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## Early voting totals down, officials say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Early voting totals are down in this year's municipal contest, according to local election officials, with just two days left to cast early ballots next week.

Early voting polls netted just 778 ballots — 678 in-person and 100 mail-in ballots — during the first five days of early voting, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, less than what she had expected in the contest.



Bloom

"Considering the volatility of the 4B tax project on the ballot, I had really expected to see higher totals by this point," Bloom said.

Voters are being asked to weigh in on a proposed multi-million dollar 4B project to overhaul the municipality's water and wastewater facilities using economic development funding, a proposal that has drawn a great deal of fire within the community.

left for Big Spring voters to cast their ballots early, Bloom said she hopes to see a last minute rush, otherwise, the election could fall victim to area residents' busy May schedule.

"May is a tough month for many people to get to the polls on a week-end election day," Bloom said. "May 12 is Mother's Day weekend, plus you have so many state play-off games going on that weekend. A lot of parents are also rushing around dealing with everything graduation presents during that time.

"There's no doubt about it, May is a busy month for Texans, and for many of them, if they don't vote early, they aren't likely to vote in the municipal election at all. So we're really hoping these last two days of early voting will be busy ones."

Early voting polls — located in the Elections Office on the third floor of the county courthouse — are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Big Spring voters will only have one city council contest to weigh-

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**Paws on parade**



Handlers put their four-legged charges through their paces during opening day action at the 42nd annual Big Spring Dog Show, which runs through Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free and concessions are available.

HERALD photos  
Amanda Moreno



## Pops plans being finalized

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Ready the sparklers and the aerials, planning for Pops in the Park is underway.

Tuesday, July 3, will once again be the date for the celebration. However, the show will start at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes later than normal.

"We don't know how much difference it will make, but we are hoping tempera-

tures will be a little bit cooler," Jan Hansen, Pops in the Park chairman said.

Another change taking place this year will be the partnership with a new fireworks company out of Fort Worth. This year Atlas will provide the fireworks used in the display.

"We are expecting new things this



Hansen

year since we are using a new company, but we are still expecting the same great big show we have had in the past," Debye ValVerde, chamber executive director and Pops committee member, said.

With the hot temperatures already creeping in and little moisture in the forecast, Hansen and ValVerde said the committee will continue to work with

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**B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) members spoke at the Big Spring Rotary Club Friday. The organization is aimed at providing a safer environment and encouragement to children who have experienced abuse.**

## Biker organization rides against abuse

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Whatever it takes. That's the motto members of B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) live by.

"B.A.C.A. exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children," Javier Franco, B.A.C.A. member, said during Friday's Greater Big Spring Rotary

Club meeting. There are 28 chapters throughout Texas, with the Sweetwater chapter — comprised of 24 members, one being from Coahoma — providing assistance to the Howard County area. Each member must meet extensive requirements before allowed to join the organization, Franco

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Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM

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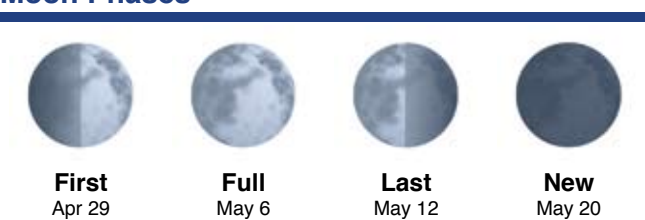
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	95	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	81	51	windy	Livingston	90	67	mst sunny
Austin	93	69	pt sunny	Longview	91	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	70	mst sunny	Lubbock	94	55	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	96	69	pt sunny	Midland	100	67	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	71	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	pt sunny
Dallas	93	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	94	71	t-storm	San Marcos	94	69	pt sunny
El Paso	91	63	sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	70	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	65	pt sunny	Sweetwater	98	65	pt sunny
Gainesville	93	69	pt sunny	Tyler	91	68	pt sunny
Greenville	92	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	93	68	pt sunny
Houston	89	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	97	63	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	t-storm	Minneapolis	65	51	t-storm
Boston	66	45	pt sunny	New York	67	52	pt sunny
Chicago	72	57	t-storm	Phoenix	90	63	sunny
Dallas	93	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	73	54	sunny
Denver	64	42	rain	Seattle	66	47	pt sunny
Houston	89	71	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	70	pt sunny
Los Angeles	76	57	sunny	Washington, DC	77	58	pt sunny
Miami	89	70	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Raul Martinez



Raul Martinez, 51, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 3, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 7, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Craig Wascom of First Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. He was born March 9, 1961, in Chihuahua, Chi-

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huahua, Mexico. He first came to Big Spring from El Paso in 1985. He married Rosita Munoz on Aug. 3, 1991, in Big Spring. He was employed by the City of Big Spring in the Street Department since 1992. He was a Catholic. He is survived by his wife, Rosita Martinez of Big Spring; two sons, Gabriel Martinez and Joel Martinez, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Jasmine Martinez of Big Spring; parents, Guadalupe and Epigmeno Martinez of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; one brother, Jorge Martinez of El Paso; and four sisters, Amanda Martinez of El Paso, and Rosalba Martinez, Olivia Cazares, and Margarita Martinez, all of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

Take Note

- 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.

Police blotter

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Saturday:
- MAURICIO BLANCAS-VALLADARES, 35, of 2309 Richmond Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
  - ROXANNE BLACKWELL, 38, of 801 E. 14th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for fail to display drivers license, expired registration, failed to maintain financial responsibility, safety belt child under 17, fail to appear.
  - JORGE LIMA-MONDRAGON, 37, of 1425 Japonica Ln., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
  - FRANCISCO BLANCAS-VALLADARES, 35, of 1005 W. Berry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
  - JOSIE RODRIGUEZ, 28, 5010 Wasson Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
  - KENNY MATTHEW CARROLL, 30, of 906 S. Nolan St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
  - BOBBY LEE AGUERO JR., 29, of 1402 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated second.
  - SCOT JUDSON SHEPPARD, 47, of 301 Jill Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm hab/building/vehicle.
  - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.
  - SHOTS FIRED was reported in the EB IH 20/MM 177.
  - BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter Drive.
  - ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of E. Eighth Street.

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# News in brief

## Activists say allowing Chen to leave doesn't mean China will relax tight grip on dissidents

BEIJING (AP) — Even if China makes a rare concession and allows legal activist Chen Guangcheng to leave the country with his family, other dissidents say they don't expect a broader easing of controls. Authorities might even tighten the screws on prominent critics to prevent them from taking encouragement from Chen's case to challenge the leadership.

The blind activist's escape from house arrest and flight to safety in the U.S. Embassy has provided a much-needed morale boost for a dissident community that over the last year has been debilitated by a massive government security crackdown aimed at preventing an Arab-style democratic uprising. Dozens of activists, rights lawyers, intellectuals and others have been detained, questioned and in some cases, even tortured.

Chen, a symbol in China's civil rights movement, may be able to leave to study in the United States under still-evolving arrangements announced Friday by Washington and Beijing to

end a weeklong diplomatic standoff over his case.

## Obama escalates election fight as he opens his campaign with speeches in Ohio, Virginia

WASHINGTON (AP) — In campaign mode for months, President Barack Obama is making his quest for a second term official with rallies in Ohio and Virginia while casting Republican rival Mitt Romney as a flip-flopping protector of the rich.

The events Saturday at two universities, Ohio State and Virginia Commonwealth, were billed as the official kickoff of Obama's re-election bid, even though he's been solidly engaged in his campaign and filed the necessary paperwork to seek re-election over a year ago.

During the stops, the president will work to convince voters that his policies have put the nation's economy on more solid footing despite fresh evidence that the job market remains weak. He also is expected to try to define Romney as a candidate peddling old policies for both the economy and national security.

## BACA

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said.

"This isn't some group you join just to ride and have fun," Franco said. "Yes we ride, but this is more than that. This is a commitment ... it's a lifestyle."

On top of being an advocate for abused children, B.A.C.A. members become family to the kids they "adopt." Adoption entails providing physical and emotional support for abused children. Members not only provide regular visits and check-ups on the children, but also accompany them to court hearings as well.

"We are not vigilantes and we don't condone

violence, however, we are there to do whatever it take to protect these kids," Franco said. "Our focus is on the child, not the perpetrators."

At this time, no active chapter is located in Big Spring, but Franco is hopeful to get one started if enough interested can be gathered.

"One thing's for sure, it's a positive thing to know there are heroes among us," the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh said after thanking B.A.C.A. members for attending the Friday meeting.

To find out more about B.A.C.A. visit the website at [bacausa.com](http://bacausa.com).

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## POPS

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Big Spring and Howard County firefighters regarding precautions.

"We are working to make sure we not only have a great show again this year, but also that we have a safe show

just like we have in the past," ValVerde said.

A flag ceremony will still be included, with a few changes made from previous shows. A slide show honoring those who sacrificed their lives for our country will once again be included in the evenings events.

"We are asking families to start submitting their photos and short videos if they want their relatives to be included in the slideshow," Hansen said.

The deadline for submissions is June 15.

A new member on board this year is Kelly Grant, who will serve as

co-chair for the event.

"I am excited to be coming into this group and am looking forward to the show," Grant said.

Donations and sponsorships are other things that make a huge difference in the show, officials said.

"We truly appreciate

all the support we have received in the past. Each year we try and make the show bigger and better and we hope to be able to continue to do that through the support of our contributors," ValVerde said.

For those wanting to volunteer as part of the Pops in the Park com-

mittee or offer support in any other way, call the chamber at 263-7641.

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## VOTING

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in on this year, as the race for the District 4 seat begins to heat up.

Bobby McDonald — businessman and husband of incumbent District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, who decided not to run for re-election — faces off against Loretta Farquhar for the seat.

Big Spring voters will also be asked to decide the fate of a proposed overhaul of the municipality's water and wastewater facilities using up to \$13 million in economic development funding through a 4B project.

Members of the Big Spring City Council voted unanimously to have the proposed project placed on the May ballot during their Feb. 14 meeting, a move that drew both praise and criticism from various voices in the community.

As part of the agreement between the council and the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors, if voters approve the project the EDC will provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax

revenue — with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab.

Big Spring ISD has one contested election — District 2. Incumbent Maria Padilla is running against Ed Ware and Pat Deanda.

Forsan ISD has two at-large positions, held by Lewis Boeker and Misty Rhoton. Other names appearing on the ballot will be Chris Olson and Beckie Wash. Wash was appointed to the board last month to fill a spot left vacant by Derrick Looney. The position will be for an unexpired two-year term, while the other positions are for three year terms. Early

voting will take place at the Howard County Courthouse.

Sands ISD will have three at-large positions on the ballot. Incumbents Tommy Staggs and Bill Barnes are running for re-election. Michael Wigington, Wes Higgins, Blayne Archuleta and Matt Snell are also seeking election. Early voting will take place at the school business office.

