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**Stacey Barr ran one of the several blackjack tables at Legends and Legacies casino night Tuesday. The annual event helps kick off rodeo week in Big Spring and is a fundraiser for the Heritage Museum. Those attending were able to enjoy a catered meal from Crispy's as well as an opportunity to try their luck at blackjack, craps and roulette.**

## Get yer pony on



By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor

Dust off your hat and pull up your boots, it's rodeo time in Big Spring. The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo makes its 79th run beginning Thursday in the historic Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Featuring the nation's top professional cowboy and cowgirl performers in the arena and country star Aaron Watson on

See **RODEO**, Page 3A

## United Way 'adds' another agency

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer  
 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has announced the new list of agencies — 16 to be exact — for 2013. The board of directors decided to accept the previous 15 agencies with the inclusion of one more agency for the upcoming campaign.

"We will still be serving the same agencies as we did last year, but this year we have added the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club as two separate entities, bringing our total number of agencies to 16 instead of 15," Executive Director Sandy

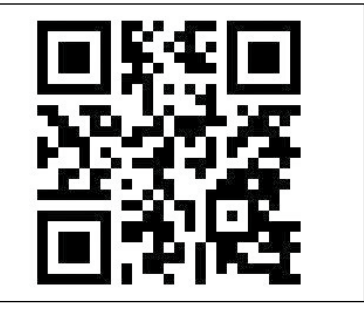


Stewart said.

In previous years, the Salvation Army has been a supported agency of the local United Way. However, with the recent opening of the new facility housing the Boys and Girls Club, an application was submitted to consider the two programs as separate entities. "At one time, the two were considered separate entities

and since the new facility is up and running, they (Salvation Army) felt it was better to be considered as two entities instead of one," Stewart said. Other 2013 agencies include: • The American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, aimed at providing disaster victims with emergency aid. They can be contacted at 432-553-1439; • Buffalo Trail Council,

Boy Scouts of America and Girls Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Both groups are aimed at providing an educational and character-building program, with training in citizenship, personal fitness and responsibility. To contact Boy Scouts, call 432-212-3577. Girl Scouts information can be found at www.girlscouts.org. See **AGENCY**, Page 3A



## Relay gears up for yearly wrap up

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

Relay For Life season is coming to an end. The Community wrap up is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. It follows the committee wrap up, which was held last Monday at the Genia and Marcus Phillips home. "This has proven to be a successful campaign. We had a wonderful Relay For Life event this year and it was made possible by all those who worked so hard to get us to where we needed to be," Relay For Life Chair Manny Negron said.

All teams and community members are encouraged to attend the community wrap up Monday. During the event, the top 10 teams will be recognized for their money raising efforts, along with other awards.

During the committee wrap up, those in attendance went over the positives and negatives of Relay For Life 2012. "There were a lot of positive things that took place this



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

**Relay For Life committee members gathered Monday evening to close out the 2012 Relay season at the committee wrap up. The community wrap up is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Garrett Hall. Relay For Life benefits the American Cancer Society.**

year, but we are already looking at ways to improve next year's Relay in order for us to make it a bigger and better event," Negron said. The official end of the 2012 Relay For Life campaign is Aug. 31. Donations toward

this year's goal will be received until then. For those wanting to start a team or become a committee member, contact Negron or any of the committee members. The fundraising campaign will conclude in August

and for those still wanting to donate, contact Negron at 816-9464. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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## Obituaries

## Father Barry McLean



Father Barry McLean, passed away suddenly in San Angelo on June 17, 2012, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo where he was concelebrating at the Marriage Jubilee Mass with Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI.

Fr. Barry McLean was born to Nena and Barry McLean at Vandenburg AFB, Calif., on March 13, 1961. He is survived by his mother, Nena Grenon; and two sisters, Joanna Dykes, her husband Charles of Big Spring and Larhesa Gallion of Williston, Fla. He has two nephews, Charlie Dykes and Kenny Gallion; and one niece, Chaneel Dykes. He also has an aunt, Raynell Best of Coahoma; and an aunt and uncle, Carol and Martina Best of Noodle, Texas.

Fr. Barry was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, on Aug. 4, 1990, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, Texas. Following his ordination, he served at the following parishes in the Diocese of San Angelo: Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, St. Mary's Church in Odessa, Good Shepherd Church in Crane, Sacred Heart Church in McCamey, St. Francis Mission in Iraan, St. Margaret of Cortona Church in Big Lake and St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Brownwood. For the last five years, he was Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Angelo.

In addition to his parish assignments, he served in numerous diocesan positions on various councils and boards: Director of Clergy Continuing Education, member of the Diocesan College of Consultors, President of the Deacon Council, member of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission, member of the Office of Education Advisory Committee, member of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, member of the Priest Pension Board, Chaplain for the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Council 2136 in San Angelo, Chaplain for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 2986 in Brownwood, a member of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and a spiritual director for the Carmelite Sisters of Eldorado. Fr. Barry was also active in the Cursillo Movement, Engaged Encounter, SEARCH and ACTS.

Visitation will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo through the afternoon of Thursday, June 21. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Fr. Barry, may be made to the Diocesan Seminarian Burse, Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902 to support the education of seminarians.

The Rosary and Wake Service will be at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21. Following the Wake Service, Fr. Barry will lie in state through the night at the cathedral with a Knights of Columbus honor guard present. All are invited to pay their prayerful respects. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 22 at Holy Trinity Parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn) in Big Spring, with the Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI presiding. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in San Angelo at approximately 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Family and friends may sign an online register book at [www.johnsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.johnsons-funeralhome.com).

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## Eugene Hall

Eugene Hall, 74, of Midland passed away June 18, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 1 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include his daughters, Gena Minihan and Lesa Thompson; a son, Sheldon Drake; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Olivia Gonzales

Olivia Gonzales, 64, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Frances 'Jean' Thomason



Frances "Jean" Thomason, 87, passed away at her residence Monday, June 18, 2012. She was born Aug. 29, 1924, to Walter and Ruth (Erwin) Duncan at McQueen, Okla. She graduated from Reed, Okla., High School in 1942. She attended Mangum Junior College. She married JT Thomason on Sept. 13, 1942, in Russell, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at

Myers & Smith Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Lowell-Tims Funeral Home in Altus, Okla. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Riverside Cemetery in Mangum, Okla.

Shortly after their marriage, JT joined the U.S. Army to serve his country in WWII. Jean moved to Amarillo and worked at Pantex, assembling bombs for the war effort until JT returned home. They then moved and settled in Magnum, Okla., until 1990, at which time they moved to Altus, Okla.

They farmed and ranched in that area until retirement. Jean worked many years at the Mangum Hospital. Her jobs included working in the lab, X-ray and EKG departments.

Her greatest memory of working in the medical field was assisting with the first Polio vaccine clinic. She often marveled at all the changes technology and science brought to healthcare during her career and after. It was her influence that started many young people into the healthcare professions, including some family members.

