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## Focus: Jobs for youth

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Summer jobs are the focus of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin Big Spring for community youth this year. School isn't out just yet, but Workforce Solutions is getting an early start. Summer Youth Jobs 2012 registration is going to be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. "Our mission is to invest in the future through jobs and training," Office Manager

**"Workforce Solutions Permian Basin is encouraging local employers to make a commitment to provide a summer job for our community's youth."**

—Silvia Miramontes, Workforce office manager



Sylvia Miramontes said. Registration is open for those 16 to 24 years of age. Saturday, youth will be able to attend workshops that will be aimed at preparing them for employment. A guest speaker

will also be presenting a talk on needed skills for employment. "We are asking the youth to bring a pencil and paper and come dressed appropriately and ready to participate,"

Miramontes said. According to Miramontes, President Obama announced a new initiative — Summer Jobs+ 2012 — which challenged business leaders and communities to join in providing summer jobs for the nation's youth. "Locally, Workforce Solutions is calling on employers from the public, nonprofit and private sectors to serve

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## Man accused of trying to steal register

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

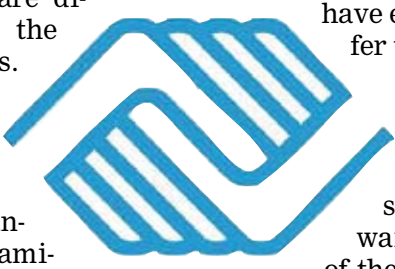
A Big Spring man was arrested early this morning on a charge of robbery after investigators say he tried to steal a cash register from a convenience store on the city's north side. Randy Joe Hurrington, 51, was booked into the county

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## Need summer child care? Boys and Girls Club can help

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

As area students hungrily await the end of the school year, many parents are faced with a child care dilemma during the summer months. However, the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club may have the answer for many families. The local charity is preparing to kick off its annual summer program June 4. Boys and Girls Club program director Sonnet Hil-



debrand said the program is expected to serve approximately 150 area children between the ages of 6 and 18 years, and with a new facility ready to go, the program will have even more to offer this year. "We've settled into the new facility now," Hildebrand said. "We're still waiting for some of the furnishings to get here ... We're hoping everything will be here before the program starts, but we'll be ready, either way."

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency responders and crews with the Texas Department of Transportation look over the wreckage following a one-vehicle rollover Wednesday morning approximately a mile east of Coahoma near the McGregor Road Exit on Interstate Highway 20. According to witnesses, the driver was traveling west on the highway when a rear tire blew out, causing the truck — which was carrying welding equipment — to leave the roadway and roll. The driver was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with what was believed to be serious but non life-threatening injuries.

## SWCID Awards Convocation slated tonight

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It's cap and gown time again. SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Howard College will kick off commencement season in the area by holding its respective graduation exercises Friday.

Festivities begin tonight when SWCID holds its annual Awards Convocation at 7 p.m. in the college activity center. The event annually recognizes the top students at the institution, the largest community college for the deaf in the United States. Honors to be handed out include the President's Award,

given to the top SWCID student, the Provost's Award, presented to a student with a high grade-point average who is also active in student life, Chamber of Commerce Award (to the student with the highest grade point average during the fall 2011 semester) and the American Legion Award, presented to the male

and female students who display the best character in areas such as leadership and student life. SWCID students will receive degrees and certificates when commencement ceremonies are held at 10 a.m. Friday in the activity center. Nursing and dental hygiene students will receive

their pins during ceremonies planned for today and Friday at Howard College's Birdwell Lane campus. Graduates of the Licensed Vocational Nurse program

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## Conservation efforts may help with lizard issue



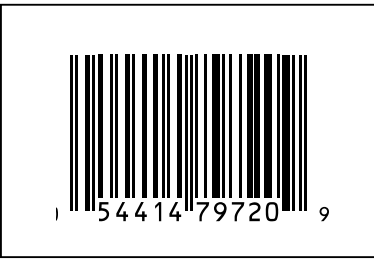
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**RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The energy industry has made enough progress toward conserving a rare lizard's habitat in Texas and New Mexico that its efforts may help prevent the reptile from being listed as an endangered species, a designation that could harm oil drilling and ranching operations, federal officials said Wednesday.

About 95 percent of the dunes sagebrush lizard's habitat in New Mexico and more than 70 percent of it in West Texas are now under voluntary "conservation" contracts. The agreements mean ranchers, the energy industry and the states agree to avoid the habitat or pay a fee if they can't, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said.

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## Obituaries

### Harold Glenn Henley



Harold Glenn Henley passed away May 9, 2012, after a lengthy illness. He was born Oct. 9, 1926, in Scurry County, Texas, to Thomas and Mamie Henley. He graduated from Ira High School in 1944 and served in the Army during World War II.

He met and married Joan Saunders in January of 1948 and they spent the next 18 months living on the river as river riders at Black Gap in Big Bend Park. After farming in Scurry County and two years in Garden City, he and Joan moved to Stanton in 1961 and remained there for 39 years.

He farmed, ranched and enjoyed roping for many years and always loved a good horse and good rain. He married Zeldia Cline in May of 2000. They had 12 years of fun and dancing.

Harold is survived by his wife, Zeldia; daughters, Linda Chapman (Hal) of Terry, Miss., Connie McMorries and Judy Leary (Pat) of Midland; son, Puncher Henley (Brenda) of Stanton; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Katherine Minnick (Andrew) of Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Joan; and sister, Louise Poston.

Visitation will be Friday, May 11, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Compass Hospice, 602 South Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

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

- DAVONTE DASHUN ANDERSON, 19, of 1020 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear (two counts).
- KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS, 39, of Temple, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less and a warrant from another agency.
- JOE ERNEST VALENCIA, 28, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), bail jumping – failure to appear, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.
- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 51, of 5203 Sterling Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and a warrant from another agency.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of E. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter Drive.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS, 39, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.
- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and an Austin parole warrant.
- ELIZABETH NEWSOME, 22, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 28, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.
- PAULA ISABEL LEOS, 30, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and municipal warrants for following too closely (capias), failure to comply with striking unattended vehicle (capias), driving wrong way in designated lane and violation of a promise to appear.
- DARNICE CHRYDE VALENTINE, 25, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, assault of a public servant, theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and a Lubbock County warrant for revocation of probation for possession with intent to deliver of a controlled substance.
- RANDY JOE HURRINGTON, 51, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of robbery.

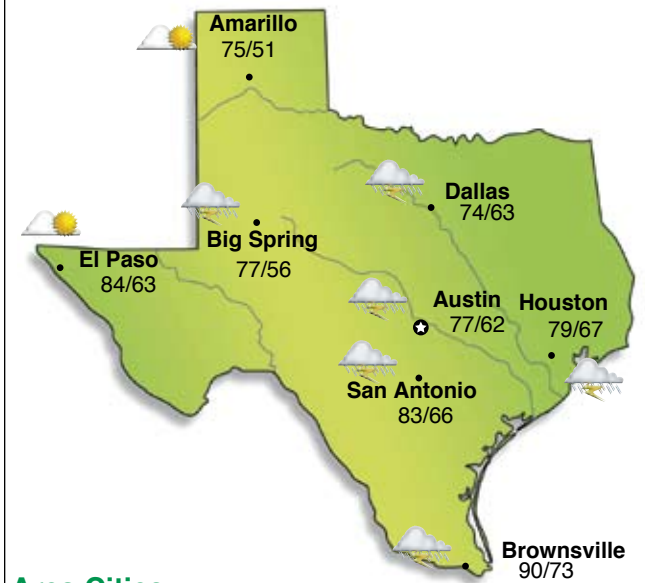
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 5/11	Sat 5/12	Sun 5/13	Mon 5/14	Tue 5/15
<b>77/56</b> Rain showers early with isolated thunderstorms developing later in the day.	<b>81/57</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>82/59</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>76/58</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>77/55</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:37 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	57	rain	Kingsville	89	69	t-storm
Amarillo	75	51	pt sunny	Livingston	75	62	t-storm
Austin	77	62	t-storm	Longview	74	62	t-storm
Beaumont	76	66	t-storm	Lubbock	74	52	rain
Brownsville	90	73	t-storm	Lufkin	75	63	t-storm
Brownwood	76	60	rain	Midland	78	57	t-storm
Corpus Christi	85	71	t-storm	Raymondville	90	71	t-storm
Corsicana	72	61	t-storm	Rosenberg	79	66	t-storm
Dallas	74	63	t-storm	San Antonio	83	66	t-storm
Del Rio	84	63	t-storm	San Marcos	78	63	t-storm
El Paso	84	63	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	62	t-storm
Fort Stockton	78	56	rain	Sweetwater	73	56	rain
Gainesville	71	60	rain	Tyler	74	61	t-storm
Greenville	73	60	t-storm	Weatherford	70	60	t-storm
Houston	79	67	t-storm	Wichita Falls	70	58	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	57	sunny	Minneapolis	64	48	t-storm
Boston	65	47	pt sunny	New York	70	52	pt sunny
Chicago	75	57	sunny	Phoenix	97	67	sunny
Dallas	74	63	t-storm	San Francisco	73	52	sunny
Denver	57	43	t-storm	Seattle	66	44	sunny
Houston	79	67	t-storm	St. Louis	79	60	mst sunny
Los Angeles	68	56	mst sunny	Washington, DC	75	54	sunny
Miami	85	74	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 5/11	Sat 5/12	Sun 5/13	Mon 5/14	Tue 5/15
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Very High	Extreme