Coahoma Independent School District has three positions — all at large— up for election Brian Moore, board president, Jody Reid

and Alan Wright are all incumbents running for re-election. Challengers are Leslie Tindol, Gerald King and Paul Lewis. Early voting will also take place at the Howard County Courthouse.

For more information on the upcoming elec-

tions, contact the Howard County Elections Administration at 432-264-2273.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Green lawns?

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to know why there are lawns that are so very green? If they have a water well, aren't they suppose to have a sign posted? In Midland, you can use a soaker for your trees, flowers beds etc. Why can we not do that? I am 62 and I can not fill up a 5 gallon can to water them, even if I use a gallon. Well that would take nearly all day long. We have spent a lot of money on our shrubs, flowers and trees to let them die because I can not carry the water outside.

We can water our shrubs and trees everyday if we use a water can. Why can't we get water like Andrews is about to get that will last them for 100 years? What is wrong with Big Spring? Oh yea we will be using what used to be t t water etc. That is gross. What is going to happen to us when there is no water period, what will we all do then? Guess we all leave here. I see the golf course waters all the time and they get it on the street.

Now, to the people that water anyway and let it run down the street; you are the ones who are going to ruin it for those of us who are following the rules. Why is that Culligan gets to water all the time also? I was told they use water from the car wash next door, now not fair is that?

I see business's around town watering and it going on the sidewalks, and streets, court house for one. If I have made a mistake of some of the business's I apologize for the mistake. But like is said in the first of this letter, I am 62 and I can not carry water outside, there has to be a way that we Sr.'s can water our flowers, shrubs and trees.

MARILLYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

### Political talk

TO THE EDITOR:

Since the major political parties will hold their precinct conventions this month, I had written a letter to submit to the Herald, when on April 26, the paper printed an opinion column by syndicated columnist Donald Kaul, entitled "Citizens have freedom to fear." Mr. Kaul is guessing how the Supreme Court will vote on the constitutionality of "ObamaCare." He is concerned "whether the Justices will strike down the entire" (Affordable Care Act) or just the "compulsory mandate." This is the part that requires people to buy insurance to pay a fine.

He states, "Without the mandate. Those of us with insurance will continue to pay higher insurance premiums and hospital bills than we should." Question: Who will pay for insurance and hospitalization for those who do not carry insurance, either for personal beliefs or the inability to pay? The U.S. taxpayer?

Many doctors perform a lot of medical assistance to the indigent. Given no credit for this, the courts have forced doctors to buy expensive policies to protect them from many frivolous, malpractice claims. Many hospitals treat poverty patients without charge.

Doctor Suzanne C. Allen is a female with 27 years of medical experience and practice in emergency medicine. She practice in the Johnson City (Tenn.) Emergency Physicians PC. In an interview, she was asked if she had seen any effects of ObamaCare. She replied that in the past, a patient who needed dialysis was always automatically approved under Medicare, but Medicare no longer approves this procedure. Without dialysis, the patient will die!

She stated that "as of 2013 (after the election), no one over 75 years of age will receive major medical procedures unless approved by a locally administered ethics panel. These panels will decide whether the patient receives medical care or not! Many life-threatening emergencies occur after normal business hours. A decision is often required immediately, but the patient may die while the EP is being contacted for an opinion.

You didn't know about this? Nancy Pelosi is quoted as saying, after the bill was passed, "... If you want to know what's in the bill, you'll have to read it ..." Mr. Kaul quotes Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's statement about the Affordable Care Act: "You (the government) are changing the relationship of the individual to the government." Isn't that what the present administration is wanting to do?

Getting back to the bashing of the Supreme Court, Mr. Kaul says "According to the Supreme Court majority, we can't prevent anyone from carrying a gun into a school, church or 4th of July picnic." I

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# Most people can until they can't

Most communities — all of 'em, except a few so small that their coming in/going out city limit signs are nailed to the same post—are blessed by folks whose productive engines continue to chug.

They find joy in helping others, always have, always will. For some, the spring in their step could do with some oiling, but they push on.

A senior citizen friend grew up on a dry land farm, already a strapping youth when the Great Depression came along more than 80 years ago. "We had no clocks, and the sun was no gauge for our work days," he says. "We worked from 'can' 'til can't." (He's the same guy who claims he remembers the day the Depression ended. "I knew it was over when I saw a rabbit hopping down the road with nobody chasing it.")

One man to whom "burnout" will never apply is Al Lock, a Fort Worth man whose interests are many and business pursuits varied. He's 84 and firmly "hitched" to life's most important commitments, one being to wife Druena for the past 58 years.

After a 30-year stint as an executive with Johns-Manville Corporation, he continued far-flung farming and ranching operations he checks on regularly. He and two partners founded OFCO, a firm selling office furniture from businesses and institutions that cease operations.

Lock has worked daily in the business for 25 years and still

looks forward to Monday mornings. One salvage transaction back in 1988 bears repeating.

His firm purchased furnishings and miscellaneous items from Dallas' Bishop College when the historically Black institution ceased operations.

Included in the purchase was a truck-load of trophies in all shapes and sizes. They denoted athletic triumphs, most the result of blood, sweat and tears.

Many were decades old, and Lock was saddened, realizing that the awards were important to figures of another era. They meant nothing to OFCO customers, so they went the way of broken dreams and faded memories.

He still works daily and some nights as well. Much of the Locks' night work is at their church.

In fact, they both teach there, but not in the traditional sense.

They teach "English as a Second Language," largely to Hispanics — some of them advanced in years — who are seizing the chance to learn the predominant language of the U.S.

The Locks are also well-traveled, and for more than 40 years skied the slopes of Utah, often several times yearly.

Another colorful friend is Dr. Joe Rushing, now 91. He still dabbles in ranching near Lampasas and would likely win the trophy if they had a contest for stimulating conversationalists.

His interests are all over the charts, many of them already marked by "been there/done that" tags.

He's a nationally-renowned educator who was founding president of Broward Community College in Florida and Tarrant County College in Fort Worth. An author, avid reader and scholar, he continues to take

college-credit classes regularly at Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

And yes, the widower drives himself to class.

Although slowed a bit by back problems, he exercises three times weekly in a co-ed water aerobics class at nearby Burnet. (He's the only male in the class, and has perfect attendance.)

Following a recent session at the pool, he attempted to renew his driver's license, but there was a problem.

"The water left me with 'prunish' skin," he joked. "And they said I had no fingerprints!"

He may well be the original "eternal optimist," having always viewed life "sunny side up."

A few days after his "futile fingerprinting," the procedure went fine when his skin was dry.

"So, I gave no more thought to pursuing a life of crime," he laughed.

These men realize they are greatly blessed, both in body and mind. Their commitment is to push on, hoping to wear out rather than rust out.

They are among a diminishing core of Americans whose lives, values and outlooks were forged in the crucibles of difficult circumstances—the Great Depression and World War II.

Because of them, and others of their ilk, we remain free to pledge, sing, worship and "move about the country." We can enjoy lemonade in big gulps. Guys like Lock and Rushing know what to do when lemons stacked up.

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# Unleash our domestic energy

As we approach the peak driving months of summer, gasoline prices are nearly \$4 a gallon - double the cost when President Obama took office. It's no coincidence that American workers and families are still struggling through the weakest economic recovery and highest sustained joblessness since the Great Depression. High energy costs are keeping our country in the economic doldrums.

The President likes to remind us that he doesn't control the price of gasoline. He blames the Japanese earthquake, Middle East unrest, and conspiracies by wily speculators and greedy oil companies. The American people don't expect their President to halt earthquakes. They simply ask that he try to protect our families and businesses from price spikes and supply disruptions with the opportunities he does have. Unfortunately, the President is unwilling to do so.

Instead, the Obama Administration is committed to priorities that reduce domestic energy production, increase reliance on foreign sources, and drive energy costs higher. Recall that the President's Secretary of Energy once suggested that \$8 or \$9 a gallon for gasoline should be the goal. Together, administration policies fulfill an extreme, no-growth environmental objective - and anchor our economy to a bleak future.

The Obama oil and gas "permitiorium" has virtually halted new exploration offshore and on federal lands. New EPA rules are forcing coal-fired power plants across the country to close, which will drive up utility bills for businesses and families. The President presses constantly for higher taxes on domestic energy production that would only lead to higher prices at the pump.

The President's wrongheaded

energy policies are perhaps best illustrated by his blocking of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. The pipeline would bring a huge (estimated at 830,000 barrels of oil sands daily), stable supply of oil from our friendly neighbors in Canada. The privately financed pipeline would create thousands of construction jobs, as well as thousands of permanent jobs at U.S. refineries, at no cost to taxpayers.

If the Keystone XL pipeline isn't built, Canada will have no choice but to export its oil to China. Republican and Democrat Governors and Members of Congress support the pipeline. Even the Washington Post has editorialized in support. But President Obama refuses to sign the necessary permits.

Another troubling and recent decision by the administration was the President's executive order, "Supporting Safe and Responsible Development of Unconventional Domestic Natural Gas Resources." Don't be fooled by the name. President Obama now seems to believe that we need another government board, because the administration's efforts to regulate natural gas production have become so complicated and convoluted. When states are already safely and effectively regulating hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), why is the President demanding more government control and more oversight over the development and production of natural gas?

These kinds of policies will guarantee higher energy costs, fewer jobs, slower economic growth, and a lower standard of living for Americans. Fortunately, there is a better way forward. Underneath our lands and our shores are natural resources that can make the U.S. energy independent for generations to come.

Thanks to new technology, the U.S. has access to 2,000 trillion cubic feet of known natural gas reserves - a 100-year supply of the cleanest, greenest of all fossil fuels. We are already the world's largest natural gas producer, and production increased by

an astounding 50% last year. Natural gas use for electricity generation is growing rapidly, and conversion to natural gas-powered cars and trucks is on the horizon. But this progress is being threatened by the administration's intent on adding more and more layers of bureaucracy and control to regulate hydraulic fracking. We cannot let that happen.

Our country also remains the Saudi Arabia of coal. Underneath the ground are still at least 275 billion tons of coal - enough for 250 years. Clean coal technology is becoming a reality and global demand for exports of American coal is growing by leaps and bounds.

It's true that we continue to import most of the oil we need, but there is better news on this front, too. The use of new oil well technologies on private lands has boosted total U.S. oil production to new highs. Thanks to advances in exploration and production, the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates there are 200 billion barrels of recoverable oil - not counting upwards of 100 billion barrels of oil (and 400 trillion cubic feet of natural gas) located in the Gulf of Mexico and other offshore areas where the Administration currently blocks development.

We need to continue energy conservation and the development of alternative energy sources. But the crucial missing piece of our national energy strategy is development of our abundant natural resources. Responsible development of these resources can create hundreds of thousands of new, good-paying jobs, and protect American families and businesses against the skyrocketing energy costs that are holding back our economy.