Jean moved to Big Spring in January 2005, after the passing of her husband of 62 years. She attended the 14th and Main Church of Christ, where she was active in the Ladies Bible Class. Her hobbies through the years included bible studies, water skiing, bridge, cards, reading and traveling with family and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband, JT; son, David Thomason; sister, Colleen Lowry; nephew, Rodney Lowry; niece, Gayla Lowry; and great-niece, Tammy D. Ream.

Jean is survived by nephews, David Martin of Austin and Carlos Thomason of Altus.; nieces, Carolyn Fowble and husband Bill and Mertie Edwards and husband Syndey, all of Altus, Tricia McCain of Colorado City and Shirleen Brown of Big Spring; great-nephews Larry Lowry of Lewisville, David Brown of Spring, JW Heath of Midland, Jeremy Thomason and Kevin Thomason of Okla., Doug Edwards and Heath Edwards; and great-nieces, Dana Fowble of Virginia and Tina Fowble of Norman, Okla.; great-great-nephew, Forrest Ream and great-great-niece, Reagan Ream, both of Midland. She is also survived by many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to Westview Boys Home, P.O. Box 553, Hollis, Okla. 73550-9901; or the Tammy D. Ream Memorial Scholarship for Physician Assistants, c/o Texas Tech University Health Science Center PA Program, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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## Police blotter

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

- EDWARD GARCIA JR., 33, of 642 Manor Lane, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- JERRY MITCHELL MARCON, 20, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 55, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- THEFT was reported: In the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. In the 900 block of Settles.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Mittel.

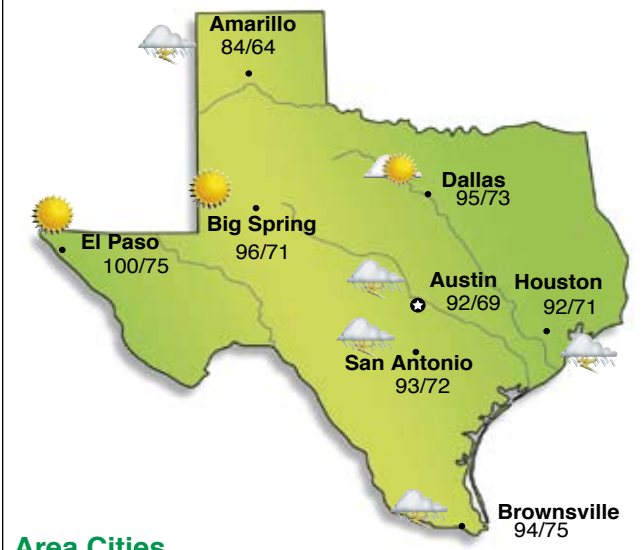
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 6/22	Sat 6/23	Sun 6/24	Mon 6/25	Tue 6/26
<b>96/71</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/73</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>101/73</b> Sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.	<b>101/74</b> Mainly sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>103/75</b> Sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.
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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	84	64	t-storm	Kingsville	93	72	t-storm
Big Spring	96	71	pt sunny	Livingston	93	68	pt sunny
El Paso	100	75	sunny	Longview	92	70	mst sunny
Dallas	95	73	mst sunny	Lubbock	89	66	pt sunny
Austin	92	69	t-storm	Lufkin	94	70	pt sunny
Houston	92	71	t-storm	Midland	96	72	sunny
San Antonio	93	72	t-storm	Roseburg	92	69	t-storm
Brownsville	94	75	t-storm	San Antonio	93	72	t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	93	70	t-storm
Corsicana	93	71	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	71	mst sunny
Dallas	95	73	mst sunny	Sweetwater	93	70	sunny
Del Rio	96	75	t-storm	Tyler	92	70	mst sunny
El Paso	100	75	sunny	Weatherford	91	70	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	92	69	windy	Wichita Falls	93	70	t-storm
Gainesville	91	71	mst sunny				
Greenville	93	71	mst sunny				
Houston	92	71	t-storm				

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- WILLIAM DEAN WOODARD, 42, was arrested Tuesday on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- EDWARD GARCIA, 33, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- JERRY MITCHELL MARCON, 20, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief - family violence.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Lamar. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Bucknell Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Sgt. Paredez. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of N. Salem Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of U.S. Highway 350.

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# Around the Area

## 'Anything Goes' in Alpine

Friday marks the opening week for the 47th season of the Theatre of the Big Bend in Alpine, Texas. Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" will play three weekends through Sunday, July 8 with a special holiday performance Thursday, July 5. Set on a New York to London-bound luxury liner in the 1930's, "Anything Goes" promises to be a fun-filled evening with vaudeville-style antics and gags and includes classic songs such as "You're the Top," "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "Anything Goes." The Theatre of the Big Bend's summer musical is directed by Gregory M. Schwab and choreographed by Dona W. Roman with musical direction by Donald Callen Freed and Chris Dobbins. Performances are at 8:15 p.m. June 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, July 1, 5, 7, and 8. Tickets are \$9 for general admission; \$7 for seniors and children. Tickets are on sale now by calling 800-722-SRSU or visiting online at www.sulross.edu/theatre.

## 'Fiddler' opens in Odessa

The Permian Playhouse in Odessa presents the classic musical "Fiddler on the Roof" beginning Friday, at 8 p.m. Featuring Carl Moore as Tevye, the show will be onstage Friday and Saturday nights and 2:30 p.m. Sundays through July 8. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling 432-550-5456, or online at www.permianplayhouse.com. A complimentary reception featuring assorted food and drink will be held opening night. The Permian Playhouse is located at 310 W. 42nd in Odessa.

## Flower Grove reunion

The Flower Grove Reunion Committee has set its reunion for July 7 in the Lamesa High School student center, located in the 600 block of N. 14th. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a catered meal will be served at 1 p.m. Cost will be \$12 per person. Pay at the door. The Flower Grove School opened in 1922. Any student, teacher, school board member and staff who attended Flower Grove at any time is encouraged to attend and bring friends and family. For more information on the reunion, contact Lawana Webb at 806-462-7475.

## RODEO

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stage, the annual event will continue through Saturday night. Gates open at 7 each evening with the grand entry to get under way at 8. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children in advance and \$12 and \$8 at the gate. Box seats are available for \$250.

## AGENCY

be obtained by calling 432-550-2688.

- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of West Texas is a program which promotes and supports quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court. Their goal is to provide a safe, nurturing permanent environment. To find out more, call 432-263-4162.
- The Dora Robert Rehab Center provides outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy and cardiac rehabilitation to children and adults on a sliding scale ability to pay. To find out more, call 432-267-3806.
- Emergency Services Chaplain Corp Services, a new agency in 2012, is utilized by all emergency services to help counsel those needing assistance in a crisis situation. For more information, call 432-264-2244.
- Howard County Council on Aging/Meals on Wheels provides well-balanced meals five days a week to homebound seniors in the area. The program is able to continue by the use of volunteers. To find out

Specialty acts will include Keith Isley — perennial winner of the Coors Man in the Can competition, Comedy Act of the Year and Clown of the Year. He has taken home those awards for the past three years. Also performing will be the highly acclaimed 24-member Santa Rosa Palomino Club. Carr Pro Rodeo will

be providing livestock once again and Mike Mathis will return as announcer. What's new? Well, with a twist, the rodeo parade will return after a year's absence. Previously held on the rodeo's first day, the parade this year will be at 10 a.m. Saturday. Organizers said the event, which will include the Santa Rosa Palomino

# News briefs

## Developing countries on the rise at G-20 summit

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — The scene at the just-concluded Group of 20 summit held in this seaside resort would have been unthinkable a decade ago: Hundreds of dignitaries gathered in opulent Mexican hotels and convention halls to hammer out an economic bailout for Europe. Meanwhile, the leaders of Brazil and China kicked in tens of billions of dollars to the International Monetary Fund to rescue downtrodden Spain and Greece.

Although the gathering didn't produce a solution for the ailing euro zone, it did outline the globe's new balance of power. Developing countries projected optimism and wealth over the summit's two days, while European and U.S. leaders struggled just to stay solvent.

A lot has clearly changed since the 1990s, when Asian and Latin American economies were slogging through recessions while Washington-based power brokers ordered up the very kind of austerity-minded prescriptions now sparking street protests in Europe.

Even during recent economic crises in the U.S. and Europe, China has been posting annual growth rates topping 8 percent. Countries with booming Chinese trade, such as Argentina and Ethiopia, have similarly seen their economies thrive. China's economy surpassed Japan's over the past year

to become the world's second biggest; Brazil's overtook the U.K.'s to take sixth place.

"It is a different picture and reflects the fact that (developing) economies are not only the largest and fastest growing economies but are among the biggest economies in the world," said Uri Dadush, director of the international economics program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "Clearly, neither the Americans nor the Europeans are in any position to tell the biggest economies what to do."

## Investors hoping to see Fed action to boost lackluster economy and spur job growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, meeting at a time of heightened uncertainty, is expected to provide further support for a slumping U.S. economy. But there is no consensus over what form the added support will take.

Some private economists believe the Fed will launch another round of bond buying in an effort to drive long-term interest rates even lower. The aim would be to spur more borrowing, spending and economic growth.

At the very least, many economists believe the Fed will stress its readiness to do more should the economy weaken further.

Club and Hardin-Simmons Six White Horses, will travel the familiar north-on-Main-Street, south-on-Scurry route. The parade is open to anyone who would like to enter. Organizers said the time was changed to morning because Thursday afternoons were just too hot.

There's no charge for the parade, of course, but rodeo tickets are avail-

able at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, Western Bank, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank, Lonestar State Bank and H-E-B.

Tickets for Watson's Saturday night show, which begins at 9:30 p.m., are \$20 per person. The opening band will be the popular Lenorah

Band. Neil Olivas will perform Friday evening. Tickets are \$5.

more or to volunteer, call 432-263-4016.

- Howard County Humane Society is aimed at taking care of the four-legged members of the community. The agency provides shelter and care for abandoned, abused and neglected animals. Volunteers arrange pet visitations for the elderly and disabled, as well. To find out more, call 432-267-7832.
- Isaiah 58, a local food pantry, strives to provide hunger relief and Christian counseling in the community. To find out more, call 432-263-4758.
- North Side Community Center provides clothing, household articles, rent and other assistance, emergency shelter and counseling. To find out more, call 432-263-2673.
- Salvation Army/Community and Emergency Services

provides meals for the hungry as well as lodging for the homeless. There is a food pantry, domestic crisis shelter and substance abuse counseling. More information can be obtained by calling 432-267-8239.

- Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club offers educational and recreational programs, after-school care and summer day camp. For more information on their services, call 432-264-7344.
- Spring of Siloam, Christian Women's Job Corp is a newer agency providing educational support services and vocational counseling for participants in order for them to become valuable employees. More information can be obtained by calling 432-517-4627.
- Rape Crisis Victim Services of Big Spring provides immediate after-crisis support for

victims of rape and sexual assault. The agency also provides self-help for adults and adolescents in group sessions and self-protection awareness presentations. The agency is also involved in providing Shattered Dreams, a program designated for area schools. For more information, call 432-263-3312, which is a 24-hour support hotline.

- Westside Community Day Care Center and YMCA of Big Spring are two agencies aimed at providing services to the community's youth. Westside provides day care and education for children of working parents through the age of 12. More information can be obtained by calling, 432-263-7841. YMCA not only offers child care, but has summer activities, including aquatics, sports, gymnastics and more. To contact the

YMCA, call 432-267-8234. "Each of these agencies support a vital need in the community," Stewart said. "The board is looking forward to getting out in the community and doing what we can to raise support for these agencies."

To find out more about any of these agencies or how to support the United Way, call 432-267-5201.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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## OUR VIEWS

# Carnival time in Big Spring

Ferris wheels, small-scale roller coasters, cotton candy and everything else carnival related will be available to Big Spring residents starting tonight at 6.

The Pride of Texas Carnival — which is returning for the second year — has set up shop in the College Park Shopping Center and will run through Sunday.

Gates open tonight through Friday at 6 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and will close each night according to the crowd.

Armbands will be available, which will allow unlimited rides between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Each armband is \$25.

There will be the usual kiddie ride section, traditional rides for all ages and the games which will allow the attendants to win several different types of prizes.

Of course, for those who want to do a little more, the carnival isn't the only thing going on this week.

The rodeo will start tomorrow night at 8 p.m. with gates opening at 7 p.m.

If carnival rides aren't your thing, the rodeo will be bringing bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, mutton busting and more.

After the cowboys have competed and taken your mind off the worries of the world, Friday night and Saturday night will conclude with the traditional rodeo dance. Noel Olivas will be performing Friday and Saturday night with Aaron Watson being the featured artist.

Don't forget Saturday morning will be an opportunity to enjoy the cooler, morning weather and watch the rodeo parade return. The parade route will begin near State National Bank and loop around to conclude at 11th Street and Scurry.

So, no matter what your niche may be there is sure to be something for everyone happening this week on into the weekend.

Get out, support the community and make some memories!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can remain within heavenly boundaries and honor heavenly commitments.

Amen

# Feinstein takes on culture of leaks

It was gutsy for Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein to come out against Washington's recent rash of dangerous intelligence leaks last week; she made criticism of the leaks bipartisan. Flanked by the House Intelligence Committee's ranking Democrat, Dutch Ruppersberger, and GOP committee leaders, Feinstein declared: "This has to stop. When people say they don't want to work with the United States, because they can't trust us to keep a secret, that's serious."