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

## Support Groups

### 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.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY

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

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**CLUB**

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"We'll be able to offer so much more for the kids to do this summer. We're planning to hold basketball and soccer tournaments and we'll have pool tables, air hockey and ping pong for the kids to play. It's going to be a lot of fun for the kids in the program. We're also trying to work out some sort of splash day each week."

Hildebrand said her office began taking applications for the program May 1.

"We still have about 50 spots left," she said. "There are some folks who use the summer program every year, and they are almost always ready to sign their children up as soon as we start taking applications. They will go pretty fast."

The program will run from June 4 until Aug. 17, according to Hildebrand, Mondays through Fridays from

7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"For a lot of parents, daycare just isn't an option," said Hildebrand. "The charge will be \$50 a month, which is \$125 for the entire summer program, which is within the reach of most parents."

And while the program is certainly a God-send for many of the area's working parents, Hildebrand said it's also a chance for the children to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these children, the alternative is pretty bleak," she said. "Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community. So it not only provides a much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps

keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. We feel like that's very important."

Hildebrand said lunches will be provided during the first month, and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

"The first month we'll be busing the kids to Goliad Intermediate for lunch," she said. "After that, the children will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a waiting list in case any of the children drop out. Anyone who is interested can contact me for more information."

For more on the program, contact Hildebrand at 264-7344.

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

**ARREST**

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detention center by the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of robbery, according to law enforcement officials.

"The suspect entered the Stripes convenience store on the Lamesa Highway at approximately 3 a.m. this morning," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, said. "He tried to steal the cash register. The clerk fought with him and the suspect was unable to get the register out the door and left the store on foot."

According to Everett, police officers located Hurrington near the convenience store moments later.

"He was taken into custody," Everett said. "There were no injuries reported as a result of the arrest."

Hurrington was booked into the Howard County Detention Center, where he was awaiting arraignment this morning.

This isn't the first time Hurrington has faced robbery charges, however.

He was indicted in February 2011 by a Howard County grand jury on a charge of aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony. However, a motion to dismiss was granted in the case in August.

**JOBS**

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as host employers to our community's youth by providing structured job opportunities during the summer," Miramontes said.

For those businesses participating in the program, the wages for the youth are 100 percent subsidized by the employer hiring.

"Employers who participate will benefit their business, the youth and our community," she said.

"Our youth should be our greatest investment for America's future, their future, and our community. Workforce Solutions Permian Basin is encouraging local employers to make a commitment to provide a summer job for our community's youth."

For businesses wanting to take part, there are three ways to get involved: learn and earn, life skills and work skills. Learn and earn will provide on-the-job skills in a learning environment while earning wages for their work; life skills will provide work-related soft skills, communication, time management and teamwork; and work skills will provide insight into the world of work to prepare for employment. This area includes job shadows and internships.

"We cannot do this if we do not have willing employers to host this initiative," Miramontes said.

Workforce Solutions Permian Basin Big Spring is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane on the Howard College Campus.

For more information, call the Workforce office at 263-8373.

**SWCID**

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received their pins during cer-

emonies Wednesday evening, while associate degree nursing graduates will be pinned at 6 p.m. today in Garrett Coliseum.

Dental Hygiene graduates

will be pinned during ceremonies planned for 4 p.m. Friday in the Hall Center for the Arts.

Howard College students will receive their degrees and certificates during commence-

ment exercises at 7 p.m. Friday in the coliseum.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**LIZARD**

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If the lizard is added to the endangered species list, its habitat would be protected under federal law from being disturbed in any way. The Department of the Interior and other parties involved in the listing will make a final decision about the lizard's fate in June.

Salazar and Dan Ashe, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, believe that if the voluntary agreements are successful at conserving habitat and preventing the listing, it could serve as a template in other situations.

"I believe we saw the

future today," Ashe told reporters on a conference call after touring a Conoco Phillips facility near Midland, Texas. "We can have oil and gas and energy development, and we can have habitat conservation."

However, both proponents and critics of the proposed endangered species listing blasted the conservation contracts. An environmental group contends the voluntary nature of the deals makes them flimsy, while an oil and gas industry lobbying group said the contracts are unnecessary because the lizard is not threatened.

The dunes sagebrush lizard, sometimes called the sand dune lizard, is

a small, striped reptile that lives in a defined habitat in the Mesquero Sands area of New Mexico and part of West Texas. The lizard is so specialized it lives only in sand dune complexes that have shinnery oak, a low shrub-like tree.

Federal biologists have said the lizard has been threatened because its habitat has decreased or been fragmented by oil and gas development.

Jay Lininger, an ecologist at the Tucson, Ariz.-based Center for Biological Diversity, slammed the conservation agreements, saying the oil and gas industry would use them as a "get out of jail free card."

"There is nothing in the Texas conservation

plan that will benefit the dunes sagebrush lizard," said Lininger, who is based in Albuquerque, N.M. "All of its non-binding and voluntary measures are subject to operator discretion, unlimited discretion with no accountability."

Under the conservation agreements, operators have agreed to avoid lizard habitat and buf-

fer areas in the future, and ranchers pledged not to spray in the region, Ashe said. If those moves are unavoidable, the operators would pay a fee into a fund that would be used to restore habitat, including the removal of invasive mesquite brush and oil and gas development paths and roads that have fragmented the habitat.

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**  
By Eddy Pitchford

Jesus honored his mother with loving concern while on the cross. "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27).  
We are not really surprised that Mary was present at the crucifixion; we know mothers are faithfully present when their children are experiencing painful crises and facing death. We are not really surprised that Jesus made arrangements for his mother to be cared for; that's what children do and that's especially what Jesus does.  
When I think of Mother's Day this year, I take comfort from the fact that my mother has been entrusted to the loving care of Jesus - the same Jesus that needs to be included in your Mother's Day celebrations.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Tea time with the Symphony Guild

Tea time isn't just for the British.

The Big Spring Symphony Guild is offering a chance to take part in tea time Saturday.

In an effort to provide a new type of fundraiser to the community, the guild members decided to do something from the Victorian era.

First Christian Church is the place to be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. if you are searching for an elegant, fun environment and bonding time.

According to Eulaine McIntosh, guild president, Dressed to a Tea is aimed at bringing attention and support to the Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra while also providing members of the community with something fun to do.

On top of being able to enjoy a cup of tea, there will be Victorian trivia provided by Ellen Austin, who is serving as the event chair. Austin has had an extensive history with tea parties and will be sharing those experiences during Saturday's event.

In addition to the Victorian trivia and the tea, a fashion show will take place. Blissful, a local boutique, will be providing the wardrobe and the models.

Those attending will be able to take home table favors which have been donated from businesses and individuals throughout the community.