America can become energy independent. That's not a dream; it's a reality. But it will take a big change in Washington.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the Texas Representative in the U.S. Senate.*



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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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

• 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 Parkin-

## Support Groups

son'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.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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find it interesting to note while he is so concerned about guns in church, he does not address the Supreme Court decision to ban Christian symbols on public property and public prayer.

Another obvious oversight is his usual liberal bashing of the "billionaires" without mentioning George Soros. Who is George Soros? According to the Human Events newspaper, a large part of his multi-billion dollar fortune has not come from work, but from manipulating world currencies.

Additionally, Human Events states: "...one of the wealthiest men in the world is using his billions to impose a radical agenda on America." Accordingly, it is believable that Soros would like for the United States to become subservient to international laws.

Kaul then states that there was a time he thought that the radical conservative movement was just a temporary

fad. "The Republican revolution is complete. I mean the Republican agenda is how to lower taxes for the rich, paid for by cutting services for the "non rich". I suggest Mr. Kaul talk to Miquel Perez about how wonderful the rich and poor are treated in Cuba.

After working and paying Social Security taxes for most of the last 70 years, I am told my SSA check is an entitlement. How about a woman who owns two houses and when she won a good amount of lottery money, she refused to stop accepting taxpayer-subsidized food stamps? Of course food stamps are not an entitlement. They are earned!

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## City Election

Vote against the proposition to shift the 4A Economic Development Sales Tax Money to 4B Projects. It is my opinion that Big Spring has worked long and hard to enhance our economic picture and have had success with the Economic Development dollars. To tie up these funds for 20 years will be a devastating blow to the future of our town. I feel if we divert these funds to 4B we will never see them again because there will always be another project and future councils can use these funds for items other than Economic Development. Please go vote and vote against shifting 4A Economic Development funds to 4B projects.

**For the future of Big Spring, vote against the Economic Development proposition.**

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## CITY OF BIG SPRING SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT FOUR AND 4B PROJECT ELECTION

Please remember to vote in the May 12, 2012 election. In addition to the contested race for Single Member District 4 between Bobby McDonald and Loretta Farquhar, there is a proposition on the ballot for citizens to vote **For** or **Against** the use of Type 4A Economic Development sales tax revenue to fund a Type 4B project of up to \$13 Million of the approximate \$23.8 Million in planned improvements to the City's water and wastewater infrastructure.

### Major Impacts if Use of 4A Funds is Approved by a Majority of the Voters:

- The use of 4A sales tax revenue to fund a portion of the infrastructure improvements will reduce the need to use other sources of City revenue, such as increased property taxes or water utility fees.
- The use of up to 40% of the Big Spring EDC's annual sales tax revenue will reduce the amount of funds available for cash incentives on other economic development projects.

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## Three NBC employees lose jobs due to Martin reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Three employees of NBC or an NBC-owned television station have now lost their jobs because of editing changes to a call made to police by George Zimmerman on the night he shot Trayvon Martin.

Lilia Luciano, an NBC News correspondent based in Miami, is no longer working at the network, spokeswoman Amy Lynn said.

Her departure came as a result of an investigation into her March 20 "Today" show report on the Martin case.

Each of the reports on either "Today" or NBC's Miami station WTVJ involve editing of Zimmerman's phone call to a dispatcher that emphasizes his identification of Martin as a black male. Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer in Sanford, Fla., is charged with second-degree murder in the death of 17-year-old Martin, a case that has increased racial tensions.

In the report involving Luciano, audio of the police phone call was edited to insert a reference to Martin's race that had been made later in the conversation.

Last month, an NBC News producer was fired in connection with a March 27 "Today" show report where a tape of the call was edited to suggest that Zimmerman volunteered to police that "this guy looks like he's up to no good. He's black."

The broadcast portion of the audio had deleted a part of the conversation where the police dispatcher asked Zimmerman about whether a suspicious male he was reporting was "black, white or Hispanic." Zimmerman answered, "he looks black."

Lynn said Friday that NBC News'

investigation into the reports has ended.

In an investigation about a separate incident, reporter Jeff Burnside of WTVJ lost his job because of a March 19 report on the dispatcher's call that similarly edited out the dispatcher's question that prompted Zimmerman's characterization of Martin as black, said Matt Glassman, spokesman for the NBC-owned station.

The WTVJ report did not air on any other NBC stations, he said.

Last week, WTVJ aired an apology to its viewers for the report on some of its newscasts, and posted it on the station's website.

The statement said that "an error in editorial judgment was made in which a question from the operator was deleted which could have created the impression that Mr. Zimmerman's statement may have been singling out Trayvon Martin because of his race."

"We take this incident very seriously and apologize to our viewers," WTVJ said. "After conducting an extensive investigation, we are putting a more stringent editorial process in place to ensure this does not happen again."

NBC News did not immediately respond to questions about whether the "Today" show has addressed the misleading reports on the air, or whether there are any plans to do so.

Brent Bozell, founder of the conservative media watchdog the Media Research Center, said NBC still has not come clean.

"The truth has been withheld from NBC's own viewers now for more than one month," he said. "Do the network executives at NBC think that this is acceptable?"

## Nurse in Afghanistan dies while having Skype chat with his wife

HOUSTON (AP) — The wife of an Army officer serving in Afghanistan witnessed her husband's death as the two video chatted via Skype, his family said Friday.

The circumstances of Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark's death were not immediately available. The Pentagon said it was under investigation, and his brother-in-law said he didn't have details.

"We are entrusting the military with investigating and with finding out what happened to Capt. Clark," Bradley Taber-Thomas told The Associated Press.

Clark, a 43-year-old Army chief nurse, grew up in Michigan and lived previously in Spencerport, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester and his wife's hometown. He joined the Army in 2006 and was stationed in Hawaii before he was assigned to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso. He deployed to Afghanistan in March.

A statement from the family released by Taber-Thomas said Clark died Monday while talking to his wife during one of their regular Skype sessions.

"At the time of the incident, the family was hoping for a rescue and miracle, but later learned that it was not to be," the statement said. "Although the circumstances were unimaginable, Bruce's wife and extended family will be forever thankful that he and his wife were together in his last moments."

Clark's body was returned Thursday to Dover Air Force Base.

A funeral is planned in Spencerport, but details were not immedi-

ately available. Clark and his wife, Susan Orellana-Clark, moved there in 2000. While living there, he worked for about four years at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., first as an operating room assistant then operating room technician.

"He was a friendly guy, always joking, always picking on me because of my (British) accent," said Ellie Villanueva, a nurse who worked with Clark at the hospital and kept in touch with him after he left. They spoke a few days before his death, and he talked about coming for a visit. "After work, we would all go out. It was like a family. He was my son."

Clark was an EMT before he worked at the hospital. He went on to earn his nursing degree and planned to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist, Villanueva said.

"He was always willing and always wanting to better himself," she said.

Military records show Clark finished his nursing degree before joining the military in 2006.

He received a number of awards and decorations for his service.

"When you were in Bruce's presence it was apparent he served a higher purpose," the family's statement said. "He was deeply honored to serve his country, and he paid the ultimate sacrifice to serve people, his children, family, community, and church."

A memorial service also was planned in Addison, Mich., where Clark graduated from high school.

Villanueva said the delay in releasing the cause of Clark's death was difficult on those who knew him.

"Why is it taking so long? It's odd," she said. "It's a real shame."

## 9-11 'mastermind' back before judge

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and four accused co-conspirators appeared in public for the first time in more than three years Saturday, when U.S. officials started a second attempt at what is likely to be a drawn out legal battle that could lead to the men's executions.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his co-defendants were being

arraigned at a military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay on charges that include that include 2,976 counts of murder for the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

In the past, during the failed first effort to prosecute them at the U.S. base in Cuba, Mohammed has mocked the tribunal and said he and his co-defendants would plead guilty and welcome execution. But there were signs that at least some of the defense

teams were preparing for a lengthy fight, planning challenges of the military tribunals and the secrecy that shrouds the case.

The arraignment is "only the beginning of a trial that will take years to complete, followed by years of appellate review," attorney James Connell, who represents defendant Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, told reporters gathered at the base to observe the hearing this week.

# Dental x-rays — How safe and necessary?

A study was reported in the news recently that dental x-rays may increase the risk of a certain kind of brain tumor called meningioma. This has caused concern for many people and it brings up the important questions of safety and necessity of dental x-rays.

Why are x-rays taken? Whether dental x-rays or medical x-rays and CT scans, radiation is used to see things that we can't see otherwise, at least without surgery.

The ability to treat medical or dental problems early, conservatively, and effectively is greatly enhanced by the ability to take x-rays and scans that produce radiation.

You would not want to go back to a world without diagnostic x-rays.

Are x-rays safe? Well,

yes and no. Radiation damage to the body is cumulative, it adds up. We should not expose ourselves to unnecessary radiation. That being said, I get dental x-rays, an occasional chest x-ray, or any other scan that my physician tells me I really need. The reason is that the ability to treat problems early is worth the slight risk of the radiation.

Why do I need dental x-rays since dental problems are not life threatening?

Well, sometimes dental problems are life threatening whether due to severe infection

or cancers of the jawbone which occasionally are discovered.

Even if not life threatening, dental problems can be amongst the most painful conditions people have to endure, on the same pain level as kidney stones and child birth (ouch).

The more common benefits are to be able to catch cavities before they get large and expensive to fix, to evaluate anatomy before surgery, and to catch periodontal disease (gum and jawbone disease) before the patient ends up needing dentures.

How risky are dental x-rays? The study that has been quoted recently has the problem that it is relying on adult's memories of their childhood x-ray type and frequency. This isn't a very reliable way to

do a study. That being said, there is reason for concern.

The good news is that there is far less radiation involved in dental x-rays today than when the study reaches back to.

Modern x-ray films require less than half the radiation of "the old days" when the people in this study received their childhood radiation. The digital (filmless) dental x-rays that many of us now use produce only about one tenth of the radiation compared to the films of 30 years ago.

How often do I need dental x-rays?

The answer to that question depends on the person.

Whenever you see a new dentist for the first time, they will need current x-rays then or

from your previous dentist. This will normally consist of a panoramic x-ray and bitewings or a full set on individual "periapicals".

People who are having few new cavities or periodontal disease issues don't need x-rays as often as those who do. These dentally healthy folks may only need x-rays of each area every few years.

Unfortunately, since cavities and gum problems don't produce any symptoms until severe, you don't know your own status ahead of time.

People who are having a lot of cavities or who are suffering bone destruction from periodontal disease usually need to be some (usually bitewing) x-rays yearly to be able to treat the problems appropri-

ately. Children often are in this category because cavities penetrate baby teeth very quickly.

