Jail after making bond, which was reduced from \$50,000 to \$20,000. She was arraigned Wednesday. Investigators have said that Gomez collected do-

nations from hundreds of people after pretending she was dying of leukemia. Horizon City police later determined there was no evidence that Gomez had been diagnosed with cancer.

An investigation began last June after a complaint that Gomez did not appear to be sick.

Teen pleads guilty to manslaughter in Wylie death

DALLAS (AP) — A fourth teenager has been sentenced for his role in the 2009 beating death of a Prosecutors say 18-year-old Travis Joel Harmon

of Celina was operating a truck involved in the reckless driving dispute. Jonathan Bird of Wylie was attacked after telling several youths to slow down while driving through

the neighborhood. Harmon pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced Wednesday to six months in jail and 10 years of deferred adjudication probation.

The Dallas Morning News reports Harmon, who apologized to the victim's family, must also pay the funeral costs.

<u> Tomorrow's Horoscope</u>

essence of confidence.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are moving quickly now, and the rest of the world lags behind. Not one to wait around in vain, you make sure you have something to do while others try to keep up with

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Starting too many projects at once is a form of procrastination, as it delays the completion of all goals. Keep it simple. Finish what's on your plate, and then rest before you take on anything new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Knowledge on its own isn't worth much unless you can put it to good use. Today you'll do some planning to come up with the exact action-steps that will take you where you want to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't like it when others question your judgments, systems, strategies and decisions. But if you have a good answer, you'll get to take credit for the success that happens next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is rare that you get long stretches of peace and quiet. You have to make the effort to keep the world at bay by going where you're unlikely to be distracted. If you do this, you'll love how you feel at the end of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You and your business are all wrapped together in one package now. You know what people get when they spend time with you and/or buy what you're selling. You're confident in what you have to offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're like a child trying to act older than his or her years; you want to grow quickly. But if you try to do too much too fast, you'll only set yourself up for a stressful experience. Take it easy!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get the feeling that you should veer off in your own direction, and it's worth looking into. After all, you can't leave your footprint on this Earth if you walk in another person's tracks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26). Your tastes and desires are developing in interesting ways, which is reflected in your choices this year. You'll be featured in a public forum because of your admirable style. Family happenings are featured in July, and you'll play a new role with your loved ones then, too. August fun turns into a profit opportunity. Capricorn and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 4, 37, 41 and

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Spanish enchantress and new mother Penelope Cruz described motherhood in Vogue magazine as a "revolutionary experience. That's the best way I can describe it. It transforms you completely, in a second." The Venus-ruled Taurus actress will soon play a single mother on the big screen in the Italian drama "Twice Born."

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The Hand Is Quicker Than the Eye North dealer.

'80s Lady

For Debbie Gibson, who became a pop singing sensation in the 1980s, stardom was always balanced by giving something back, which has continued through today.



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WEST ♥Q1042 SOUTH ♥AJ5 The bidding: North South West 1 **♠** 6 **♠** Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — jack of clubs.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH ♠Q1092

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in bridge, the nature of the game is such that you can sometimes cause a seemingly certain loser to disappear. you make the slam

Consider this deal where it appears you must lose a diamond and a club and go down one in six spades. Yet the fact is that if you play your cards correctly — and in a perfectly logical West leads the jack of clubs, which looks very much like a single-

Although there is no real magic

hand. You therefore go up with the ace and draw three rounds of trumps, ending in the North hand.

By Steve Becker

You next lead the four of clubs from dummy. If East goes up with the king, establishing your ten and dummy's queen in the process, the battle is immediately over. In that case you would eventually discard your queen of diamonds on the queen of clubs.

So let's say East plays low on the club lead from dummy, and that you win the trick with your ten. You still have a club loser, and it might therefore appear that the outcome now depends on a successful diamond finesse. But this is not true. As a matter of fact, at this point you should realize that the slam is in the bag regardless of where the king of diamonds is located.

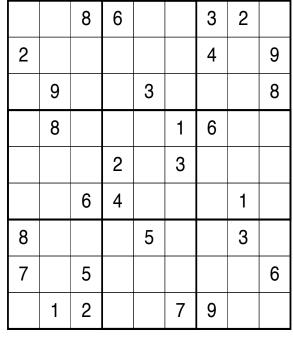
Accordingly, you lead a heart to the king and return a low diamond from dummy. After East follows low, you finesse the queen. If the finesse wins, you have 12 tricks then and there, but even if the finesse loses, you still have 12 tricks. This is because, whatever West returns, you can later get rid of your club loser on dummy's jack of diamonds.