Dressed to a Tea is set up as a way to create memories with sisters, mothers, daughters, friends and more. McIntosh described it as a friendship event and one that can be shared with the family.

For those wanting to take part in Saturday's event, the cost is \$10 and reservations would be helpful. Reservations can be made by calling 263-0565 and leaving a message.

The Symphony Guild is also always looking for new members to join. For more information on how to become a guild member or a supporter of the local arts, contact McIntosh at 264-7671.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are working toward career success, Lord, may we make You part of our plans.

Amen

# Vegetable: Quick cure for health

If you invented a pill that offers long life, good health and a body to be proud of, you'd make a fortune.

Bottles would fly off the shelves.

Suggest a change in behavior that achieved the same result, however, and what do you get? Catcalls, derisive comments and rude e-mails.

Such as Michelle Obama's reward when she launched her "Let's Move" campaign more than two years ago. All she did was recommend feeding our kids better meals — fewer sweets, more vegetables, less calories — combined with more exercise.

You would have thought she'd advocated giving the little dears rat poison for lunch. Sarah Palin was characteristically obnoxious in her response, flaunting her passion for s'mores (that chocolate bar-toasted marshmallow-graham cracker horror) while she mocked the First Lady for attempting to substitute the judgment of the "Nanny State" for that of parents. Even for her, it was dumb.

After all, Let's Move addresses a real issue: the super-sizing of our children. Studies have estimated nearly one in five of our young people are obese and

more than a third of them are overweight. Apparently we're raising a generation of youngsters who think the basic food groups are fat, salt, and sugar, and that changing the battery in your Gameboy is exercise.

This isn't merely a recipe for being fat; it's an invitation to diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis, asthma and even cancer.

Actually, the main problem with Ms. Obama's efforts is they're too timid. If you really want to make the nation healthier, you have to declare war on American agriculture in general and meat in particular. There are mountains of persuasive research that indicate a plant-based diet is far, far healthier than the meat-based model.

Studies have found a little meat is better for you than a lot, no meat is better than a little and a vegan diet — no meat, fish, eggs, or dairy products (in other words, 90 percent of the farm economy) — is best of all.

Good luck trying to sell that one. The Bad Food lobby is one of the most powerful in Washington, up there with guns and oil. Any suggestion our toxic agricultural industry is less than noble will bring instant political extinction. (Can you imagine a politician trying to win Iowa on a vegan platform? A gay atheist would have a better chance.)

I myself am a vegan of sorts and I'm here to tell you it's not an easy life. You're OK when

you can cook your own food (really), but going out is hard. Most restaurants offer very limited, unappetizing fare for people who don't eat meat or dairy. Grocery stores, while better than they used to be, still aren't great.

And you have to get used to that sickening silence on the other end of the line when you tell the person who's inviting you to dinner you don't eat meat, cheese, fish, soup made from beef stock, or anything else he or she was planning to cook.

The way I handle that is ... I cheat. I'll order fish in a restaurant and eat what I'm served in someone else's home. And when I go to a ball game, I declare hotdogs a vegetable for the day. Mostly, though, I'm a vegan.

Why not? Catholics, for example, profess a high moral standard but still sin from time to time. That doesn't mean they're not Catholics; it simply means they're human. As a matter of fact, I'm thinking of starting a Church of the Holy Vegetable and offering online confession booths to vegans who fall off the wagon from time to time. They could confess, be assigned a small penance and receive absolution.

The life of a vegan is hard enough without walking around feeling guilty all of the time.

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DONALD KAUL



# Obama's Julia seems to be a woman in need of a protector

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," President John F. Kennedy famously said in his inaugural address.

In his bid for re-election, the hope-and-change president, Barack Obama, clearly has decided to ditch JFK's country-first approach. The Obama-Biden campaign is all about what this country can do for voters.

Last week, the Obama campaign introduced "The Life of Julia," a slide show about a fictional American that contrasts and compares the programs and services that would be available for her from age 3 under an Obama administration with those that would be available under a Mitt Romney White House.

GOP budget hawk Paul Ryan called the "Julia" infographic "creepy" and "demeaning."

He's right. Creepy? Until her son goes to kindergarten, Julia's cartoon world does not depict any males, except one, as shown in this quote: "Under President Obama: Julia decides to have a child."

Demeaning? The slide show sends the message that Julia

needs Obama to protect her from cradle to grave — which, in Julia's world, means from Head Start to Medicare.

When Julia does succeed, it's not because she worked hard and prevailed but because a paternalistic program was there to support her. She gets into college, for example, because her high school is enrolled in Obama's Race to the Top education reform.

When Julia graduates, she easily pays off her student loans because "Obama capped income-based federal student loan payments and kept interest rates low." Under what Team Obama calls a "Romney/Ryan" budget, however, student loan interest rates double.

PolitiFact.com found that claim to be "false," as Romney supports keeping Stafford loan interest rates at 3.4 percent.

What happens if Julia cannot pay off her low-interest loans because she cannot get a good job in a moribund economy? "The Life of Julia" does not illustrate its heroine moving back into the home of her parents, whom we never see.

Does Julia ever pay federal income tax? Don't know.

The Tax Foundation estimates that 41 percent of tax filers pay no federal income taxes. The infographic is mute on how much Julia pays in taxes. Thus, all benefits appear as if conjured by a wave of Obama's wand, not

thanks to American taxpayers.

"The Life of Julia" closes when Julia is 67. She retires and signs up for Social Security. With no fear of running out of money, thanks to Obama, Julia is free to volunteer at a community garden. Under Romney, the infographic warns, Julia's benefits could be cut by 40 percent. Washington Post fact checker Glenn Kessler found that frame to be "fairly misleading" — as the Social Security system is on the road to insolvency. Social Security will need to be cut one way or another; the only question is when and by whom.

Back to Julia and Obama's role as her champion in what Democrats like to call the GOP's war against women. "From cracking down on gender discrimination in health care costs to fighting for equal pay," the infographic ends, "President Obama is standing up for women throughout their lives." Yes, he's standing up for women as men have done for millennia: He'll say anything.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



# Nation/World news in brief

## A long, slow contemplation, then a decisive turn, behind Obama's move to endorse gay marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's evolution on gay marriage unfolded at a Darwinian pace, like that of the giant tortoise. For more than a year — eons in politics — he danced up to the edge of endorsing it, always stopping short, still "evolving."

Until very recently, much of the betting was on Obama taking a pass on the touchy issue until after the election. Why pick that fight now?

On Wednesday, he picked it. Obama gave a heads-up to a spiritual adviser, among others, and staked his position in a TV interview as the first president to declare himself in favor of same-sex marriage rights.

Obama doesn't have the power to make same-sex marriage legal. But by taking a stand, he closed the loop with gay-rights activists who are important financiers and supporters of his re-election campaign while putting himself on a potentially perilous path with voters in states such as North Carolina. That state backed him in 2008 but voted solidly Tuesday to ban gay marriage in the state constitution. And it hosts the Democratic National Convention in September.

As told by aides, Obama concluded earlier this year that gay couples should have the legal right to marry and planned to say so before the convention. Speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal White House conversations, they said the White House felt compelled to accelerate its plans after Vice President Joe Biden declared his support for gay marriage on a Sunday morning talk show and said he was "absolutely comfortable" with same-sex couples being legally wed.

## Syrian state TV says more than 40 killed in 2 blasts in the capital

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Two strong explosions ripped through the Syrian capital Thursday, killing more than 40 people and leaving scenes of carnage in the streets in an assault against a center of government power, officials said.

Syria's state-run TV said 170 people were wounded in what one official said may have been the most powerful of a series of blasts that have hit the capital this year.

The explosions, which ripped the facade off a military intelligence building, happened at about 7:50 a.m. when employees are usually arriving at work. The building is part of a broader military compound for a feared section of the intelligence services known as the Palestine Branch.

An Associated Press reporter at the scene said paramedics wearing rubber gloves were collecting human remains from the streets after the explosions. Heavily damaged cars and pickup trucks stood smoldering in the area. The outer wall of the headquarters collapsed and some walls crumbled, although the basic structure inside appeared intact.