In summary, it's OK to ask you dentist or physician, if you really need that x-ray and maybe even delay it. If you, however, totally decline to have x-rays ever taken, you'll probably be looking for a new doctor.

A doctor can't be responsible for his patient's health if needed diagnostic information is not obtainable.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

Howard County Appraisal District  
P. O. Drawer 1151  
Big Spring, TX 79721-1151  
(432) 263-8301  
[cad@howardcad.org](mailto:cad@howardcad.org)

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

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(432) 263-8301 [cad@howardcad.org](mailto:cad@howardcad.org)

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Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

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# Forsan standouts



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142 of the 183 Forsan High School students have participated past the district level in either athletics, band, One Act Play, or Academic competitions this school year. "Teachers, coaches, administrators and staff are extremely proud of the students and their accomplishments," said FHS Principal Keith Stone.

## Prostate cancer; A secret that shouldn't be hidden

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Breast cancer has received a lot of notoriety over the years and has basically pushed all other forms of cancer to the wayside, including prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is a topic seldom, if ever, talked about. However, Robert Miller — Big Spring attorney and prostate cancer survivor — wants to change that.

"Men need to be informed about prostate cancer," Miller said.

Informing men and gaining attention on the dangers and damage caused by prostate cancer is the driving force for Miller to speak out after experiencing his own battle with prostate cancer.

Miller understands the importance of being proactive and getting people to acknowledge prostate cancer. His understanding is what provoked him to share his story with others.

"It's not something people want to talk about and a lot of people have asked me why I want to talk about it," Miller said. "My thinking is if I can get one man to go and get his PSAs checked then it served a purpose."

Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer found in men according to Wikipedia and American Cancer Society statistics. It is also the second leading cause of death for men, behind lung cancer. The most recent statistics compiled by the American Cancer Society show there are 240,890 new cases and 33,720 deaths a year resulting from prostate cancer. Statistics show one in every six men will get prostate cancer and one in 36 will die from prostate cancer, however, there are more than 2 million prostate cancer survivors.

"I wish I would have done something sooner," Miller said. "I wish I would have had the biopsy sooner so we could have discovered it sooner."

Men older than 50 are more prone to prostate cancer, as are men who have first-degree family members with prostate cancer. Those who have two first-degree family members — father or brother — are five times more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"My brother had to fight prostate cancer, which is the main reason we decided to do the biopsy when we noticed my numbers were slightly elevated," Miller said.

There are two classifications — aggressive and

non-aggressive — however, in most cases it is a slow growing cancer and often symptom free.

"I didn't have any symptoms, but my PSA numbers elevated, even though they weren't extremely elevated they were higher than usual," Miller said.

According to Wikipedia, prostate cancer is most commonly detected during a work up of PSA when an elevated number shows up. However, some of the symptoms related to prostate cancer include frequent urination, nocturia, difficulty starting and maintaining steady stream of urine, hematuria and dysuria. Advanced prostate cancer can also cause bone pain in the vertebrae, pelvis and ribs.

"I encourage every man to get his PSAs tested regularly, at least once a year," Miller said. "It is something I always made sure to do."

On top of having routine PSA checks, Miller as well as the American Cancer Society, suggest keeping a healthy lifestyle will aid in prevention.

"I work out and continue to work out after the treatment," Miller said. "I can only imagine what the treatments could have been like if I hadn't been in shape and I wasn't someone who worked out."

Research has shown exercise and a good diet can help prevent prostate cancer just as certain medications would, according to Wikipedia.

Prostate cancer is the ninth most common form of cancer in the world and the number one cancer, besides skin cancer, for men in the United States. Statistics from the American Cancer Society show Asian men are the least likely to be diagnosed and African-American men are most likely with

diagnosis for white men being in the middle.

Since it's discovery in 1853, the understanding of the disease has come a long way. However, information, media coverage and attention to prostate cancer is still far behind that of many other cancers. Even though it is less talked about, the damage it can cause it just as severe if not more so.

"It is something we need to talk about, something that shouldn't make a man embarrassed," Miller said.

*Editors Note: This is the first story in a series of three. The second installment will tell about Miller's journey through diagnosis of prostate cancer as well as treatment. The third and final installment will discuss a look back on radiation treatment and the over all journey.*



ROBERT MILLER

### Campaign Conservative or Voting Conservative? You Decide!

**My opponent, Kel Seliger, doesn't want you paying attention to his voting record. But then again, he probably doesn't want you paying much attention to his campaign promises either.**

**His failing conservative performance** ratings by the top conservative state organizations are:

- Texas Eagle Forum gave him a failing conservative rating of **60**
- Empowered Texans gave him a failing conservative rating of **D+**
- Young Conservatives of Texas gave him a failing conservative rating of **50** and a failing career conservative rating average of **55**.

Among all the State Representatives and Senators the Young Conservatives of Texas listed him as:

- One of the **top 6 Certified RINOs** (Republican In Name Only) in the state.
- Out of all the State Representatives and Senators, the YCT voted Mr. Seliger as one of the **three worst Republicans in Texas**.

Out of **684 roll-call votes**, Mark Jones, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rice University in Houston, determined that, in listing the 19 Senate Republicans from most conservative to least conservative, Mr. Seliger's conservative rating was the third from the bottom of the list.

Maybe he is in favor of "lowering taxes", but just not when serving as a member of the Texas Senate.

- He voted to speed-up the due date for the state's complicated, inefficient, and mostly unfair gross margins tax that punishes start-up business, small businesses, and struggling enterprises. This is the same tax on business that he helped create back in 2006.
- In 2009 he voted for a bill that would have allowed, as a funding option, the ability to hike the gasoline tax by 10 cents a gallon and imposed a radical set of new fees.

Randy has a proven track record for fighting for solid conservative values. As Ector County School Board president, Randy worked to drop the tax rate 2 years in a row and still give teachers a raise.

Randy led the fight against the ACLU's attacks on the elective Bible curriculum that he helped implement and he Worked with the Texas State Board of Education in 2010 to pass a resolution preventing Anti-Christian/Pro-Islamic bias in textbooks.

Randy supports gun rights and a citizen's right to bear arms and strongly believes in the right to life.

**Randy is not a 50%, 60%, or D+ conservative. We need a voting conservative not a campaign conservative representing us in Austin.**

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# Hawks fall to Chapparals

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The seemingly untouchable Howard College Hawk softball team was tripped up by rival Midland College on Friday as the Chapparals handed HC a 10-7 postseason loss in the Hawks' second regional championship tourney appearance of the year.

Adjustments at the plate and on defense will be made, according to HC Coach Kelly Raines, as they now have to defeat El Paso Community College to stay alive.

"I felt good going into the game," Raines said. "We were ahead in the seventh inning. (El Paso) caught a lucky break and we caught a bad one. They hit a home run in the eighth and that was the end. We didn't play our best game, we didn't deserve to win."

Raines said Olive Naotala will likely take the circle for the Hawks against EPCC after using Sandra Serna and Megan Granada on Friday.

A loss would mean the end of the season for HC, but a win would advance them to the third round, where they would have to face Midland College once again — and take two straight games — to keep its hopes of traveling to Utah for a national championship run a possibility.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton  
Howard College's Carlyn Teichmann makes the out at first during the Hawks' 10-7 loss to Midland College on Friday in Lubbock. The Hawks must win three straight games to stay alive.

# Bulldogettes pound Bushland in Game 1 of area playoff

LUBBOCK — The Coahoma Bulldogettes are still cruising in post-season play.

The squad took the field against Bushland on Friday, downing the Falcons by a score of 15-6.

According to CHS Coach Robb Glasscock, it the Falcons were competitive but six-run inning in the seventh put Bushland in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

"We scored every inning," Glasscock

said. "The offense was there."

The Bulldogettes will have to defeat Bushland one more time to take the best-of-three series and advance to the next round of playoffs.

Game Two is being played at press time. Should a Game Three be necessary, it will be played 30 minutes after Game Two concludes.

Results from the game(s) will appear in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

# BSHS boys golfers place fifth at state

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Big Spring High School boys golf squad had a great year. Unfortunately, it has come to an end.

After winning district, placing second in regionals and advancing to Austin to compete in the state tournament, the young team placed fifth in the Class 3A championship with a total score of 633 — 29 shots behind newly crowned champs Fredricksburg. Rounding out the top five were runners-up Andrews, third place Prosper and fourth place Argyle.

BSHS Coach Chris Joslin knew his team was capable of big things, even though it consists of two juniors, two sophomores and a freshmen.

"All the kids played well all year," Joslin said.

Tyler Bryan finished in fifth place as a medalist by shooting a 73 and a 75 for a two-round total of 148. Tying for 10<sup>th</sup> place was Tate Kennedy after shooting a 152 — 80 in the first round and an even par in the second.

Devin Roberson totaled 164 after shooting a 85 and a 79, Ryan Pollard took 87 shots in the first round and 82 in the second for a total of 169 and Jason Guevara shot a two-round score of 181, with an 87 in the first round and a 94 in the second.

The Steers also had a bit of bad luck — three golfers were sick with a stomach bug and were vomiting while navigating the Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

Despite everything, BSHS

ended a strong year with a solid finish and with all five players returning, a state championship is a very real possibility next year.

Joslin told the *Abilene Reporter-News* he was pleased with the outcome and was impressed with the performances of underclassmen such as Bryan.

"(Bryan) has played well all year, especially just being a freshmen," Joslin added. "He's just steady every time. In every tournament, he's going to find a way to get in the hole."

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

# Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Connie Fowler won low gross in individual play Monday morning.

Patsy Sharpnack took low net while Ramona Harris had the fewest putts.

In Thursday evening couple nine-hole team scramble, Ray and Sue Rissell teamed up with Max and Betty Ray Coffee to take top honors shooting five-under par.

A scorecard playoff going into the handicap hole was used to determine the next three places. All three teams shot one-under par.

Second place went to Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Bill and Bibbie Holden. Coming in third place were Ron and Daury Booth, Linda Dewaters and Trish Gabbard. Paul and Dee Jenkins and Mirtin and Lenita Fryar placed fourth.

Ray Russell won closest to the pin on Hole No. Three, Linda Dewaters took the honor on Hole No. Six.

# Infamous Bill Buckner ball commands \$418k

DALLAS (AP) — The baseball that rolled through the legs of Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner in the 1986 World Series was sold at auction Friday for \$418,250.

Heritage Auctions said the ball was sold to a buyer who wished to remain anonymous. The sale price includes the buyer's premium.

Buckner hit .289 with 2,715 hits in 22 years and had more than 100 RBIs in two of his three full seasons with the Red Sox. But he is remem-

bered by most for his error at Shea Stadium that night when Mookie Wilton's grounder rolled through his legs, allowing the New York Mets to cap a two-out rally in Game 6 with a victory in the 10th inning.