So, regardless of how East-West defend, there's no way they can stop one of your losers from simply vanton, since you've got the ten in your ishing into thin air.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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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



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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

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 well 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."

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The confidence is also there, according to The Big Spring High School boys golf team (from left) Jason Guevara, Tyler Bryan, Tate Kennedy, 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.

Playoff Calendar **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 dominating pitcher he was in his previous three regular-season games in Texas, he more resembled the one who got hammered there in the postseason 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.

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

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 against Hughes with his third homer, a 441-foot drive that "Something has to change. I landed high on the grassy hill in just have to keep working hard. straightaway center field. Beltre See RANGERS, Page 12

added a run-scoring single an inning later when Texas added three more 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 151-3 scoreless innings his previous three regular-season appearances against Texas — all at Rangers Ballpark. His first major league victory came there in May



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 my senior year, I would like to the second state appearance for both athletes.

Forsan's Holdampf, Stevenson prepare for state tennis run

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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 Courtesy photo by Cory Richardson chance to prove himself.

"I am ecstatic," he said. "It's

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 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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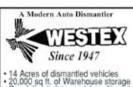
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Bid forms are available from Frank Gomez, Region 18 ESC, PO Box 60580, Midland TX 79711. Please an email request to frgomez@esc18.net The along with instructions, can also be downloaded and printed from the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net The "Printable Forms" link is located under the Public Information drop-down

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Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Colorado Municipal Water District (CRMWD) is requesting sealed Bids addressed to John W. Grant, General Manager, for construction of its "Raw Water Supply Well Sites - Ward County North Well Field" project. Bids must be received at the CRMWD office at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 3:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, May 10, 2012. No bids will be accepted after 3:00 P.M. local time. The sealed envelope containing the Bid shall be enclosed in a separate package plainly marked on the outside with the notation "BID ENCLOSED -RAW WATER SUPPLY WELL SITES." As soon as practical after this closing time, all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work will be performed

twenty-one (21) new water supply wells in the CRMWD Ward County North Well Field located approximately nine (9) miles west of Monahans, Texas. The Work will include installation of submersible pumps (supplied by others) and column pipe, as well as piping, valves, instrumentation, and appurtenances required to connect each well head to a future well field pipeline. The successful Bidder shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, start-up services, testing, training, superintendence, and incidental items necessary for a complete installation. The Basis of the Bid will be unit prices based on conditions known to the Owner at the time of this Advertisement. Well depths and pumping capacities listed in the specifications are subject to change as wells currently under or planned for construction are aquifer tested. A separate procurement contract has been negotiated for supply of submersible pumps. It is the intent of the Owner to assign this procurement contract to the successful Bidder.Time is of the essence in completion of this project; the successful Bidder must be able to meet milestones specified in the

The Project Manual is on file at the CRMWD Big Spring office and the Albuquerque office of Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. (6020 Academy Road NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87109). Electronic copies of the Project Manual should be obtained at no charge via the internet at http://construction.freese.com

Potential Bidders obtaining electronic copies of the Project Manual via the internet are responsible for checking the site for updates and Addenda that may be posted after the initial download.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference for the project will be held on April 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ward County Convention Center, 400 East 4th Street, Monahans, Texas 79756. project site visit is planned immediately following the pre-Bid conference.

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price, payable to the CRMWD, as a guarantee that the Bidder will execute a Contract for the Work if it is awarded by the Owner. The Bid security may be a cashier's check; other certified check, bank draft, or money order from a chartered financial institution authorized to operate in Texas; or a Bid Bond, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having surety thereon a surety company meeting the requirements of the Project Manual. CRMWD reserves the right to

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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT John Grant, General Manager #7344 April 19 & 26, 2012 and May 3, 2012

Dear Readers: If you have decided to cut your long hair, have you thought about helping a good cause at the same time?

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Legals

Sealed Proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. for:

Contract D-2 - 18.6 MILES OF COLLECTION PIPELINES (RANG-ING FROM 8-inch to 30-inch) BFTWFFN WELLS TRANSFER STATION, 1.1 MILES OF 36-inch TRANSMISSION PIPELINE BETWEEN TRANSFER STATION AND **EXISTING** 33-INCH PIPELINE.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Any Proposals received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.

A **non-mandatory** pre-proposal conference for the project will be held on May 2, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ward County Convention Center, 400 East 4th Street, Monahans, Texas 79756. A project site visit is planned immediately following

Advertisement, bid phase informacomplete Contract Documents can be downloaded free of charge at the following web

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abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2012 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Elegir un (1) patronato escolar del distrito 2. El couseio de La Escuela de Distrito 3 y Distrito 4 son considerados debidamente elegidos al haber

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:) Saundra Bloom.