The Syrian government blamed "terrorists" and said dozens were killed or wounded, most of them

civilians.

## International adoptions drop globally as experts cite fraud crackdowns and policy shifts

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The number of international adoptions has plummeted to its lowest point in 15 years, a steep decline attributed largely to crackdowns against baby-selling, a sputtering world economy and efforts by countries to place more children with domestic families.

Globally, the number of orphans being adopted by foreign parents dropped from a high of 45,000 in 2004 to an estimated 25,000 last year, according to annual statistics compiled by Peter Selman, an expert on international adoptions at Britain's Newcastle University.

Some adoption advocates argue the decrease is also linked to a set of strict international guidelines known as the Hague Adoption Convention. Devised to ensure transparency and child protection following a rash of baby-selling and kidnapping scandals, critics say the guidelines have also been used by leading adopting nations, such as the U.S., as a pretext for freezing adoptions altogether from some countries that are out of compliance.

"It should have been a real step forward, but it's been used in a way that's made it a force for shutting down countries," Elizabeth Bartholet, a Harvard Law professor who promotes international adoptions. "That affects thousands of children every year."

She says places where international adoptions are stopped may ultimately see more children stuck in orphanages or on the street where they could fall prey to sex traffickers. "I question whether it's ever true where adoption is all about buying and selling and kidnapping," Bartholet says.

## Medicare paid \$5.6B to 2,600 pharmacies with patterns of questionable billing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare paid \$5.6 billion to 2,600 pharmacies with questionable billings, including a Kansas drugstore that submitted more than 1,000 prescriptions each for two patients in just one year, government investigators have found.

The new report by the inspector general of the Health and Human Services department finds the corner drugstore is vulnerable to fraud, partly because Medicare does not require the private insurers that deliver prescription benefits to seniors to report suspicious billing patterns.

"While some pharmacies may be billing extremely high amounts for legitimate reasons, all warrant further scrutiny," said the report being issued Thursday.

The analysis broke new ground by scrutinizing every claim submitted by the nation's 59,000 retail pharmacies during 2009 — more than 1 billion prescriptions.

Using statistical analysis, investigators were able to reveal contrasts between normal business practices and potential criminal behavior.

"The findings call for a strong response to improve (program) oversight," the report said.

## Bodies found at mountainside wreck of ill-fated Russian jet in Indonesia; all 45 feared dead

CIDAHU, Indonesia (AP) — Rescuers discovered bodies Thursday near the shattered wreckage of a new Russian-made passenger plane that smashed into the steep side of an Indonesian volcano during a flight to impress potential buyers. All 45 people on board were feared dead.

Due to the remoteness of the crash site, the bodies will be placed in nets and lifted by ropes to a hovering chopper, national search and rescue agency spokesman Gagah Prakoso said. They will be evacuated to the capital, Jakarta, for identification by family members.

"So far we haven't found any survivors, but we are still searching," he said, as more soldiers, police and volunteers hiked through the mist-shrouded slopes toward the wreck.

"I cannot say anything about the condition of the bodies," said Prakoso, but he added: "A high speed jet plane hit the cliff, exploded and tore apart."

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 — Russia's first new model of passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union two decades ago — was in Indonesia as part of a six-nation tour of Asia aimed at drumming up new customers.

## 2 upstate NY historic sites recall Benedict Arnold's wartime heroics before he turned traitor

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Benedict Arnold is a hero again, at least temporarily at two upstate New York historic sites where his pre-treason exploits are being remembered.

Arnold's heroic actions in the Revolutionary War's Battles of Saratoga are detailed in a new exhibit opening Thursday at Saratoga National Historical Park, and his capture of British-held Fort Ticonderoga at the side of Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys is being re-staged later this month in a rare nighttime re-enactment.

The Connecticut-born Arnold led American soldiers through Fort Ticonderoga's front gate in a pre-dawn raid on May 10, 1775, and he helped defeat the British at the Battles of Saratoga two years later. But most Americans know Arnold as the man who betrayed his nation by trying to turn over the American fortifications at West Point to the British, then joining the redcoats when the plot was uncovered.

Soon after the war broke out at Lexington and Concord in April 1775, the ambitious Arnold began displaying the prickly personality traits that made him a polarizing figure years before he switched sides.

"He was hated long before he became a traitor," said Eric Schnitzer, a park ranger at Saratoga National Historic Park in Stillwater, 20 miles north of Albany. "Some of the guys fighting with him thought he was a total and complete jerk. Other guys thought he was wonderful."

# Police find 18 bodies near Mexican tourist lake

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police found 18 dismembered and beheaded bodies inside two vans in an area frequented by tourists near the city of Guadalajara in western Mexico, authorities said Wednesday.

Jalisco state Prosecutor Tomas Coronado said earlier police found 15 severed human heads in the vans a few miles from Lake Chapala and his office confirmed later in a statement that

three more heads had been found along with the other body parts.

"The bodies are dismembered," Coronado said in an interview transcript provided by his office. He said authorities received a phone call alerting them to the presence of two minivans on a dirt access road near Lake Chapala, which is popular with tourists and American retirees. The vehicles were

towed to government offices to unload the bodies.

The area has been the scene of bloody turf battles between the Jalisco New Generation gang, allied with the Sinaloa cartel, and the Zetas drug cartel.

Mexican drug cartels frequently dismember the bodies of their victims or leave them stuffed into vehicles. The gangs also frequently leave hand-written

messages alongside their victims' bodies, and Coronado said that such messages were found in the vans.

"They are clearly messages between rival groups that are in conflict," Coronado said.

Coronado also said the killings may have been

linked to the abduction of 12 people who later escaped in the same area on Tuesday. A woman who was allegedly watching the captives was detained. She told investigators that the kidnappings were "a repercussion of what happened in Tamaulipas."

That was an apparent reference to the slayings of 23 people whose bodies were found Friday in the border city of Nuevo Laredo, in northern Tamaulipas state. The bodies were found hanging from a bridge or decapitated and dumped near city hall Friday.

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### Mayes signs letter of intent for Oklahoma Wesleyan University



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**BSHS senior Diamond Mayes (left) signed a letter of intent Thursday to play basketball for Oklahoma Wesleyan University on Thursday. Also pictured are OWU Head Basketball Coach Mark Molder and Mayes' mother Desiree Mayes-Fizer.**

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

When introducing Diamond Mayes to the crowd who gathered Thursday at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training center to watch her sign a letter of intent to play basketball at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, BSHS Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey said "Diamond (Mayes) is what all Big Spring Steers — Lady Steers should be like."

Mayes, who has played on the varsity basketball team for four years, as well as other sports, received a full scholarship to OWU.

What drew Mayes to the school was the similarities between there and Big Spring.

"The atmosphere was great," Mayes said. "The coaches were great. Everyone was friendly. It reminded me of home."

Mayes cites her spirituality as another reason for her enrollment at OWU.

"I wanted to keep my faith," she added. "I didn't want to stray away from God. He's the reason I've made it this far."

Mayes' mother, Desiree Mayes-Fizer,

couldn't be happier for her daughter and her success.

"I am just overwhelmed," Mayes-Fizer said. "I am very proud. Words can't really explain it. I have been crying all day."

Driving seven and a half hours for the signing was Mark Molder, head basketball coach at OWU.

Molder is looking forward to having a talent like Mayes on his squad next season.

"Obviously, she has the ability to play in the post," Molder said. "But she also has great footwork. We are very excited to have her."

As for Mayes, she is looking forward to competing at the next level, but will be doing it with her hometown in her heart.

"I really loved it here," Mayes said. "I played varsity for four years here. Coach Warren molded me into the player I am and I am going to take this and represent Big Spring in Oklahoma."

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### Hamilton humble about four-homer game

DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — If the Hall of Fame ever comes calling for the last baseball Josh Hamilton hit over the wall on Tuesday night, the Texas Rangers slugger might need some time to track it down.

Hamilton became the 16th player in major league history to hit four homers in a game during a 10-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles. The last two balls were retrieved and given to him after the game. The fourth was authenticated.