"It really embodies the emotion of sports," said Chris Ivy, director of sports auctions at Heritage. "That ball symbolizes both the thrill of victory for the Mets and the agony of defeat for the Red Sox fans. It really brings out a lot of emotion."

# Rivera: "I'm not going out like this"

DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mariano Rivera sat on a chair in the corner of the visitor's clubhouse at Kauffman Stadium, his right knee tightly wrapped Friday night and crutches resting against a nearby locker.

In one declarative statement, the Yankees' closer put to rest any notion that he'd shuffle off into retirement after a devastating injury sustained the previous night in batting practice.

"I'm coming back. Write it down in big letters. I'm not going out like this," Rivera said.

The 12-time All-Star vowed he will return to the mound by 2013, despite hinting in spring training that this season may be his last. He said he reflected on the injury at his hotel room in the wee hours of Friday morning before making his decision.

"I love to play the game. To me, I don't think going out like this is the right way," Rivera said.

"I don't want to retire because I got hurt in the way that it happened. I don't think like that. With the strength of the Lord, I just have to continue."

Rivera tore his ACL and damaged his meniscus when his foot caught near the outfield wall before the series opener against Kansas City.

An MRI taken during the game revealed the extent of the injury, and Rivera dabbed tears from his eyes when he spoke in

the clubhouse Thursday night.

He wasn't sure at the time whether he would return.

He was certain of it less than 24 hours later.

"Miracles happen," Rivera said with a smile. "I'm a positive man. The only thing is that I feel sorry I let down my teammates. Besides that I'm OK."

Rivera's decision was merely the start of an encouraging night for New York. CC Sabathia pitched into the eighth inning and Derek Jeter belted a two-run homer in the seventh inning, helping the Yankees snap a three-game losing streak with a 6-2 win over the Royals.

"It's always tough when you lose the greatest closer in the history of baseball," Sabathia said. "That was the first time since I've been here that I didn't have him out there."

Rivera spoke with New York Mets medical director Dr. David Altchek, who performed surgery on his shoulder following the 2008 season, and was told that he should be ready to work out again in about five months. Rivera hopes that allows him to pitch by the start of spring training.

"You know, I just kind of had a feeling in talking to him last night that it wasn't the way he wants to go out," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "He still has to get through this rehab and we'll see where he's at, but Mo wants to do things on his own terms, and determine when he's done, and I don't think he wanted to be done be-

cause of an injury."

Rivera remained with the team Friday night in Kansas City. He plans to return to New York this weekend before consulting with Yankees team physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad.

Rivera said he was touched by the outpouring of support he received after the injury — even Miami Heat star LeBron James mentioned the "freak accident."

There was a bouquet of flowers in the empty locker that adjoined Rivera's in the clubhouse, bringing a smile to his face.

"He's special," Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine said Friday night in Boston. "Hopefully he'll come back, even though he's with the bad guys."

Royals manager Ned Yost called Rivera "one of a kind," while Philadelphia closer Jonathan Papelbon referred to him as the "godfather" of their role.

"It's just kind of tough to put into words," Papelbon said. "It's just tough to see your leader, your idol — it's hard to even comprehend it or talk about it."

Longtime Yankees manager Joe Torre called the injury unfortunate.

"Even though he has a tall mountain to climb I think he still has a lot of fight left in him," said Torre, now the MLB's vice president for operations. "It's a testament to Mariano's work ethic that he was injured while preparing for a game as he has done his entire career."

# Mavs try to avoid sweep at home against Thunder

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Derek Fisher remembers how it felt to be swept out of the playoffs by the Dallas Mavericks.

That was only last year, when he was still playing for the Los Angeles Lakers. The veteran guard is now part of an Oklahoma City team full of young stars that has a chance to finish off a first-round sweep of the defending NBA champs.

"You just never forget not finding a way to win a game in a playoff series," Fisher said Friday. "But you learn from it, you grow from it. I feel like it's made me better in terms of appreciating when you're in an opportunity in the postseason later in your career to really just give everything you have."

Oh, how quickly Fisher is getting that chance.

Game 4 is Saturday night in Dallas, where the Thunder led throughout and by as many as 26 points in a dominating 95-79 victory in Game 3 after winning the first two games at home by a combined four points.

"You don't ever anticipate being up by mid-20s against Dallas on their home floor. That's awful aggressive on your part if you're thinking that way," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "We've played good basketball."

After Dallas surprisingly swept past the Lakers to get to the Western Conference finals last year, the Mavericks needed only five games to eliminate Oklahoma City.

Only a week into this year's playoffs, the Mavs find themselves playing for a little pride and trying to at least win one game.

No NBA team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series.

"The focus is very narrow, it's on one game," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're not tense or tight. We understand the nature of competition. ... We haven't lost any enthusiasm about our approach, and we will not."

That sounds a lot like Oklahoma city.

When the Thunder walked onto the American Airlines Center floor for a workout Friday, Kevin Durant had headphones over his ears. So did James Harden, who sang along to whatever he was listening to.

Durant, the three-time NBA scoring champ, had the game-winning bucket in the series opener and finally rediscovered his shooting touch in Game 3 when he scored 31 points on 11 of 15 shooting. He had 15 points in the first quarter.

"We know we have to be prepared and focused and locked in," Durant said. "We've got a good opportunity. ... We haven't (done anything). That's what we have to think."

Fisher, whose No. 37 Thunder jersey matches his age, won five NBA titles with the Lakers. He signed with Oklahoma City in March after Los Angeles traded him to the Houston Rockets, who then bought out his contract.

The Thunder's starting lineup of 20-somethings includes All-Stars Durant and Russell Westbrook. Adding Fisher provided a lot of experience, playoff and otherwise.

"There are definitely things I can share verbally to my teammates. At the same time, it's those experiences in themselves that help you understand what it means and how to appreciate certain things," Fisher said. "It's important for them to experience it for who they are and what it means to them."

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# Rangers hit three game skid

CLEVELAND (AP) — Losing streaks don't happen very often to the Texas Rangers.

That's why even a short one gets people's attention. Friday night's 6-3 loss to the Cleveland Indians sent the Rangers to their first three-game slide since Aug. 23-25.

Given the fact Texas still has the second-best record in the league, it's understandable that panic isn't about to set in with the two-time defending AL champions.

"We played really well to start the year and we lose a couple of games and you guys are calling it a dip if we don't win every night," said Colby Lewis, who was handed his first loss of the season in six starts. "It's not a dip. It's baseball."

"We'll bounce back tomorrow," manager Ron Washington said.

Josh Hamilton, who returned to the Rangers' lineup after missing three games because of back spasms, was 1 for 4

with a strikeout. Adrian Beltre, who didn't start for the third straight game because of a sore left hamstring, flied out to deep right as a pinch-hitter to end the game.

Lewis (3-1) allowed six runs and 10 hits over 6 2-3 innings, snapping his personal six-game winning streak dating to Sept. 9.

That was the longest active streak in the AL. Lewis gave up a two-run homer to Shin-Soo Choo in the second and a solo shot to Jack Hannahan in the third.

"I think I threw the ball pretty good," Lewis said. "I don't know. Definitely the line score doesn't determine how well I threw in the game, that's for sure."

With the Rangers trailing 4-3 in the seventh, Lewis gave up Johnny Damon's two-run triple, a drive that was nearly caught at the wall by Hamilton. Washington stayed with Lewis, who retired Damon on three fly

balls to left field, even though left-hander Robbie Ross was warming up in the bullpen.

Washington second-guessed his decision.

"Colby had gotten him out all day," he said. "I was one batter late. I'll take the blame for that."

"It was an 0-1 curveball," Lewis said. "I don't think I had thrown one to him all day. It was one of those things. I had made him swing at a lot of bad pitches, good pitches for me, in the first three at-bats. He made it happen when he needed to make it happen."

Damon thought Hamilton had a chance to make the catch.

"Fortunately, he didn't make the play," he said. "I've seen him make that catch. No lead is too big for that team, so it felt good give us some insurance."

Washington also thought he made the wrong decision to send Hamilton from first base with Michael Young batting in the eighth.

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# Another weekend of golf at Quail Hollow without Woods

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It's becoming a tradition like no other experienced by Tiger Woods — a weekend at Quail Hollow without him.

He missed the cut two years ago in the Wells Fargo Championship with the highest 36-hole score of his career, a surprise but not entirely unexpected because it was only his second tournament since his return from the downfall in his personal life. Friday was more stunning, not only because he missed a 4-foot birdie putt on his 17th hole that would have allowed him to make the cut, but it came just more than a month after he won at Bay Hill.

Woods, though, reminded that it was all part of the process.

He didn't use those words — he has said them enough during his swing changes — but that's what he meant.

Even as Nick Watney rediscovered his game with a 64 to take a one-shot lead going into the weekend, Woods was explaining that swing changes take time, even if he has a trophy to show for it.

When he revamped his swing under Butch Harmon after a record-setting win at the 1997 Masters, it took nearly two years for him to get it right. He switched to Hank Haney, and it was close to two years before he was out with old and

fully understood a new way of playing golf.

"So it takes time to get rid of old patterns," Woods said after a 1-over-73 to miss the cut by one shot. "It takes hundreds of thousands — if not millions — of golf balls, but eventually it comes around. I've had my share of successes, and I know it's coming."

It just won't be coming this weekend.

Woods turned the show over to Watney, whose 12-under 132 was a surprise for different reasons. Watney, a two-time winner a year ago who started this season at No. 12 in the world ranking, had failed to record a top 10 in his nine stroke-play events this year.

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# Protect Your Pets

## FROM PESTS

FAMILY FEATURES

**Veterinarians across the country are expecting an abundance of fleas and ticks this year.**

### The Trouble with Ticks

- Ticks are not insects. They are actually arachnids and are closely related to mites, spiders and scorpions.
- Ticks don't burrow under the skin. In order to feed, they actually bite.
- Only adult female ticks feed off the blood of their host.

For pet owners, warm weather brings the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with their furry loved ones. But it also brings the risk of flea and tick infestation.

Veterinarians across the country are expecting an abundance of fleas and ticks this year, due in part to warmer winter temperatures in some areas of the nation.

"Fleas and ticks are more than simple nuisances for your pets," said Laura Petree, DVM, Manager of Technical Services for Central Garden and Pet Company. "They can cause your pet discomfort, and in the case of ticks, put your pets and your family at risk for a variety of diseases."

Dr. Petree says that flea eggs can account for 50 percent of a domestic flea infestation. One adult female flea can lay up to 50 eggs per day. If your pet has 10 fleas, your problem suddenly multiplies to 15,000 fleas in a month. "In order to effectively protect your dog or cat from fleas and ticks, you need to address any initial infestation problem, then keep the problem from coming back," she said.

### Preventing problems

Prevention is the best course of action. Making your yard unfriendly to pests is a good place to start.