A week later, Feinstein is more than halfway through New York Times reporter David E. Sanger's book "Confront and Conceal: Obama's Secret Wars and Surprising Use of American Power." She told me Wednesday, "You learn more from the book than I did as chairman of the intelligence committee, and that's very disturbing to me."

The Beltway has become a giant sieve. News reports outed a Pakistani doctor who had set up a phony vaccination program to obtain information on Osama bin Laden's location in Abbottabad. After an unusual proceeding last month, a Pakistani official found Dr. Shakil Afridi guilty of treason and sentenced him to 33 years.

Another leak revealed that a double agent had obtained a new and improved al-Qaida underwear bomb in Yemen. That leak, Feinstein said, endangered an ally and the individual who

saved American lives by procuring the bomb.

Two recent New York Times stories hyped President Barack Obama's "will," "pragmatism over ideology" and hands-on role in drone strikes over Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. Those stories also revealed telling details about a computer worm that targeted Iranian nuclear centrifuges and the process used to cull the "kill list."

Former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow told me the two Times stories "left a trail that Helen Keller could follow," one that leads to "a small universe of people." National security adviser Thomas E. Donilon talked on the record, while other officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Obama administration has no trouble prosecuting low-level and midlevel leakers.

Obama's feds have prosecuted six cases, double the number prosecuted by previous presidents. Yet the Department of Justice has been slow to respond to spin stories that play up Obama's national security acumen but also give away too much information.

This crusade can't be helpful to DiFi politically. Many in her liberal base regard accused leakers, such as Army Pvt. Bradley Manning, not as security threats but as heroic whistle-blowers. "As we all know," her political guru Bill Carrick conceded, "there are people who think they want to know all this stuff, and they don't want any restriction of information, no matter what the potential damage might be."

Sen. John McCain and other Republicans want an independent special prosecutor to investigate. Feinstein prefers

Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to assign two U.S. attorneys to probe the leaks. For one thing, it's quicker.

But also, it's not clear that a special prosecutor could do much about leaks from political aides. Former Dick Cheney aide Scooter Libby was convicted not for leaking the identity of former CIA operative Valerie Plame but for lying about it. If aides say they didn't know something was classified or if they can show they were authorized to speak, it seems there is no crime.

At Friday's news conference, Obama said: "The notion that my White House would purposely release classified national security information is offensive. It's wrong." But what if aides leaked key intelligence accidentally on purpose?

Feinstein is working on new administrative procedures to curb leaks. Violators, she explained, might lose their security clearance — or their jobs.

The real problem seems to be rot at the top. How do you impose the need for silence about underwear bombs or phony vaccines when White House stars are bragging about their exploits in The New York Times?

Remember the Libby trial. Washington clamored for Libby's scalp for a leak that did less damage than the likely fallout from leaks on thumb drives, double agents and vital assets. Considering what's at stake, there should have been 99 senators and one president standing with Dianne Feinstein.

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# Writing from a 'new' location

I am writing my first column from a remote location and I will issue a disclaimer right at the outset. If you don't want to hear anything about a small city in another state, far away from Big Spring, you will probably want to go on to the next article on this page.

If, however, you are like me and enjoy discovering little known facts about not-so-famous, non-tourist-trap-towns, you might actually enjoy reading a little more of this one.

I am presently composing this week's expedition into literary distinction while sitting in the dining room of one of my all-time favorite eateries, Panera Bread, located in the fascinating little town of Alton, Ill.

Leah and I have been familiar with this neat little place for quite some time since it is just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis where we lived for a number of years before going home to West Texas. Perhaps its greatest claim to fame for the Prince family is it is home to our oldest son's wife, Kristin. She and Matthew pastor a great church in here in Alton, Beltline Christian Center, and our youngest son, Daniel, lives here as well.

But putting personal familial references aside, there is much to entertain the trivia seeker in this fascinating riverside community. I have been privileged to be here a couple of days and once again I have been reminded of some of its history that you might enjoy reading about.

It is famous for its limestone bluffs along the river north of the city, for its role preceding and during the American Civil War, and as the hometown of Robert Wadlow, the tallest man known in United States history, about who I will share more interesting information later.

The city has been labeled "The most haunted city in America" by some paranormal enthusiasts, due to its claimed haunted hot spots, such as McPike Mansion and other structures. Most

were built on foundations of stone taken from a former Civil War prison after it was abandoned. Confederate prisoners had suffered severe overcrowding and many died during a smallpox epidemic. The city holds regular "ghost tours" and has been visited by television crews hoping to film proof of the paranormal.

Alton was developed as a river town in 1818 by Rufus Easton, who named it after his son. Easton ran a passenger ferry service across the Mississippi River to the Missouri shore. Alton is located amid the confluence of three significant navigable rivers: the Illinois, the Mississippi, and the Missouri. A monument and multilevel observatory, located at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi near the levee in Wood River, has been constructed to provide an overview of the Great Rivers area.

In the 19th century, it was an important town for abolitionists, as Illinois was a free state across from the slave state of Missouri. Pro-slavery activists also lived there and slave catchers often raided the city. Then escaped slaves would cross the Mississippi to seek shelter in Alton, and proceed to safer places through stations of the Underground Railroad. During the years before the American Civil War, several homes were equipped with tunnels and hiding places for stations on the Underground Railroad to aid slaves escaping to the North.

Alton has produced several historically notable persons such as the abolitionist printer Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy who was murdered Nov. 7, 1837, by a pro-slavery mob while he tried to protect his Alton-based press from being destroyed for the third time. He had moved from St. Louis because of opposition there. He had printed many abolitionist tracts and distributed them throughout the area. When one of the mob made a move to set the old warehouse on fire, Lovejoy, armed with only a pistol, went outside to try to stop him. The pro-slavery man shot him dead with a shotgun, five rounds through the midsection. The mob then stormed the warehouse and threw Lovejoy's print-

ing press into the Mississippi River. Lovejoy thus became the first martyr of the abolition movement. Congressional representatives came to Alton when they drafted the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution, to permanently end slavery throughout the Union.

On Oct. 15, 1858, Alton was the site of the seventh Lincoln-Douglas debate. A memorial at the site in downtown Alton features undersized statues of Lincoln and Douglas, as they would have appeared during the debate.

But, as previously mentioned, I think my personal favorite landmark is a life-size statue of the man affectionately known as "The Gentle Giant" during his brief life. Robert Pershing Wadlow, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's tallest documented man at 8 feet 11.1 inches tall, is buried in Upper Alton Cemetery. The earth over his grave was raised so visitors can compare its length to other graves. Just yesterday I took my 9-year-old granddaughter to see the memorial to him, which includes a life-sized statue and a replica of his chair, which stands on College Avenue, across from the Southern Illinois University Dental School.