Hamilton tossed the baseballs into his luggage at the team hotel, and he has no

plans to showcase the record-tying ball in his house.

"It will probably end up in a closet or rolling down a slide in the backyard, the girls playing with it," he said Wednesday without a trace of a grin.

The 18 total bases were an American League record, and the 5-for-5 performance gave him a .406 batting average with 14 homers and 36 RBIs — all tops in the AL.

Could a Triple Crown be in his future?

"I don't think about it. I honestly don't," the center fielder said. "The chances of that happening are very, very, very, very, very slim. So why worry about

something that won't happen anyway?"

Hamilton isn't counting on hitting four homers again anytime soon, either. After his incredible feat, he said it would take a while for the feeling to sink in, and by Wednesday he could appreciate the enormity of it

"It means a lot. It's special to me. But I can't live there," he said. "I take the confidence with me of having a good game, like I would if I was 4 for 5 or 5 for 5 with five singles. I'm getting on base and scoring runs. You take all those things with you, but you don't take the moment

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### Baylor star Griner in cast after breaking wrist

WACO, Texas (AP) — Two-time All-America center Brittney Griner is recovering from a broken right wrist sustained in a longboard accident.

Coach Kim Mulkey told The Associated Press on Wednesday night that Griner will be in a cast for four weeks.

The school released no other details about the injury on the longboard, an elongated skateboard. Mulkey was attending an awards banquet in New York City on Tuesday night when she first revealed Griner was hurt.

The injury comes only weeks after Griner finished her junior season and the Lady Bears ended the first 40-win season in NCAA history with their second national championship.

She was the first Baylor player to be named the AP women's college basketball player of the year, and was also recognized as the top women's player with the John R. Wooden Award.

Griner last month withdrew from consideration for the 12th and final spot to play for the U.S. women's Olympic basketball team.

### After 12 innings, Marlins down Houston

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Miami manager Ozzie Guillen was certainly happy to end the road trip with a win after a 12th-inning hit by Omar Infante.

More exciting for him, though, was the performance of starter Josh Johnson and former closer Heath Bell on Wednesday night.

Infante's bases-loaded two RBI single in the 12th inning lifted the Marlins to a 5-3 win over the Astros.

Before that, Johnson rebounded from two straight tough outings by allowing four hits and two runs with six strikeouts in seven innings. Bell, who was demoted from the closer spot last week, allowed a hit in a scoreless 10th.

"I think the best news I saw was Bell and J.J. throwing the ball outstanding," Guillen said. "To me that was very important. I

wanted those guys to go out there and have some success."

Guillen demoted Bell, a three-time All-Star, after he blew his fourth save in seven opportunities on Friday. He hopes Bell will pitch well enough to earn his job back soon.

"I want to see him throw the ball the way he did today with confidence," Guillen said. "I believe we're a better ball club with him as a closer."

Bell didn't have much to say about his performance and wouldn't say when he expects to close again.

"I want my job back, it's up to Ozzie when I get my job back," Bell said.

Logan Morrison singled in the 12th before a walk by Giancarlo Stanton.

Greg Dobbs grounded into a force out at second and left runners on the corners. Reliever David Carpenter (0-2) walked John Buck with two outs to load the bases and set up Infante's game-winner.

### Westexags set to hold 3rd Annual Ol' Sarge Shootout

The Howard County A&M Club will be holding its 3rd Annual Ol' Sarge Shootout — a clay target shooting fundraiser which helps the club provide funds for scholarships for local graduating students who are accepted for enrollment at Texas A&M. The venue will be Windwalker Farms, located at 2551 County Rd. 2801 in Stanton.

Teams will consist of six shooters. The cost per marksmen will be \$160. Fees will include registration, lunch and prizes. Mulligans are available for \$20 apiece.

The Annie Oakley competition will be held at 9 a.m., registration for the shoot will begin at 11 a.m. Followed by lunch at noon. The shooting is slated for 1 p.m.

For more information, call Kelly Gaskins at (432) 517-0471 or Harrell Newton at (817)368-8226.

### Playoff Calendar

#### Baseball

• Big Spring vs. Mineral Wells, Abilene — McMurry University, Friday 7 p.m. (Game 1), Saturday noon (Game 2).

• Forsan vs. Floydada, Lubbock Christian High School, Friday, 7 p.m. (Game 1), Saturday, 1 p.m. (Game 2).

• Howard College vs. Hill College (Game 1 of Region 5 tourney), Lubbock — Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Saturday 8 p.m.

#### Softball

• Forsan vs. Alpine, Crane High School, Friday, 6 p.m. (Game 1), Saturday 1 p.m. (Game 2).

• Coahoma vs. Colorado City, Big Spring High School, Friday 7:30 p.m. (Game 1), Saturday, 10 a.m. (Game 2).

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

### Vikings one vote away from new stadium

BRIAN BAKST

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings' hopes of a new stadium are one affirmative vote away from becoming reality.

Only a state Senate vote stands between the franchise and the \$975 million stadium the Vikings would move into ahead of the 2016 season. The House passed the stadium plan early Thursday by a 71-60 vote.

The stadium would lock down a treasured team no longer bound by a stadium lease, but also would go down as the one of the largest subsidized projects in state history at a time of tight government budgets.

The reworked bill has the Vikings paying \$477 million, a significant cut above the figure team officials had once described as "set in stone." Though the package was tougher, it was clearly the team's only chance to replace the Metrodome, a 30-year-old facility the Vikings say has outlived its usefulness.

Vikings vice president Lester Bagley said the team's billionaire owners, New Jersey developers Zygi and Mark Wilf, decided to lock in the deal rather than hold out for better terms, knowing the Legislature had only two days left to act.

"It is a heavy lift but it is the right thing to do for Minnesota," Bagley said.

The Vikings intend to take

advantage of an NFL loan program, sell naming rights and possibly impose seat license fees to help cover the team's end of construction costs.

As revised, the fixed-roof stadium would draw on \$348 million in state money, plus \$150 million from an existing city of Minneapolis hospital tax.

Under the bill, the Vikings would sign a 30-year lease on a stadium to be built on the site of the Metrodome in Minneapolis. The team would pay about \$13 million annually in operating fees, though a public authority gets the power to rent out the building on non-game days for concerts, conventions and special events.



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	5		4			3
			4		3	9
2				7	8	
	9	7				3
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		2	8			1
	6				2	9
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By Steve Becker

**The Pessimistic Approach**

East dealer.  
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♠ K 7 3  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 5 2  
♣ A Q 10 7

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♠ J 5 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ A K 4  
♣ K 6 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 8  
♥ J 9 8 3  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ J 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ K Q 10 7 5 2  
♦ J 6 3  
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East South West North  
Pass 1♥ Pass 2 NT  
Pass 4♥  
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**At this point,** South's hand would consist of the Q-6 of spades and Q-10 of hearts. He would next lead the six of spades to dummy's king and play the established nine of diamonds. Whether East ruffed this trick or the next one, his J-9 of trumps would succumb to South's Q-10, and his seemingly sure trump trick would go up in smoke.