- **Don't give fleas and ticks a welcoming environment.** Mow regularly, keep shrubs trimmed, and rake up leaves. Keep the garbage covered so it won't attract rodents — that means fleas and ticks won't have any help getting close to your house.
- **You can spray your yard to kill adult fleas and ticks.** Outdoor sprays can be used on lawns, flowers, trees and shrubs. They kill and repel fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, ants, crickets and other insects. Spray wherever your pet frequents the most. Allow it to dry before letting pets or people onto the treated area.

Preventive maintenance should be a regular part of your pet care routine. Whenever you groom your dog or cat, check for fleas and ticks. Signs of fleas include redness and scratching, as well as what's known as flea dirt — black flea droppings left on your pet's coat. Ticks are most commonly found around the neck, in the ears, in the folds between the legs and body, and in between the toes. Cats may also have them around the neck and face.

Topical treatments contain an insect growth regulator (IGR) that kills flea eggs and prevents re-infestation. They kill and repel fleas, ticks and mosquitoes for up to 30 days. Many topical treatments are messy to apply, sometimes dripping on your hands, your pet and the floor, so consider using the Adams Smart Shield Applicator. The Smart Shield Applicator keeps liquid off your hands and lets you quickly get uniform applications down to your pet's skin. It's a good alternative to expensive prescriptions from the vet.

Shampoos and mists can also be used to complement your pet's regular flea and tick control maintenance.

- Shampoos clean your pet by eliminating adult fleas, ticks and flea dirt. The active ingredients must come in contact with the pests for a certain period of time in order to be effective. Results are immediate. However, because shampoos have no long-lasting effects, it's a good idea to follow the shampoo with a dip or maintenance product.
- Mists are used to kill fleas, ticks and mosquitos on dogs and cats instantly. Flea eggs and larvae will be prevented for one to two months.

### Flea Facts

- Fleas are some of the best jumpers of all known animals. They can jump around 200 times their own body length.
- Only about 5 percent of the flea population is mature adults. The other 95 percent are in the egg, larva, or pupa stage of development.
- A female flea sucks up to 30 times her weight in blood — every day.

### Controlling an infestation

Sometimes, despite your best efforts, your pet brings home some unwanted pests. Here's what you can do:

- Quickly kill biting adult fleas and offer several days of flea protection by using short-term control products for severe infestation problems. Sprays, dips, shampoos and other products can be used to help combat an infestation problem until it is under control.
- Vacuuming plays an important role in getting a flea infestation under control. Vacuum before the first home treatment, then daily for the next few weeks. This will help remove newly emerged fleas, flea dirt, eggs and some larvae from the carpets.
- Treating your home with carpet powders, carpet sprays, room foggers or home sprays will help control fleas. Every area your pet frequents should be treated — including the garage, basement, kennel and yard.

Take care of your pet and your family by having the right prevention and treatment options for your furry family member. To learn more about protecting your pet and your home from fleas and ticks, visit the Flea and Tick Education page at [www.adamsfleacontrol.com](http://www.adamsfleacontrol.com).

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**Schaffner/Witte**



Ambrie Megan Schaffner and Justin Richard Witte

Ambrie Megan Schaffner of Big Spring and Justin Richard Witte of Odessa announce their engagement.

Ambrie is the daughter of Shane and Cynthia Schaffner of Big Spring.

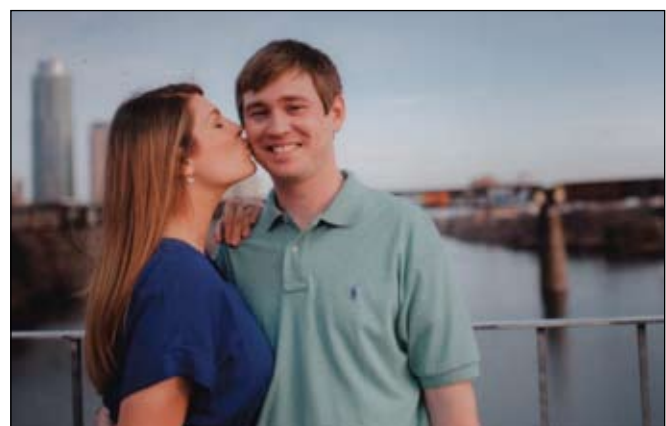
The bride elect is a 2008 graduate of Big Spring High School. She received her bachelor of science in social work from University of Texas Permian Basin in 2011. She is in graduate studies at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Dianna Witte of Odessa. He is a 2001 graduate of Permian High School and a 2006 graduate of Odessa College. He is employed by Monticello Diagnostic Imaging as a radiology technician.

Grandparents of the bride are Bill and Corene Schaffner, Linda Lindell and the late Paul Lindell and Ron and Diane Mason.

The couple plans to exchange vows May 19, 2012 in Big Spring.

**Weisinger/Leatham**



Ashley Lauren Weisinger and George Taylor Leatham

Randy and Leigh Weisinger of Waco, Texas, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Lauren Weisinger to George Taylor Leatham.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Raymond and Margaret Kilgo from Lakeway, Texas, and Delbert and Sue Weisinger, both deceased, from Houston, Texas.

The bride-elect received her bachelor of science in education with EC-4 with ESL from Tarleton State University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Midway ISD in Waco.

Taylor is the son of George and Mary Leatham from Big Spring.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Jack and Wanda Pipes, both deceased, from Coahoma, and Edith and George Leatham, deceased, from Chester, N.Y.

He received his bachelors of science in management from Tarleton State University. He is employed as a branch banker at First Community Bank in Waco.

The couple will wed June 30, 2012, in Austin, at the Hills Country Club at 7 p.m.

**Birth**

Jarred and Rachel Rubio of Big Spring, announce the birth of their son Noah Bentley Rubio.

Noah was born March 17, 2012, at 9:17 p.m.

He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Angie Cole of Big Spring.

Paternal grandparents are Jesse and Kim Rubio of Big Spring.

Noah was welcomed home by his siblings, Lawson and Mikah Rubio.



Noah Bentley Rubio

**Bryce Lindsey wins NSLI for youth scholarship to study language abroad**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bryce Lindsey, a high school student at Ann Richard's School for Young Women Leaders in Austin, has been awarded one of more than 600 National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarships for 2012-2013.

Bryce is the daughter of Monty and

Tiffany Lindsey, graduates of Big Spring High School, and the granddaughter of local residents Daniel and Alvina Arguello.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and provides

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Their eldest daughter Kathy Reyes of Big Spring; their youngest daughter Katrina Schultze and her husband Eric of Winston Salem, N.C.; and two sons, Kenneth Fred and Charles Lee Matthews will join the celebration in spirit.

Their grandchildren include: Amanda Ruth and husband Bobby of Big Spring; Amber Long and son Klaytin of Big Spring; Kelsey Robinson of Winston Salem, N.C.; Kadisha Robinson and son Keshawn of Big Spring; and Kevin, Kendra and Kristen Matthews all of Big Spring.

Charles is retired from the United States Air Force and Jewell is a retired domestic engineer. The couple met in Jackson, Miss. and after a brief courtship were married in Brandon, Miss. Because Charles was in the Air Force they moved several times throughout the years before being transferred to Big Spring, Webb Air Force Base, until retiring and making Big Spring their home in 1973.

Their hobbies are hooking up their RV and traveling, going to flea markets, auctions and, most of all, spending time with their family.

# Weddings

Rebecca Carol Davis and Bennie Lex Hunt Jr. were united in marriage Saturday, May 5, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas. Dr. Philip L. Christopher officiated the double-ring ceremony. Music was provided by Jeff Berry.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kent Davis of Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Harold L. Davis of Big Spring, Texas, the late Mr. Davis, Mrs. Norman D. Gooch Sr., and the late Mr. Gooch of Abilene.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lex Hunt Sr., of Auburn, Ala. He is the grandson of Mrs. R.A. Albert, the late Dr. Albert, Mrs. Bennie L. Hunt and the late Mr. Hunt, all of Auburn.

Maid of honor was Catherine Claire Davis, sister of the bride, of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Lasha Elizabeth Manis, cousin of the bride, Forth Worth; Brooke Dowell Knight, Kaiserslautern, Germany; Blair Creel Smith of Arlington; and Hali Gililland Thompson and Ashlee McKinney Snider, both of Abilene. Miss Kimber Snider served as flower girl.

Best man was Philip Carlton of Abilene. Groomsmen who also served as ushers were Jackson Hunt, brother of the groom, of Auburn, Ala.; Curtis Merritt, cousin of the groom, Phenix City, Ala.; Paul Dupre, Jenks, Okla.; Sean Landolt, Bryan, Texas; and Dwayne Lee of Abilene. Mr. Hayden Smith of Arlington, Texas, served as ring bearer.

Honor attendants were Amber Davis, Jill Worley, Daene Lloyd, and Me-



Mrs. Bennie Lex Hunt Jr.

lissa Lomax, all of Abilene; Kelsi Stanal and of Jayton, Texas; and Brooke Bounds Wright of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Hunt is a 2002 graduate of Wylie High School. She graduated from Hardin Simmons University in 2006 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She is employed by First Financial Trust and asset management company.

Mr. Hunt is a 1998 Auburn High School graduate and he attended Abilene Christian University studying Biblical text. He is employed in management by Rosa's Cafe.

Following a honeymoon to Fredericksburg, Texas. The couple will make their home in Abilene.

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### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members, county and city officials and air park business representatives were on hand for the chamber-sponsored Business After Hours and open house at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park this week. Those attending had an opportunity to learn about the numerous businesses located on the airpark.

### Energy Watch



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



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

Like a plow horse, the US economy just puts one hoof after the other. It ain't gonna win any races, but it ain't gonna keel over and die, either.

After slogging through the mud last year, and slowing down to just 1.2 percent annualized growth in the first three quarters of 2011, things have improved. In the fourth quarter last year, real GDP grew a solid, work-horse-like, 3 percent. We expect that continued in the first quarter of 2012.

If anything, other indicators suggest real GDP growth might be even stronger. Nonfarm payrolls rose 635,000 in Q1, the largest gain since 2006. Total hours worked in the private sector climbed at a 3.7 percent annual rate. In other words, to get 3 percent real GDP growth assumes some weakness in productivity.

This is clearly not the recovery heaven of 1983-84, when real GDP grew at a 6.6 percent annual rate for two years and the jobless rate fell 3.5 percentage points in only 21 months. It's not a double-dip, either, and after six consecutive months of 3 percent growth, it's not all about nice weather.

Consumption: Auto sales were up at a 35 percent annual rate in Q1 while "real" (inflation-adjusted) retail sales ex-autos were up at a 5.8 percent rate. Services, a major part of consumption, are not up as much, but it looks like real personal consumption — goods and services combined — probably climbed at a 2.2 percent annual rate in Q1, contributing 1.6 points to the real GDP growth rate. (2.2 times the consumption share of GDP, which is 71 percent, equals 1.6.)