Howard County Election Administrator Howard County Court House, P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, Texas 79721-1069

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Issued this the 25th day of April (Emitada este dia 25 de Abril de 2012)

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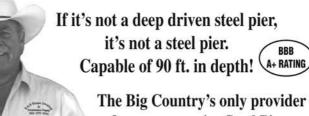
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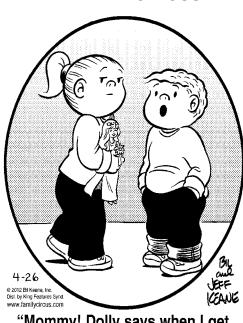
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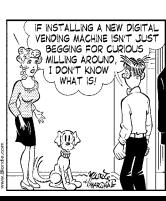
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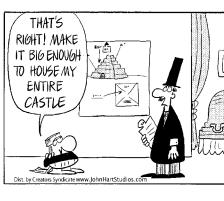
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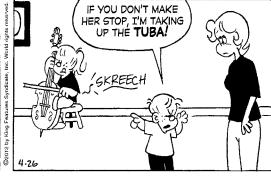






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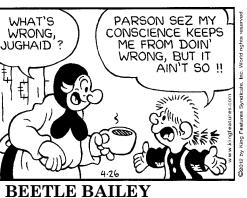




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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 117th day of 2012. There are 249 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

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 presentday Haiti. In 1865, John Wilkes Booth,

the assassin of President ham Lincoln, was sur-

rounded 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-minesweeper USS Hobson sank in the central Atlantic after colliding with the aircraft carrier

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

USS Wasp with the loss of 176

crew members.

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: Actresscomedian 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 Lenehan 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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Answer to previous puzzle



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Natural successor
- **5** Spanish
- surrealist
- 9 Took an oath 14 Shrek, for one
- 15 Genesis
- locale
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- woods 39 Tell a big one
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- words
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- loop

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- some trips
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- 7 Table
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- repeated refusal
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- 72 Knock for a
- **DOWN**
- 4 Monthly
- extender

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- 29 Italy's "Supreme Poet"
 - **30** Refinable rock

11 Telltale sign

12 Marsh grass

21 Knocks down

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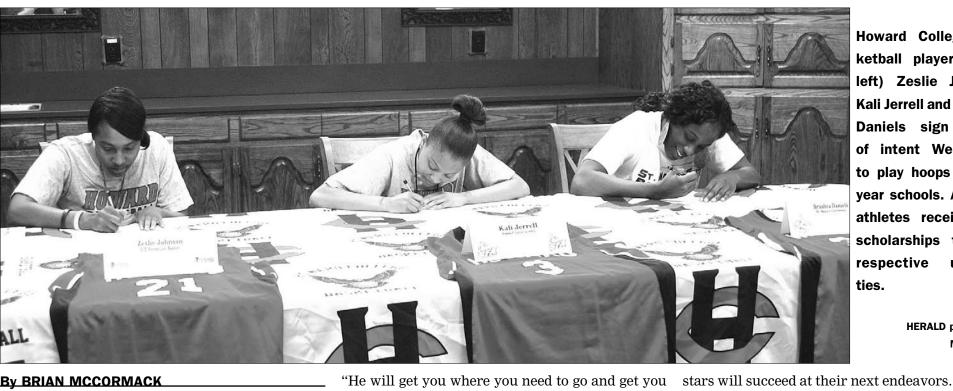
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Howard College hoopsters sign to four-year schools



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

HERALD photo/Brian

Sports Editor

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 Garret 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

"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.

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

"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

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

"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

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

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

the greens. We have the ability to go down there and play with anybody." On a team with no returning seniors, at

"I intend to carry that

momentum into state,'

Roberson said. "I have

been focused on hitting

the fairways and hitting

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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Ryan Tannehill's Preparation Written by Daniel Segundo



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 $m{R}$ yan Tannehill is doing all he can to prepare for the big day at the NFL Draft. Despite the set back of a broken foot in January, which kept him from the NFL combine, his pro day was nothing but a success. Tannehill was interviewed after his pro day and stated, "It felt good to finally get out there and let it rip a little bit." With 60 sets of NFL recruiting eyes watching his every move, some recruiters were very impressed with the tangibles Tannehill has. In his interview with Jon Gruden on Gruden's QB Camp, the main thing emphasized by Gruden was the fact that Tannehill understands both the quarterback and

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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