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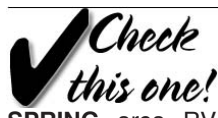
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A rather uneven Capricorn moon mixes up the action. First this industrious moon is in perfect harmony with both the sun and Jupiter. Then he angers Saturn, throwing a wrench in the works. By the end of the day, the moon changes uniforms, and new assessments will be made from a philosophical Aquarian point of view.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's no wonder you're successful: Your actions and intentions are in perfect alignment. Your focus has been so narrow and laser sharp that you can't help but be effective.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's something good about being uncomfortable with your situation. Being too comfortable is disempowering. Go deeper into your agitation. Let it move you

Tomorrow's Horoscope

to make a difference. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Money is important, and you can improve the world with it, so try not to make judgments that distance you from wealth. Remember that money funds the good things in life like schools, hospitals and libraries.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll not only notice what you feel, but you'll notice where you feel it in your body. This information helps you make choices that are healthy and puts you in contact with your deeper intuition.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Whether you are strapped for cash or just realize that creativity trumps pricey dining and entertainment every time, you'll find that you have excellent ideas about how to whip up some inexpensive fun today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have trouble staying on track, especially since the new interests you are delving into are so compelling. Maybe this distraction is actually healthy for you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Anyone can crush on someone new or distant. If you can develop a crush on someone you're already in a committed relationship with, that's when the real magic happens.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll love the people you meet over the course of the next six days. People with unexpected gifts will be drawn to you. Be friendly, open and careful not to pre-judge anyone.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Doing things in a timely manner is important to you. To let a birthday, social courtesy or deadline zoom by causes you a measure of distress. Take precautions so this won't happen.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You might be surprised by how rattled you can get in normal grownup situations. It's as though there is a little child inside you experiencing the feelings. Just know that your vulnerability is what connects and endears you to others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Reciprocal

affections are convenient, but love is seldom so balanced. You're not sure how you feel about someone, although you may easily and correctly assess how this person feels about you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Names have power. There's something you've been experiencing as a vague cloud of emotion. If you can put a name on your feelings, you can release them and transform your energy.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 10). It has felt like your domestic and professional lives are at odds, but this tension is healed as a complementary energy takes hold. In May, an easygoing friendship turns into more. July is your chance at a prize you've long had your eye on.

September's investment will pay off, which helps you and your loved ones. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 14, 38 and 10.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for 11 years. We have three young children and a great relationship.

We recently decided to move from Boston to Georgia. My husband, children and I believe it is the right choice.

The problem is my mother-in-law. Right now, we live within a

mile of her. She is devastated that we are moving and is blaming me.

She says I am taking her son away from her and that we are making a big mistake. When I pointed out the exciting professional and personal opportunities available to us, she said we are being rash.

Our decision is the product of much discussion and analysis over the past two years. Others have not been privy to those conversations, so I understand why my mother-in-law thinks we are rushing things. But when I explain, it falls on deaf ears.

Is there any way to get my mother-in-law to focus less on how this affects her and more on the positive impact it will have on her son and grandchildren?

I worry the move will drive a permanent wedge between us. It's hard for my husband because she is framing it as a choice between his wife and his mother. — Ready To Go in the Northeast

**Dear Ready:** For 11 years, your mother-in-law has had her son and grandchildren within walking distance.

Please try to understand that the move is not only a shock to her, it is breaking her heart. And while you see opportunity, she sees uncertainty.

If your husband had been offered a terrific job in Georgia, she might be more accepting. Your husband should be the one to talk to his mother about this decision.

Don't argue with her. Simply reassure her repeatedly that you will remain as close as possible, that you will visit as often as you can and welcome her to your new home, and that the kids will Skype or FaceTime with her daily so she can see them.

It will take her a while to get used to the idea, and she will always miss you, but things will eventually settle down. Hang in there.

**Dear Annie:** "Sister Wives in Kentucky" said her ex-husband's third

wife shared her taste in gifts, wrapping paper and kitchen decor. She wondered whether there are others like her.

I live in Kansas, and my best friend lives in Massachusetts. We met 10 years ago on an Alaskan cruise.

We discovered that we use the same shampoo, toothpaste, soap and hairdryer, read the same authors, love the same TV shows and generally know what the other is thinking.

My mother passed away the year before that cruise, and I believe with all my heart that Mom set it up for us to meet. — S.

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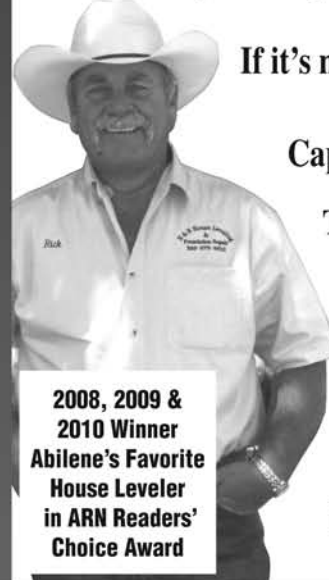
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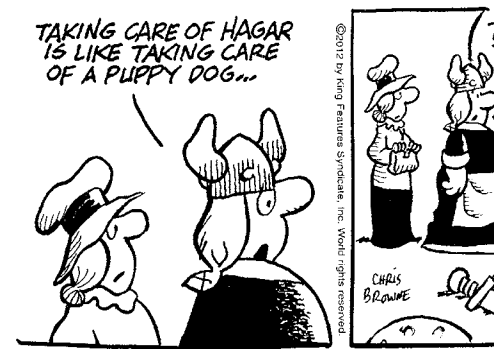
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"Oooh, look over there! A LAMP STORE! Look at all the pretty lamps!"

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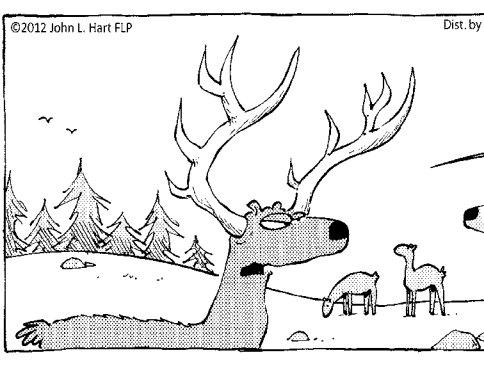
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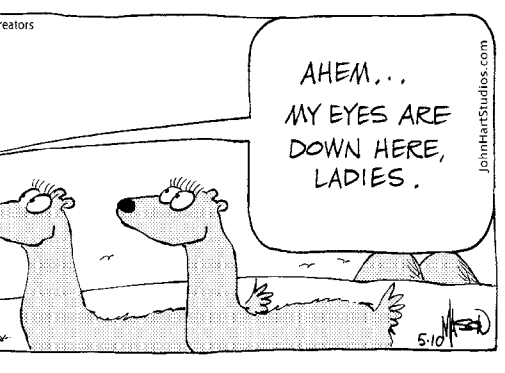
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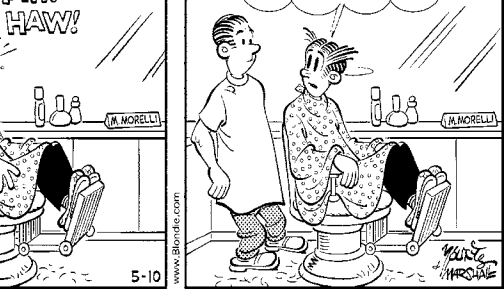
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HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH YOUR HAIR?

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WAIT A MINUTE, ARE YOU ACTUALLY SERIOUS?!

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 10, the 131st day of 2012. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

On this date:

In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale arrived in the Virginia Colony, where, as deputy governor, he instituted harsh measures to restore order.

In 1774, Louis XVI acceded to the throne of France.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged mas-

sive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide.)

In 1960, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton completed its submerged navigation of the globe.

In 1977, actress Joan Crawford, 72, died in New York.

In 1981, Socialist Francois Mitterrand defeated incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the second round of France's presidential election.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office to become South Africa's first black president.