Business Investment: Business investment in equipment and software as well as commercial construction appear to have grown at an annualized 6 percent rate in Q1. This should add 0.6 points to the real GDP growth rate. (6 times the business investment share of GDP, which is 10 percent, equals 0.6.)

Home Building: Led by apartment buildings — and assisted by unusually mild winter weather — residential construction appears to have grown at about a 17 percent annual rate in Q1. This translates into 0.4 points for the real GDP growth rate. (17 times the home building share of GDP, which is 2.3 percent, equals 0.4.)

Government: Military spending continued to decline in Q1, but state and local government construction looks like it rose. On net, real government purchases shrank at about a 1 percent rate in Q1, which should subtract about 0.2 percentage points from real GDP growth. (-1 times the government purchase share of GDP, which is 20 percent, equals -0.2.)

Trade: At this point, the government has only reported trade data through February. But, on average, the "real" trade deficit in goods has declined compared to the Q4 average. This shrinkage resembles what happened in the first quarter of 2006, when the trade sector added 0.4 points to the real GDP growth rate. We're forecasting the same for this year's first quarter.

Inventories: As always, inventories are the wild card. We only have "real" inventory figures through January, when they rose sharply. Nominal inventories were up at a moderate pace in February and we're assuming another moderate gain in March. This should generate a very small addition of 0.2 points to the real GDP growth rate in Q1.

Add-em-up and you get another 3 percent real GDP growth for Q1 — another "plow horse" report.

The pessimists will likely subtract inventories and trade, and bash the economy, but this game of trashing every piece of data for political purposes is getting really old.

After piling massive government spending, new regulation, the threat of major tax hikes, European uncertainty, higher energy prices, and a host of other things on its back, the US economy keeps plodding along. It's a testament to the resilience of the entrepreneurial spirit, determination and new technology. It's worth celebrating, not tearing down.

Don't get us wrong. We think the economy could grow faster if government were smaller and tax hikes were off the table, but we are a long way from recession and that's good news for investors.

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## A tale of two jobless surveys — at a glance

The Associated Press

The U.S. economy added just 115,000 jobs in April, below March's gain of 154,000 and the fewest in six months. Yet the unemployment rate fell.

How did the rate fall despite such a small job gain? Because the government does one survey to learn how many jobs were created and another survey to determine the unemployment rate. Those surveys can produce results that sometimes seem to conflict.

One is called the payroll survey. It asks mostly large companies and government agencies how many people they employed during the month. This survey produces the number of jobs gained or lost. In April, the payroll survey showed that companies added 130,000 jobs, and federal, state and local governments cut 15,000.



The other is the household survey. Government workers ask whether the adults in a household have a job. Those who don't are asked whether they're looking for one. If they are, they're considered unemployed. If they aren't, they're not considered part of the work force and aren't counted as unemployed. The household survey produces each month's unemployment rate.

In April, the household survey showed that the number of people who said they are unemployed fell by 173,000. That lowered the

unemployment rate slightly from 8.2 percent to 8.1 percent.

The number of people who said they had jobs also fell in April. That's because the overall work force

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## TransCanada changes route, reups for pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Canadian company trying to build the disputed Keystone XL pipeline in the U.S. submitted a new application for the project Friday after changing the route to avoid environmentally sensitive land in Nebraska.

TransCanada said it applied again to the State Department for permission to build the pipeline to carry oil from so-called tar sands in western Canada to a company hub in Steele City, Neb. From there, the project would link up with other pipelines operated by the company to carry oil to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

President Barack Obama blocked the pipeline earlier this year, citing uncertainty over the Nebraska route — a decision that drew fire from Republicans and industry groups.

TransCanada had proposed a new route last month that would

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veer east around the groundwater-rich Sandhills region before looping back to the original route.

State Department approval is needed because the \$7 billion pipeline would cross a U.S. border. The department estimated Friday the application for the new route had been received.

The pipeline filing came on the same day as a disappointing report on U.S. job growth. The Labor Department said employers pulled back on hiring in April for the second straight month, evidence of an economy still growing only sluggishly, though the overall jobless rate slipped to 8.1

percent as more people gave up looking for work.

Obama is under pressure to support the pipeline from Republicans and business and labor leaders who argue it would create jobs; the State Department estimates it could result in up to 6,000 new jobs.

"The multi-billion dollar Keystone XL pipeline project will reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil and support job growth by putting thousands of Americans to work," said Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and chief executive officer.

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Judgment and Sentence: Robert Rubin Sanchez, public intoxication with three prior convictions, \$500 fine, \$357 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Simon Antonio Saldana Jr., assault causing bodily injury - family member, \$1,000 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Christo-pher B. Wooten, burglary of a vehicle, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Freddie Ramos, burglary of a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Ru-ben Sanchez, public intoxication with three or more prior convictions, \$500 fine, \$357 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Derrick Todd Drake, resisting arrest, search or trans- portation, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Michael Barnett, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ramon Valbuena, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Dwayne Don Eukel, \$342 court costs, 3 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Israel Easy Franco, theft of property - less than \$50 and more than \$500, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
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**District Court Filings:**  
Bianca Mireles vs. Mark Anthony Salazar, divorce.  
In Re Ayden Anthony Gonzales, family.  
Wind Energy Transmissions Texas vs. Chevron Pipe Line Company, civil.  
Thaddeus R. McCallister vs. Eugene Vela, injury or damages - motor vehicle.  
In Re Ezekiel Gerard Smith, family.  
In Re Demetrio Rocha, family.  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Kristine Cramer, accounts, notes and contracts.  
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# SURVEYS

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— those with jobs and those looking for work — dropped by 342,000.

That pushed down the per-centage of those 16 and over in the work force to 63.6 per- cent, the lowest in more than

30 years.

Unlike the payroll survey, the household survey cap- tures farm workers, the self- employed and people who work for new companies. It also does a better job captur- ing hiring by small business- es.

But the household survey is more volatile from month to month. The Labor Depart-

ment surveys just 60,000 households, a small fraction of the more than 100 million U.S. households. The house- hold survey showed that the number of people who say they have a job surged by 631,000 in January and 428,000 in February.

By contrast, the payroll sur- vey seeks information from 140,000 companies and gov-

ernment agencies — and they employ roughly one-third of non-farm employees. The em- ployers send forms to the La- bor Department noting how many people they employ. They also provide wages, hours and other details.

Most Americans focus more on the unemployment rate, which comes from the house- hold survey. But economists

generally prefer the jobs fig- ure from the payroll survey.

Economists note that the surveys tend to even out over time. In the past year, the payroll surveys have shown that employers added rough- ly 1.8 million jobs. The house- hold surveys have shown that close to 2.2 million more peo- ple said they found work.

# PIPELINE

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“Keystone XL will transport U.S.

crude oil from the very large Bakken supply basin in Montana and North Dakota, along with Canadian oil, to U.S. refineries.”

The pipeline’s opponents, includ- ing Democrats and environmental

groups, say it would transport “dirty oil” from tar sands in Alberta, Cana- da, that would require huge amounts of energy to extract.

They also worry about a possible spill. The pipeline would travel through Montana, South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma, in addition to Nebraska.

In blocking the pipeline in January, Obama said there was not enough time for a fair review before a loom- ing deadline forced on him by con- gressional Republicans.

The action did not kill the project but put off a tough choice on the once- obscure pipeline, which has become a flashpoint in the bitter partisan po-

litical fight over jobs and the environ- ment and a focus of the presidential campaign between Obama his likely Republican opponent, Mitt Romney. Romney has called on Obama to ap- prove the pipeline.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman signed a bill last month that allows the state to proceed with its review of the proposed pipeline through his state, regardless of what happens at the federal level.

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**ARIES**

(March 21-April 19). You may feel like you are running from yourself, refusing to see yourself as the complete person you really are. Self-acceptance will be the key to getting on your own side so you can play for Team You.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You love to maintain your friendships, especially by entertaining your nearest and dearest. This is also a good way to reach out to new people. Plan an event that includes your friends introducing you to their friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People who maximize their qualities while minimizing yours will be toxic to you now, so it's best to stay away. If you can't stay away, establish firm boundaries. Seek out those who truly believe that all people are created equal.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll give yourself the gift of experience. How it turns out isn't the point. You are who you are because you keep putting yourself in the mix, taking risks and making a daily effort.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your frustration is warranted, but it may do you little good to express it just yet. Calm down and get your story in order. With a systematic approach, you can work everything out in due time.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are a hard worker, and your efforts will bring fruit when you focus them on a worthy plan. So work with the best planner you can find. Ask for guidance on matters big and small.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You put yourself in a good mood because you're drawn to high-minded activities. You'll dwell on inspiring texts, contemplate expansive spiritual concepts and revel in the beauty and creativity that's all around you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mood is lively, and many will be attracted to your animated style of making a point. You'll feel most satisfied when you can bring laughter to the ones you love.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Uncertainty is a natural stage of learning. Remember this and be patient with yourself. You can only go as fast as you are able. When you accept your natural rhythms and work within them, learning gets easier.

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some of your loved ones think your plans are a little on the crazy side, which makes you all the more determined to prove them wrong. You'll do something to grab their

attention this evening.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Do not give up too easily. Believe in yourself. You'll reflect back to a time when you walked away when you should have stayed to fight. This reflection is a reminder of the power you have right now.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 6). You don't give up easily, and that's a habit that will pay off for you. You'll thrive on grit and determination, as well as the wisdom and compassion of your team. June brings hard work and hard play. Dreams come true in August. You'll drift into super-beneficial relationships, and 2013 will be an overall improvement on 2012. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 14, 39 and 1.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** George Clooney recently has taken his political activism to new heights, getting arrested at a planned protest blocking the entrance of the Sudanese embassy in Washington D.C. Using his celebrity to make a difference in the world is a passion for the Taurus actor, who was born when the moon and Jupiter were in the philanthropic sign of Aquarius.

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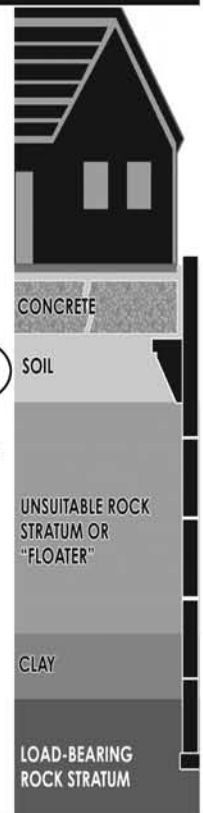
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♠ A 10 6  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 9 8 2  
♣ A 9 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 8 7  
♥ Q 10  
♦ 6 4  
♣ K Q J 8 7

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ J 6 5 2  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 10 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 4 2  
♥ 9 8 4 3  
♦ A Q J 10 3  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass Pass 1 ♣ Dble  
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 NT  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 5 ♦  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

**It's not easy** to make five diamonds on this deal, even if you look at all four hands. However, South made the contract with only the North-South cards in view, and, furthermore, the defenders could do nothing to stop him.