His story is absolutely captivating and he was, as you can imagine, quite a celebrity while he was alive. He died in his sleep from an infection in his blood July 14, 1940, at the age of 22 years. More than 30,000 people attended his funeral and he was buried in a 10-foot-long, half-ton coffin which required 12 pallbearers to carry and was interred in a vault of solid concrete.

Anyway, if you're ever up this way you would really enjoy passing a little time in this unique little spot along the Mississippi River. There's so much more to learn about this quaint place like the "river bend", the Piasa bird, and if you're lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of Lewis and Clark's ghosts.

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

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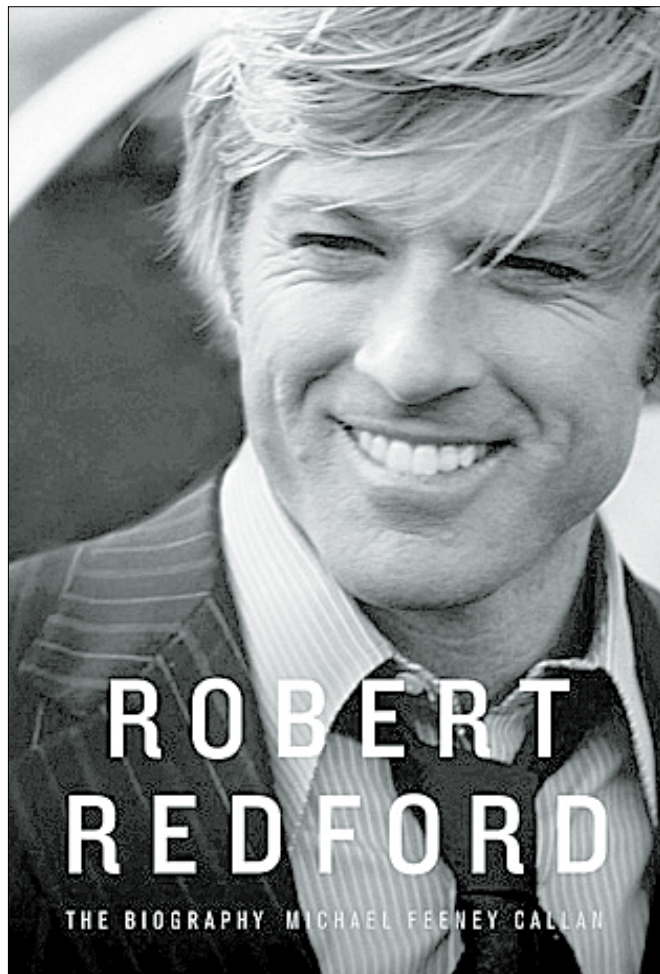
# Why not check this out at the library?

Dean Koontz always writes quirky, strange books; just look at his Brother Odd series.

In "Velocity" (M KOO D), Billy Wiles leads a quiet normal life until he finds a note left under his windshield wipers that reads essentially: 1. If he doesn't take the note to the police and get them

involved, a lovely blonde school teacher will be killed; and 2. If he does take the note to the police, an elderly woman who is involved in charity work will be murdered. Either way, someone will be murdered.

It sounds like a sick joke, and Billy's police officer friend, Lanny Olsen, thinks the same, until a young blonde schoolteacher is found dead 24 hours later. Another note is found; another two lives are hanging in the balance. Billy has the terrifying choice of choosing life or death for two people



he doesn't know. Steve Barry's "The Emperor's Tomb" (F BER S) finds former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone receiving an anonymous note carrying an unfamiliar web address. Logging on, he's shocked to see Cassiopeia Vitt, a woman who's saved his life more than once, being tortured at the hands of a mysterious man who

has a single demand: Bring me the artifact she's asked you to keep safe.

The only problem is, Malone doesn't have a clue what the man is talking about, since Cassiopeia has left nothing with him. So begins Malone's most harrowing adventure to date — one that offers up astounding historical revelations, pits him against a ruthless

ancient brotherhood and sends him from Denmark to Belgium to Vietnam, then to one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world: the tomb of China's first emperor, guarded by an underground army of terra-cotta warriors, which has inexplicably remained sealed for more than 2,000 years.

Kristin Hannah is a New York Times Best Selling author and in her new book, "Winter Garden" (F HAN K), she takes on a family story that reads like a Russian fairy tale. Meredith and Nina Whitson are as different as sisters can be — one stayed at home to raise her children and manage the family apple orchard; the other followed a dream and traveled the world to become a famous photo-journalist.

But when their beloved father falls ill, Meredith and Nina find themselves together again, standing alongside their cold, disapproving mother, Anya, who even now offers no comfort to her daughters. As children, the only connection between them was the Russian fairy tale Anya sometimes told the girls at night. On his

deathbed, their father extracts a promise from the women in his life: the fairy tale will be told one last time — and all the way to the end.

Robert Redford has played many different part in the movie industry, including that of director. From Redford's personal papers — journals, script notes, correspondence — and hundreds of hours of taped interviews, Michael Feeny Callan brings the legendary star into focus.

Here is his scattered family background and restless childhood, his rocky start in acting, the death of his son, his star-making relationship with director Sydney Pollack, the creation of Sundance, his political activism, his artistic successes and failures, his friendships and romances.

This is a candid, surprising portrait of a man whose iconic roles on-screen (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, All the President's Men and The Natural, to name a few) and directorial brilliance (Ordinary People, Quiz Show) have both defined and obscured one of the most celebrated, and, until now, least understood public

figures of our time. Check out "Robert Redford: The Biography" (B RED R) by Feeny; you can find it in the biography section.

I don't watch TV shows like the Biggest Loser or Survivor, so I didn't know who Jillian Michaels was for a long time.

Finally, she impinged upon my consciousness and I at least know who she is and what she does. And so, is it any wonder, she has not written a book? It is "Unlimited: How to Build an Exceptional Life" (158 MIC J). In it, she says that if you have the right attitude and skills, then you can and will accomplish whatever you want (gee, what a concept — I thought that is what Zig Ziglar said). Read this book; take its precepts to your mind and heart and change, brothers and sisters, change!

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## Canyon Lake Gorge offers summer learning

CANYON LAKE, Texas (AP) — Textbooks couldn't compare to the experience of essentially walking back in time over fossils and dinosaur tracks left 110 million years ago.

"This is way cool. I love this," Houston-area teacher Tammy Koonce said while navigating the Canyon Lake Gorge

with other members of the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education.

The group followed in the footsteps of scientists, eco-tourists and other educators who have explored the landmark, which was created a decade ago by record flooding on the Guadalupe River.

Beyond honing lesson plans on the outing last week, the geography teachers marveled at the idyllic setting.

"It's probably one of the best-kept secrets in all of Texas, in terms of natural beauty," said Greg Hill, a teacher in Mesquite. "Usually when I teach physical geography, we have to talk about somewhere far away."