Today's Birthdays: Author Bel Kaufman ("Up the Down Staircase") is 101. Sportscaster

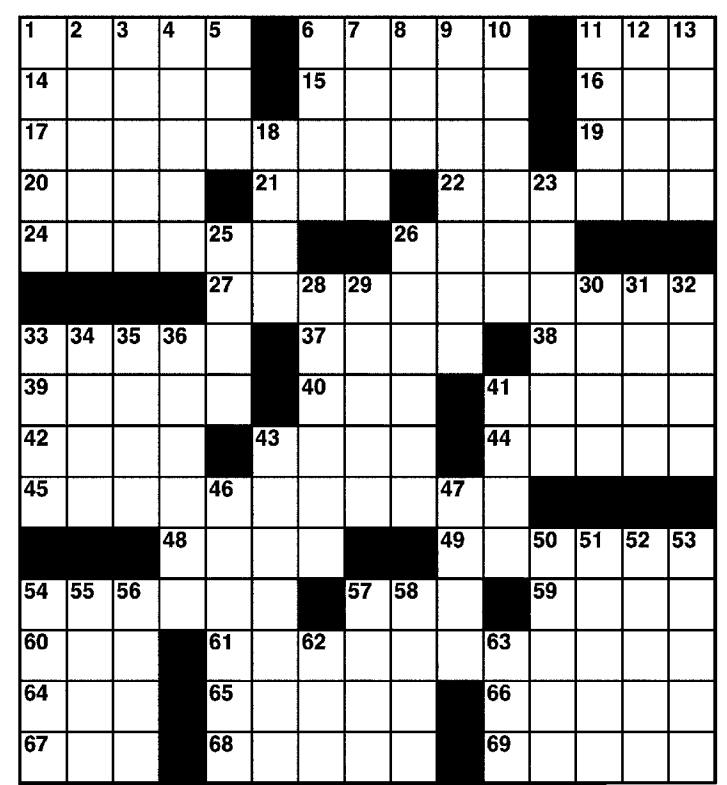
Pat Summerall is 82. Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 74. TV-radio personality Gary Owens is 73. Actor David Clennon is 69. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 68. Singer Donovan is 66. Singer Dave Mason is 66. Actor Bruce Penhall is 55. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 54. Actress Victoria Rowell is 53. Rock singer Bono (BAH'-noh) (U2) is 52. Rock musician Danny Carey ('Tool) is 51. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 49. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 49. Model Linda Evangelista is 47. Rapper Young MC is 45. Actor Erik Palladino is 44.

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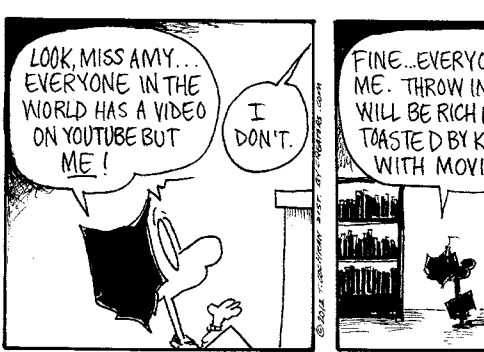
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Get to
  - 6 Ingenious
  - 11 Includes in an email
  - 14 Political exile, for short
  - 15 Like some eclipses
  - 16 Chaotic scene
  - 17 Capsizes
  - 19 Busy activity
  - 20 Brief admission
  - 21 "Couples only" ship?
  - 22 Maze solver
  - 24 House minority leader
  - 26 Refer to
  - 27 Well-worn story
  - 33 Stun gun
  - 37 S&L offerings
  - 38 Inflection
  - 39 In unison
  - 40 "Send help!"
  - 41 Halloween costume
  - 42 Bits of fluff
  - 43 Book after Joel
  - 44 Take to the stump
  - 45 Failing spectacularly
  - 48 Loop shape
  - 49 Basketball stat
  - 54 Go-to guy
  - 57 Scratch, as a surface
  - 59 Chorus members
  - 60 Justice Dept. agency
  - 61 Miracle remedy
  - 64 MSN rival
  - 65 Make restitution

- DOWN**
- 1 Repair a pool cue
  - 2 Radiate
  - 3 Month that Revere rode
  - 4 "No problem!"
  - 5 Shaker \_\_, OH
  - 6 Aspersion
  - 7 Gloomy darkness
  - 8 Crumb carrier
  - 9 Comes from behind
  - 10 Picks up the tab
  - 11 Autocrat
  - 12 Musical postscript
  - 13 Flue coating
  - 18 Part of a dress shirt
  - 23 Well again
  - 25 Aching
  - 26 Sliding dance step
  - 28 Cheerless
  - 29 Sing soothingly
  - 30 Stellar phenomenon
  - 31 Condo dwelling
  - 32 Prefix for path
  - 33 Towering
  - 34 Much of the Old World
  - 35 PlayStation maker
  - 36 Lure
  - 41 Feet, so to speak
  - 43 Shake up
  - 46 Garden-variety
  - 47 Clothing
  - 50 Hawthorne's hometown
  - 51 "Send me"
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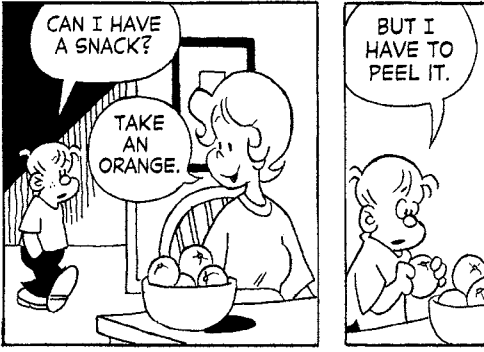
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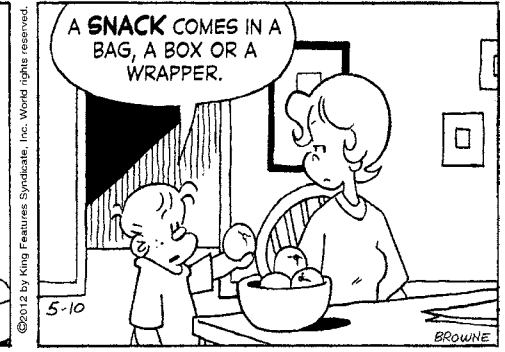
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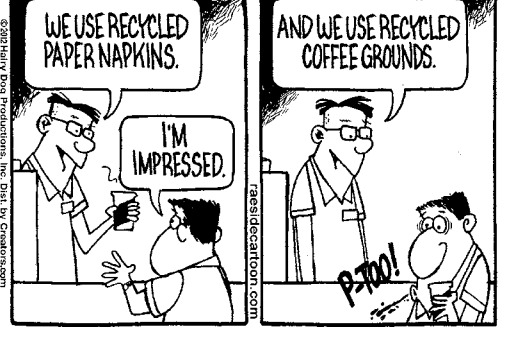
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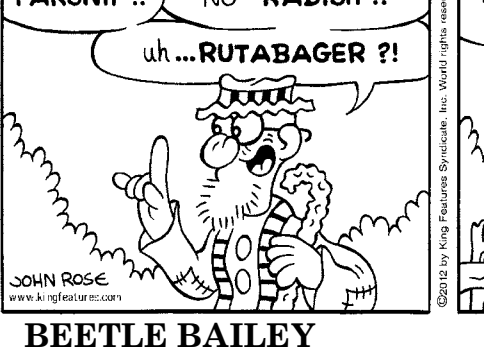
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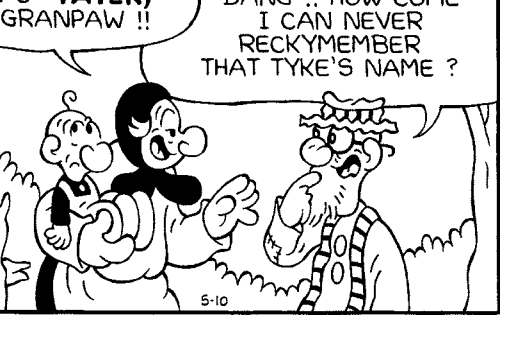
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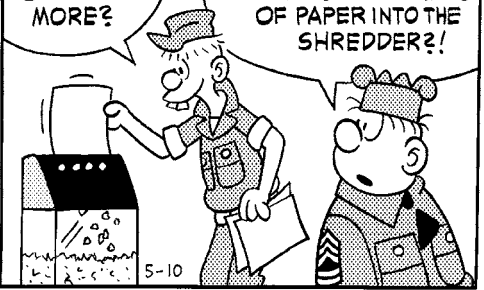
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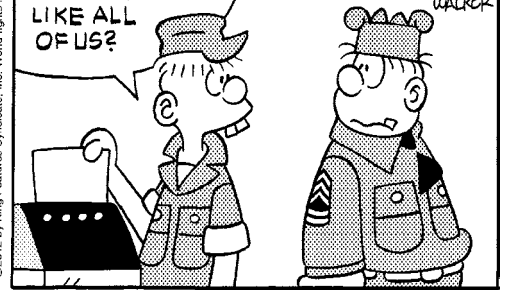
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# Torch flame lit in Greece that will burn throughout Olympics

**DEMETRIS NELLAS**

Associated Press

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece (AP) — The flame that will burn during the London Games was lit at the birthplace of the ancient Olympics on Thursday, heralding the start of a torch relay that will culminate with the opening ceremony on July 27.