**West led the king of clubs.** South realized that since there was no way to avoid a heart loser, the outcome would depend on losing only one spade trick.

**This would have been easy** to manage had West held both missing

**North**  
♠ A 10 6  
♥ 9

**West**  
♠ K 8 7  
♥ J

**East**  
♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ J 4 2  
♦ J

**When declarer now led** the jack of trumps, West could not afford to part with the jack of clubs, so he discarded a spade. South thereupon discarded dummy's nine of clubs and led a low spade, covering West's eight with the ten. East won with the queen and returned a spade, on which South played low. West's now-singleton king was taken by dummy's ace, and the jack of spades scored the game-going trick.

**Tomorrow:** Famous Hand.  
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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 box.

9						1	4	
	7	1			2			
		3			7	9		
7				5			6	
	3	4				2	8	
	8			1				3
			7	5		6		
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ACROSS

- 1 Cut
- 6 Classified listing
- 15 Informational meeting
- 16 Region once called Archipelago
- 17 Still to be achieved
- 18 Plotter's work
- 19 Fast, if you please
- 20 Rule book
- 21 Sanction
- 22 Roll
- 24 Display of diminishing returns
- 26 Former Golf Digest columnist
- 27 Services at some tables
- 31 "The wisest of the wise may \_\_\_": Aeschylus
- 32 Female kid
- 33 E10 blend
- 34 Hotbed
- 35 Hold, as a tower
- 36 Tease, with "on"
- 39 Band over a top
- 40 Little pocket
- 43 Ending like -ist
- 44 Cereal family
- 45 Lament
- 46 Scarlett's maid
- 48 AL city
- 50 Attach or attack

DOWN

- 1 Settled
- 2 One of AFI's top 20 film heroes
- 3 By the ton
- 4 Practiced
- 5 Frequenter
- 6 Destructive op
- 7 Foremost
- 8 One to avoid reporting to
- 9 Bit of a 20 Across
- 10 Modified pitch
- 11 Big mess
- 12 Sought (after)
- 13 City on the English Channel
- 14 '70s sponsor of Disney World's "If You Had Wings" ride
- 20 Food processor
- 23 Buy for a lawn
- 24 Maximally unfriendly
- 25 Maximally unfriendly
- 28 Mill fighter
- 29 General aspect

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- 30 Bars
- 36 Word from the Italian for "answer"
- 37 Buy for a lawn
- 38 Second American in space
- 40 Unclogs
- 41 Quite unlikely
- 42 Claret cousin
- 47 Less than stable
- 49 Authorized agent
- 51 Raw \_\_\_
- 52 Forbear
- 53 Copier part
- 56 Close relation
- 57 Self starter
- 58 Totally conclusive

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7	1	2	3	5	8	4	6	9
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6	8	9	2	1	4	7	5	3
3	4	7	5	2	1	6	9	8
2	6	8	9	7	3	5	1	4
1	9	5	4	8	6	3	7	2

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** My ex-husband and I have been officially divorced for only four months, and last week he married the girl he dated all through high school. They began dating immediately after we separated.

My ex and I have a 5-year-old son together. At first, when he began dating, I was very upset, but I assumed his feelings for the other woman would eventually wear off and he'd come back to me.

I've never kept our son from him, but I admit, I initially tried to make it hard for him to see our boy. I wanted him to understand that if we got back together, he would be able to spend as much time as he liked with his son. Unfortunately, that didn't stop him from marrying his girlfriend.

I feel that my ex is choosing his new wife over our son and that he should be here for our family. Honestly, isn't he obligated to try to work things out with us for our son's sake?

I'm sure everything would be different for us this time. I'm tired of waiting for him to figure it out. Should I just tell him that I want

him back? — *Heartbroken Single Mother*

**Dear Heartbroken:** Honey, wake up and smell the coffee. Your ex is married to someone else, and he isn't going to "figure it out." He's moved on. It's over. And it does not speak well of you to withhold your son to punish or manipulate him. This only hurts your child, and we know you don't intend to do that.

You must find a new way to work things out, and it will involve custody, visitation and child support. We urge you to put your son first and make this as easy and as positive for him as you can. And please talk to a counselor. You will need help to accept your current situation and figure out how best to deal with it. We'll be rooting for you.

**Dear Annie:** A few weeks ago, my husband and I had my great-niece housesit for us while we were in Arizona for two weeks. I truly thought I could trust her, but as the weeks go by, I have discovered that several of my

necklaces are missing. None of them is ultra-expensive. It's just the idea that she stole from us.

I haven't said anything to her or to my sister, her grandmother. I don't want to cause a rift in the family. Should I confront her? What do I do if she denies it? We are having a large family gathering soon, and I thought maybe I'd wait to see if she showed up wearing one of my pieces. — *Perplexed*

**Dear Perplexed:** First, please make sure this is theft and not something else. Could you have misplaced the necklaces? Might your niece have tried them on and returned them to the wrong place? If you are absolutely certain she took them, you should say something. Instead of an angry confrontation, however, try this: "Melanie, I noticed that several of my necklaces were missing after you stayed in our house. When you are finished borrowing them, please return them." And of course, don't ever let her housesit again.

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**Dear Margo: Trying to rescue a friend from an abusive boyfriend**

**Dear Margo:** A good friend began dating a man whom I will call Albert.

Recently, she admitted he hits her and constantly checks up on her. Last month, some other concerned friends and I held an intervention and learned the true extent of his actions.



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He is verbally abusive, restricts her choices and movements, tracks her phone and car, calls constantly, and has hit her twice in the face while arguing.

She is afraid to be herself and enjoy her own interests for fear of getting yelled at.

At other times, Albert (who's a med student!) is completely charming. I believe he could clinically be defined as a psychopath. If you were to meet him casually, you would not suspect a thing.

It took six hours to convince her that the relationship is unhealthy. At this point, because we told her we would pursue legal action if he continues, she has not told us anything else because she fears she would ruin his reputation.

I heard from one of her other friends that he still hits her, and I want to let him know that, unlike my friend, I have no qualms about ruining his reputation. Thoughts? — *Protective of My Friend*

**Dear Pro:** Your friend in the abusive

relationship sounds like she's at the Stockholm syndrome stage. She's afraid she'd ruin his reputation? I think it deserves to be ruined. I do not know the procedure, which I suspect has jurisdictional differences, for reporting an abuser if you are not the victim. Do inquire, though, at your local police department.

And regarding his being a medical student: As the wife of a physician with ties to a medical school, I can tell you the dean of students would be grateful for this information.

I hope you don't wait for your friend to decide she's had it with him, because that likely won't happen.

She's already been sucked into this sick cycle, and I hope you and her other pals succeed in

getting her out in one piece. — *Margo, persistently*

**When Not Everyone Behaves the Same**

**Dear Margo:** I have been sending my nieces and nephews birthday gifts for the past 20 years. They are now in their 20s and early 30s.

I sent the gifts until they graduated college, and now I just send a card. The problem is that my children are young teens, and this practice is not reciprocated by one s-i-l.

Money is not an issue for her. My children say, "Auntie forgot my birthday again," and I tell them they should not expect people to send gifts, but it is nice when they do.

I am ticked and feel slighted for my children. I have sent the offending

aunt's kids presents for birthdays, high school and college graduations, showers, weddings, and new babies.

I feel she is rude and thoughtless. Am I wrong to feel this way? I find myself upset and obsessing about this. Should she be confronted in some way? — *Feeling Slighted*

**Dear Feel:** I agree that Auntie is thoughtless, and she's certainly making no friends in the family. You cannot, however, make anyone send cards or gifts, nor can you enforce thoughtfulness.

I am sorry your kids feel slighted. You might make this situation a teachable moment, as it were. One lesson is that you don't give gifts to get them. Another is that not everyone behaves as you

do, but being thoughtful is a lovely trait to have.

You're not wrong to feel as you do, but by being upset and obsessing about someone else's actions, you are the one who suffers. Auntie has no idea you are ticked. If it would make you feel better, you could mention that your kids would really appreciate a card on their birthdays — but be prepared for a defensive frost. — *Margo, positively*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at [www.creators.com/dearma](http://www.creators.com/dearma). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*

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 Wednesday: Breakfast: hot pockets, juice and milk. Lunch: toasted ham and cheese sandwich, carrots with ranch, apple, baked chips, cookie and milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: donuts, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, grapes, sherbet cup and milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken patty, sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, fries, orange and milk.

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 Tuesday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, syrup, variety juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, salad trays, chips, peaches, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: sweetened rice, ham, ap-

ple juice, milk. Lunch: tacos, salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, milk. Burritos.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: pop tarts, ham, applesauce, milk. Lunch: barbecue beef on a bun, chips, apples, baby carrots. Corn dogs.  
 Friday: Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: smothered steak, creamed potatoes, mixed fruit cups, bread, milk. McRibs.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast round, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Elbow/Forsan lunch: chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, pinto beans, rosie applesauce, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast quesadilla, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Elbow/Forsan lunch: sloppy joe, pickle spears, seasoned corn, sunchips, pineapple orange salad, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage gravy, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Elbow lunch: beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, cinnamon apples, milk. Forsan lunch: submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, diced pears, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: cinnamon tastry, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Elbow lunch: chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, veggie dippers, orange smiles, milk. Forsan lunch: corn dog, beans, spinach, orange smiles, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk. Elbow/Forsan lunch: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, frozen fruit cup, milk.

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: cocoa krispies, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue rib sandwich, baked doritos, baby carrots, ranch dressing, peaches, orange smiles, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage and gravy pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian teriyaki chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli, mandarin oranges, egg roll, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, corn, pineapple chunks, lettuce/tomato topping, salsa, milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: breakfast quesadilla, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger, sweet potato tots, lettuce, tomato, pickles, pears, banana, milk.

**Senior Center**

Monday: chopped barbecue on a bun, onion, relish, potato salad, melon cubes, V8 juice, milk.  
 Tuesday: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, Texas toast, chocolate pudding, milk.  
 Wednesday: pork tenderloin patty, baked potato, green beans, tomato wedges, fruit, cookies, milk.  
 Thursday: ham salad, macaroni salad, peas and pearl onions, apricots, V8 juice, milk.  
 Friday: smothered steak, buttered bowtie pasta with sweet red peppers, steamed vegetables, sliced tomatoes/rolls, cake, milk.



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**Big Spring Herald** reader Elsa Herrera took a moment to enjoy a beautiful sunset last week and decided to send in a photo. The breath-taking view was one she felt she needed to share with others.

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