Long after the replace-

ment of homes, cars and other belongings lost to the devastating flood, "the gorge" will stand as testimony to the power that nature unleashed in the summer of 2002.

The historic rush of water through the spillway at Canyon Lake dam — estimated at one-third the flow of Niagara Falls — carved a ravine more than a mile long, and deeper than 50 feet in spots, in the limestone hillside beside the dam.

By the time the flows subsided six weeks later, an estimated 600,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt had eroded, or enough to cover a football field 30 feet deep.

"One hundred million years ago, this was actually the shoreline of Texas," tour guide Cinde Thomas-Jimenez told the educators, pointing out rippled rocks that signify a prehistoric beach.

Boulders washed out of the gorge in 2002 created a blockage below the dam, she said, causing the water coming out of the dam's release valve to back up into nearby neighborhoods.

"It was really, really devastating for the peo-

ple who lived here."

The flood's scouring also revealed a large seismic fault, two sets of dinosaur footprints and countless fossils, as well as springs and seeps.

The newly formed natural wonder immediately attracted geologists, as well as curious laymen, prompting the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority to establish a touring initiative in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the gorge property and manages the reservoir.

"It's a fantastic outdoor classroom," said GBRA staffer Jaynellen Ladd, who estimated 10,000 people have taken the \$10-per-person, three-hour tours since they began in 2007.

"Once people go in, a lot of them say, 'I didn't realize it was so huge,'" Ladd said.

The outings are staffed by GBRA employees and volunteers with the Gorge Preservation Society, a support group of about 75.

The faults, fractures and rock deformations are of great interest to oil companies, which

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# Father won't face charges in beating death

SHINER, Texas (AP) — Hearing his 5-year-old daughter crying from behind a barn, a father ran and discovered the unthinkable: A man molesting her. The father pulled the man off his daughter, authorities say, and started pummeling him to death with his fists.

With his daughter finally safe, the father frantically called 911, begging a dispatcher to find his rural ranch and send an ambulance.

"Come on! This guy is going to die on me!" the man is heard screaming on the 911 call. "I don't know what to do!"

A recording of the tape was played during a news conference Tuesday where the Lavaca County district attorney and sheriff announced that the father will not face charges.

In declining to indict the 23-year-old father in the June 9 killing of Jesus Mora Flores, a Lavaca County grand jury reached the same conclusion as investigators and many of the father's neighbors: He was authorized to use deadly

force to protect his daughter.

"It's sad a man had to die," said Michael James Veit, 48, who lives across the street from where the attack happened in this small community run on ranching and the Shiner beer brewery. "But I think anybody would have done that."

The family ranch is so remote that on the 911 tape, the father is heard profanely screaming at a dispatcher who couldn't locate the property. At one point, he tells the dispatcher he's going to put the man in his truck and drive him to a hospital.

"He's going to die!" the father screams, swearing at the dispatcher. "He's going to f--- die!"

The tense, nearly five-minute call begins with the father saying he "beat up" a man found raping his daughter. The father grows increasingly frazzled, shouting into the phone so loudly at times that the call often becomes inaudible.

The Associated Press is not identifying the father in order to protect the daughter's

identity. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

"He's a peaceable soul," V'Anne Huser, the father's attorney, told reporters at the Lavaca County Courthouse. "He had no intention to kill anybody that day."

The attack happened on the family's ranch off a quiet, two-lane county road between the farming towns of Shiner and Yoakum. A statement released by the district attorney said a witness who saw Flores "forcibly carrying" the girl into a secluded area scrambled to find the father. Running toward his daughter's screams, the father pulled Flores off his child and "inflicted several blows to the man's head and neck area," investigators said.

Emergency crews responding to the father's 911 call found Flores' pants and underwear pulled down on his lifeless body. The girl was examined at a hospital, and Lavaca County District Attorney Heather McMinn said forensic evidence and witness accounts corroborated the fa-

ther's story that his daughter was being sexually molested.

The father was never arrested, but the killing was investigated as a homicide.

Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said he would have been surprised if the grand jury had decided to indict the father. Hilder said Texas law provides several justifications for the use of deadly force, including if someone commits a sexual assault.

"The grand jury was not about to indict this father for protecting his daughter," he said.

Authorities said the family had hired Flores before to help with horses on the ranch. He was not born in the U.S. but was here legally with a green card. Attempts to locate Flores' relatives through public records were unsuccessful.

On Tuesday, a new "No Trespassing" sign was freshly tacked onto a gate barring entrance down a gravelly, shrub-canopied path leading to the barn and chicken coop

on the ranch, which belonged to the father's dad.

At the father's house, the front yard could pass for a children's playground: blue pinwheels sunk into patchy grass, an above-ground swimming pool, a swing set, a trampoline and a couple of ropes dangling from a tree for swinging. A partial privacy fence is painted powder blue.

No one answered at the father's home. A few miles away, at a home listed as belonging to the father's sister, a woman shouted through the front door that the family had nothing to say. Huser, the father's attorney, told reporters that neither the father nor anyone else in the family would ever give interviews and asked that they be left alone.

Veit, who lives across the street from the ranch, described the father as easygoing and polite — down to always first asking permission to search Veit's property for animals that had wandered off the ranch, even though the families have long known each other.

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frequently send workers on the tour, said Ronald McGinnis, a senior research scientist at Southwest Research Institute.

"It's an amazing training laboratory for all scales of geosciences," he said, "We can study how these fractures and faults control fluid movements. It's basically the inner workings of an aquifer, exposed."

The institute has written dozens of scientific papers on the gorge, where the Hidden Valley fault is of particular interest.

"It's a very unique exposure because of its dimensions," McGinnis said, noting the flooding exposed more than 2,600 feet of the deformation, which is part of the Balcones fault zone.

Bringing groups into

the gorge required building paths and steps as well as removing beached boats, downed trees and other debris.

"It was an ordeal," said Mark Henderson, a volunteer who's focused these days on removing silt and invasive plants.

After five years operating under primitive conditions, in December the tour group moved into its own office, in a converted garage on land bought by the GBRA near the dam.

The agency plans to build an environmental learning center featuring exhibits on the Guadalupe River basin, as well as a network of new trails along the gorge.

Fundraising should begin soon for the four-building complex, which is expected to cost about \$7 million.

The 2002 flood was fueled by 34 inches of rainfall upstream from the lake over the last week of June, generating a record inflow at the reservoir, which was com-

pleted in 1964.

The lake's water had never before reached the level of the spillway down the shoreline from the dam, but in the 2002 storm, water flowed through it at an estimated rate of 67,000 cubic feet per second. Peak flows at Niagara Falls run about 200,000 cubic feet per second.

"The spillway functioned as it was supposed to, to remove the excess water and take pressure off the dam," said Marcus Schimank,

the Army Corps' lake manager.

To prevent future floods from compromising the spillway, the agency spent \$1.5 million around 2004 to install a 20-foot-deep trench filled with reinforced concrete across the entire width of the spillway.