Actress Ino Menegaki, dressed as a high priestess, stood before the 2,600-year-old Temple of Hera, and after an invocation to Apollo, the ancient Greeks' Sun God, used a mirror to focus the sun's rays and light a torch.

The triangular torch is designed to highlight the fact that London is hosting the Olympics for the third time. It also staged the games in 1908 and 1948.

Under bright sunny skies there was no need for the backup flame that was used during the final rehearsal for the Olympic torch lighting a day earlier.

After the choreographed ceremony, the priestess handed the flame to the first torchbearer, Greek swimmer and Olympic silver medalist Spyros Gianniotis.

The 32-year-old Gianniotis, the Liverpool-born son of a Greek father and a British mother, was the first of 490 torchbearers who will carry the flame across 1,800 miles of Greek soil before the flame is handed to London organizers on May 17 in Athens.

Gianniotis then handed over the torch to 19-year-old Alex Loukos, born of a Greek father and British mother and raised in the east London borough of Newham next to the Olympic Park.

"It is an unbelievable honor to be a torchbearer ... especially carrying the flame in Olympia and representing the city of London," Loukos said. "I have grown up with London 2012 — from helping with the bid in Singapore when I was 12, to witnessing the incredible regeneration of my home in East London."

The final torchbearers for the Greek relay will be two veteran athletes: Greek weightlifter and three-time Olympic gold medalist Pyrrros Dimas — who was elected a Socialist member of Parliament on Sunday — and former Chinese gymnastics champion

Li Ning.

From Greece, the flame will travel to Britain for a 70-day torch relay covering another 8,000 miles across the United Kingdom. In contrast to the two previous Summer Games, where the Olympic flame relay went around the globe, it will leave the U.K. only once to pass through Ireland on June 6.

The relay will end at the Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremony with the lighting of the cauldron. The games will run through Aug. 12.

It's the second time London officials have come to Ancient Olympia for a flame lighting. London also received the flame before the 1948 Olympics.

"In 1948, shortly after the Second World War, my predecessor stood where I am today and made the first tentative steps in turning the world from war to sport," London organizing committee chief Sebastian Coe said. "We find ourselves in challenging times again and turn to sport once more to connect the world in a global celebration of achievement and inspiration."

Also attending the ceremony was International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge.

# HAMILTON

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to the next day because 99.9 percent of the time it isn't going to happen again. One hundred percent of the time in the case of this. Don't live there. Just come in here, prepare, and move forward."

The 2010 AL MVP battled injuries last season and had sports hernia surgery in November.

Then came a public relapse in his battle with drugs and alcohol when he had a few drinks at a Dallas restaurant in January and continued drinking later that night. He held a news conference a few days later to apologize for the incident.

Hamilton's achievement against the Orioles certainly caught the attention of his fellow players, and it was still a topic of conversation around baseball on Wednesday.

"Hands down, he's the best player in the American League," Indians manager Manny Acta said. "He plays a premium position, he's a five-tool guy. At times, like last night, he looks like a 15-year-old playing with 10-year-olds. He's that talented."

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle, who served as the Rangers' hitting coach

in 2010, played in the majors for parts of 10 seasons and said a good day for him was four homers during batting practice.

"I just sent him a text today and asked him I thought they outlawed using a tee in the American League," Hurdle said.

Hamilton becomes a free agent after this season, and he's not worried about his future. His thought is, if he's meant to stay in Texas, then that is where he will end up.

"I've been completely able to block it out," he said. "It's easy for me to focus on playing baseball this season. Thinking about all that stuff, how to be the best I can be that night, doesn't allow me to think about what's going on in the next year."

Manager Ron Washington was asked Wednesday whether he would give up his salary to keep Hamilton with the Rangers.

"If it will keep Hamilton here, he can have mine," Washington said. "I'll manage in this game for nothing."

Especially if Hamilton provides the kind of thrill he did Tuesday night.

"I'm happy that it happened while he was in a Texas Rangers uniform," Washington said. "You don't get an opportunity to look at that very often. You just watch it happen."

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\* Optional - \$10  
**Please mail the attached registration with your payment.**

**Shooting Contacts:**

Kelly Gaskins  
432 517-0471

Harrell Newton  
817 368-8226

Watch our website for list of auction items!  
www.westexags.com

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Station Sponsor \$500:**

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**Team Entry \$960:** Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter #1 (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Shooter #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Shooter #5: \_\_\_\_\_ Shooter #6: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Shooter Entry \$160:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail Registration Forms and Payment to:  
Howard County A&M Club c/o Harrell Newton  
6105 N CR 23 - Big Spring, TX 79720

**Think Pink Play Hard**

**Rag Ball Tournament**  
**Benefiting Elida Hilario**  
**Date: May 11th-12th, 2012**  
**Time: 7:00p (Registration ends at 6:30p)**  
**Location: Forest Park in Lamesa, TX**  
**Fee: \$10 a person**  
**10 players min. with even gender amount of players**

**CONTACT:**  
**MANUEL ONTIVEROS JR @ (432) 213-3501**  
**AJ HILARIO @ (432) 517-9000**

**Prize Information**  
**1st place-trophy and shirts**  
**2nd place-medals**



# Mother's Day GIFT GUIDE

*Give Mom The Perfect Gift This Mother's Day!*

- \* Jewelry \* Home Decor
- \* Purses & Much More

**Howard County Feed & Supply**  
701 E. 2nd St. 267-6411

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th**

Visit these fine merchants for all your shopping needs!

*Everything you need to make this Mother's Day memorable!*

**Inspirations Flowers & Gifts**  
www.bigspringflowers.com  
1410 Scurry (432) 263-8323

*Top Gifts For Every Mom!*

From Jewelry to Photo Gifts, We've Got Gifts To Make Her Smile!

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Save money. Live better.

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**Great Mother's Day Gifts!**

- ★ Fabric ★ Clothing
- ★ Candles & More

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Come See Our Unique Selection for Mother's Day!

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**LOANS UP TO \$1,258**

Quick & Easy Loans - Phone Applications Welcome

- Usually 30 Minute Service
- Credit Bureau Reporting
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Open: Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:30 Friday 8:30-6:00

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220 Main St., Big Spring (Downtown Area)  
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*Everything You Need for the Perfect Gift!*

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It's like coming home...

*Happy Mother's Day*

1211 Scurry St. Big Spring, Tx. 79720  
Tues.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat. 8:30-5:00  
Saturday hours will vary

Gift Certificates Available

*Floral Designs by Lupe*

**Unique Gifts for Mother's Day**

- "Mom" Mugs • Picture Frames
- Martini Glass Candles • Plants
- Flower Arrangements
- High Heel Hammers
- And Much More!

606 S. Gregg 432-517-4919

**Blum's JEWELERS**  
One beautiful place.

Give Mom a gift that she will treasure, display, and remember for the rest of her life.

24 kt. Gold Dipped Roses  
Only \$55.00

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**Treat Mom To Lunch!**

**Papa Chon's Mexican Restaurant**

Special Mother's Day Hours  
11 am - 5 pm

310 Owens 264-1711

**Scurry Street's**

*Spoil Someone Special*

**Mother's Day Is Sunday, May 13**

- ♥ Delicious Cookies from Audrey's
- ♥ Beautiful Roses from Inspirations
- ♥ Elegant gift of your choice from Serenity Spa

Conveniently ready for you on Mother's Day at Serenity Spa

**Last Day To Place Orders Is Wednesday, May 9th**  
(Orders Can Be Placed at Serenity Spa)

**Audrey's** 1701 Scurry St. 263-3100  
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**Inspirations Flowers & Gifts** 1410 Scurry 263-8323

*Buy Something Your Mother Will Love!*

**Wild Wild West**  
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432-368-7996

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Open 1pm - 8pm  
Friday, May 11  
for Mother's Day Shopping!

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- \* Purses \* Home Decor \* Shoes
- \* Wine-a-Rita \* So Much More

**One-of-a-Kind Gifts!**

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