"In the unlikely event we ever had water through the spillway again, it would only erode the rock back up (the gorge) to the cutoff wall," Schimank said.

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By Steve Becker

### The Secret of Good Defense

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♠	J 9 8 7 5 2		
♥	K 6 2		
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♣	7 4		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	10 4		
♥	5 3		
♦	A Q 10 9 5 2		
♣	A 6 3		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	Q		
♥	A Q J 7 4		
♦	K 6 3		
♣	J 9 8 2		

The bidding:

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1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	

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It is extremely difficult to defend well at all times, yet in most deals the winning line of defense, if there is one, can be found — provided there's a strong-enough will to find it.

Take this case, which illustrates how a determined defender pursues his task. West leads what is obviously his highest diamond, won by East with the ace, and the question is what East should play next.

Tomorrow: It pays to be pessimistic.

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# Panel mulls contempt vote against Holder

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee is poised to vote on whether to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for failing to turn over more Justice Department documents on a flawed gun-smuggling probe that resulted in hundreds of guns illicitly purchased in Arizona gun shops winding up in Mexico.

The likelihood of a contempt vote rose after Holder and Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., failed to reach agreement Tuesday in a 20-minute meeting at the Capitol.

Issa wanted the documents immediately. Holder told reporters he would not turn over documents on the gun-

smuggling probe called Operation Fast and Furious unless Issa agreed to another congressional briefing on the Justice Department material. Holder wants an assurance from Issa that the transfer of the records would satisfy a subpoena from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

"If we receive no documents, we'll go forward" with a contempt vote, Issa told reporters.

Holder says he is prepared to turn over documents detailing how the department arrived at the conclusion that federal agents engaged in a risky tactic called gun-walking.

In February 2011, when

the controversy over the law enforcement operation was first disclosed, the department denied that agents had engaged in gun-walking.

"It's a whole variety of material, and it's consistent with what we have already made available — emails, documents of that nature — that really go into the way in which the department handled itself from February of 2011 until December of 2011," Holder told reporters.

Ordinarily, such deliberative documents are off-limits to Congress. In Operation Fast and Furious, the Justice Department's initial incorrect denials are seen as providing justification for Congress' document

demands. Issa and the House Republican leadership have asked whether the department's initial denial in a Feb. 4, 2011, letter to Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, was part of a broader effort to obstruct a congressional investigation.

The material "pretty clearly demonstrates that there was no intention to mislead, to deceive," Holder told reporters.

"The attorney general has made an unprecedented offer to turn over documents that are part of the Department of Justice's internal deliberations and work product and to brief the committee on their contents," said Rep. Adam

Schiff of California, one of the committee's Democrats and a former federal prosecutor. "Regrettably, Chairman Issa refuses to take yes for an answer."

"We have offered to make materials available ... to brief on those documents, to answer any questions that might come up with regard to the documents that we produced," the attorney general said.

"The ball's in their court," Holder said. "We made what we thought was an extraordinary offer."

Issa took a different view: "After this meeting I cannot say that I am optimistic" for avoiding a contempt vote.

Issa spokesman Fred-

erick Hill said that at the meeting, "the attorney general indicated he would only be willing to produce a subset of documents that numbered fewer than 1,300 pages if the committee would first agree that the production of these documents would end the committee's investigation of the Justice Department."

Issa declined the offer.

In a letter to Issa on Tuesday night, Deputy Attorney General James Cole said "our offer would have provided the committee with unprecedented access to these documents, many of which are not covered by the committee's subpoenas in this matter."

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# Egypt's Mubarek reported in coma

CAIRO (AP) — Hosni Mubarak was in a coma on Wednesday but off life support and his heart and other vital organs were functioning, according to security officials.

Overnight, state media reported that the 84-year-old former president, ousted in last year's uprising and now serving a life sentence in prison,

suffered a stroke and was put on life support. He was transferred to a military hospital from the Cairo prison hospital where he has been kept since his June 2 conviction and sentencing for failing to stop the killing of protesters during the uprising.

His wife Suzanne was by his side in the Nile-side hospital in Maadi,

a suburb just south of Cairo.

The security officials said a team of 15 doctors, including heart, blood and brain specialists, was supervising the condition of Mubarak, who needed help with his breathing. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the

media.

Mubarak's health scare comes at a time of heightened tension in Egypt. Both candidates in a fiercely contested presidential runoff held last weekend are claiming victory. At the same time, the ruling military council that took over from Mubarak moved to tighten its grip on power.

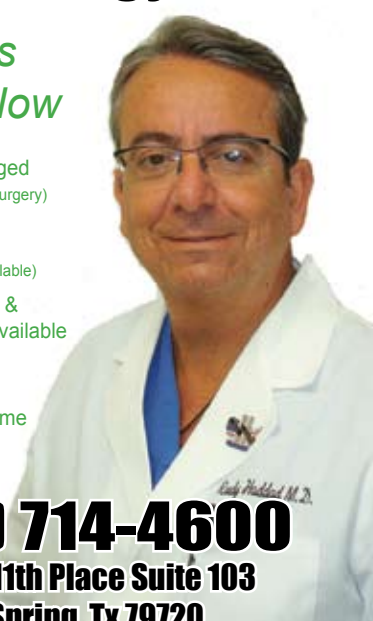
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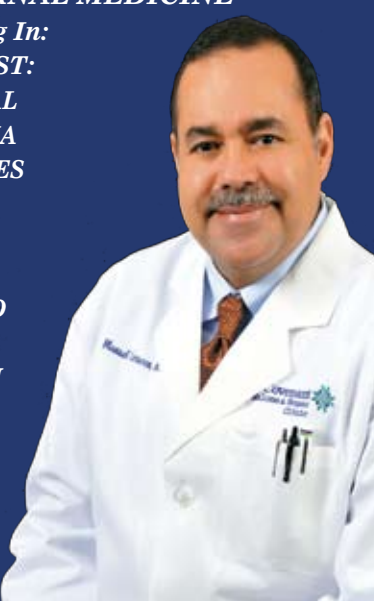
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# Wildkats on prowl for national recognition

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Summer league basketball is more than just a recreational activity, it is crucial preparation.

At least that's how the Lady Wildkats, an elite traveling hoops squad comprised of mostly Big Spring athletes see it.

Coached by Patrick Shellman, the Wildkats have recently been invited to play in the league's Southwest division national championship tournament. According to Shellman, around 300 teams from several surrounding states will compete in the event which will be held in Lubbock on July 6-8.

The skill level of the opposition runs deep in these tournaments as well, which can translate to success for the Lady Steers' varsity basketball team.

"These tournaments prepare them for the regular season," Shellman said. "Big Spring is in a tough district. (Abilene Wylie) is the two-time defending state champions. In this league, we play teams who are really talented from top to bottom. You play against teams that are more elite, from different states. It is good preparation."

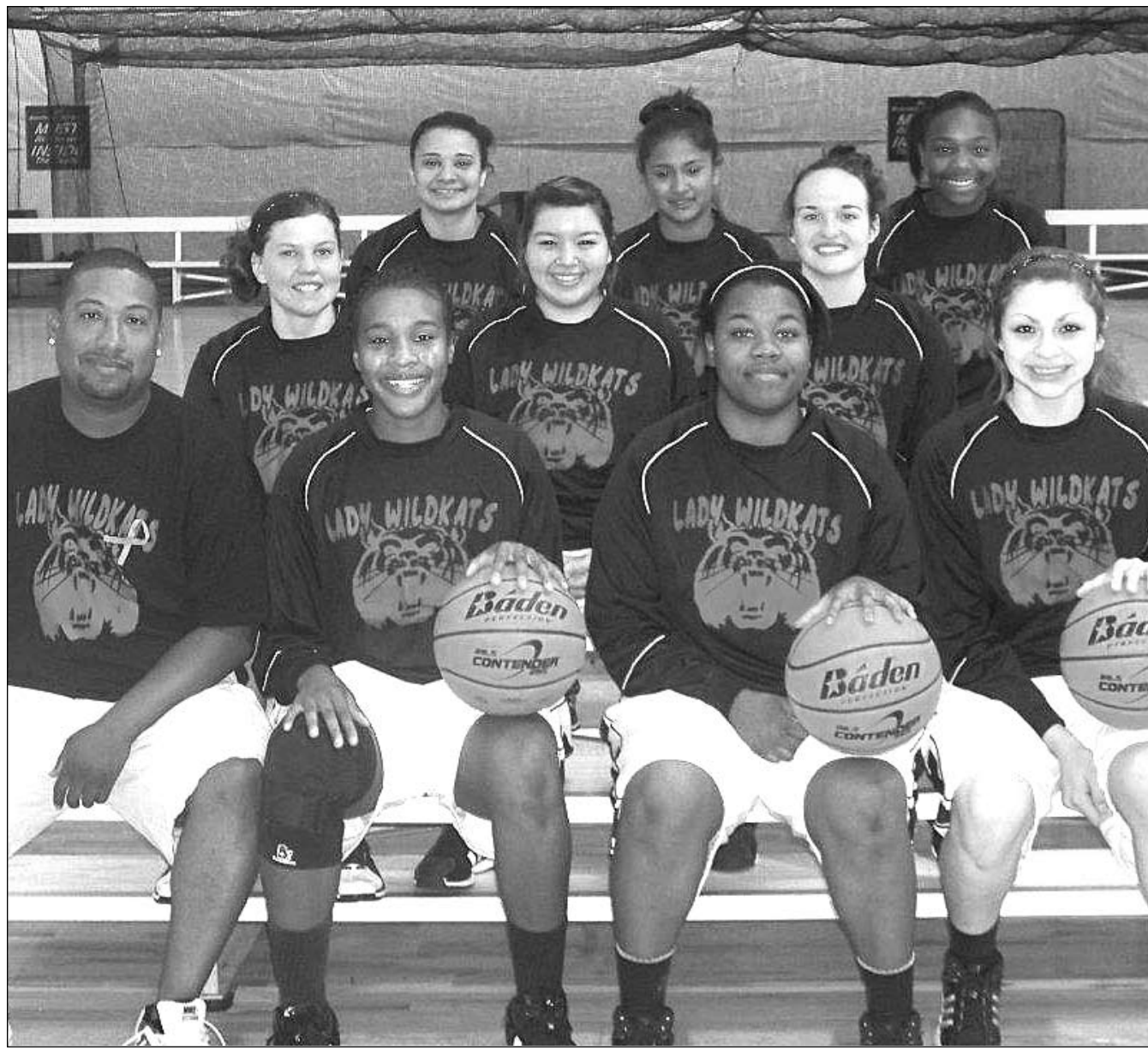
Big Spring's Ashley Ambris, who will be a junior this year, echoes Shellman on the importance of staying sharp and continually learning the game over the course of the summer.

"I think it helps us a lot," Ambris said. "The teams we play are not in our district, they are above us, so when we face them we get better, we learn to push through."

Ambris believes the Wildkats can compete with the region's best in the upcoming national tourney.

"I think we are going to do well," she explained. "We have experience and we have gotten better as a team."

The Wildkats incur various costs while traveling to other cities to participate in tournaments. Local businesses or residents can sponsor the hoopsters — who are currently trying to raise funds to cover hotel expenses for upcoming events — by calling Shellman at (325)864-2811.



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The Lady Wildkats, an elite summer league traveling basketball squad comprised of local athletes, has been competing in invitational tournaments throughout Texas and has recently been invited to participate in the national championship tournament in Lubbock on July 6-8. The Wildkats are coached by Patrick Shellman of Abilene.



Sidney Gibson, the granddaughter of Lonnie and Pat Taylor of Ackerly, Texas, participated in the Texas High School Rodeo Finals on June 10-16 in Abilene.

Gibson qualified for the Short Go, which is the top 15 barrel racers in THSRA. For the first time in eight years there was a tie for state champion barrel racer.

Gibson and Jackie Ganter were announced as co-champion State Barrel Racers. They both received the state champion issued saddle and buckle.

Gibson will be representing Texas in Rock Springs, Wyo. during the National High School Rodeo Finals (NHSRA) July 12-21.

Gibson graduated from Bandera High School and has received a full scholarship for Howard College where she plans on getting her degree in Equine Science and will compete on the HC rodeo team.

Gibson has been training her horse, Miss Beacon's Blondie, a palomino, since it was two-years old and has been running barrels with Blondie since the mare was three-years old.

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## Hamilton returns, Texas downs Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Edinson Volquez and Josh Hamilton will be forever intertwined.

The two were the principal players in a 2007 trade that helped shape the Texas Rangers into a perennial AL power. Volquez faced Hamilton for the first time since the deal and saw firsthand why Hamilton is considered one of baseball's biggest talents.

Hamilton's two-run triple helped spark Texas to a 7-3 victory over the San Diego Padres on Tuesday night as he returned to the starting lineup for the first time since Thursday due to an intestinal virus.

Hamilton, who leads the major leagues with 66 RBIs, went 2 for 5 and scored two runs as the

Rangers extended their winning streak to five games.

Nelson Cruz and Adrian Beltre drove in two runs each for the Rangers, who had 12 hits.

Scott Feldman (1-6) broke a six-start losing streak as Texas won for the eighth time in nine games.

Feldman, who had his first career RBL, pitched six innings and allowed two runs and seven hits. The right-hander did not walk a batter and struck out five, including Carlos Quentin three times.

Feldman avoided becoming the Rangers' first pitcher to lose his first seven decisions in 30 years.

Beltre hit his 12th homer in the seventh off Brad Brach.

## Heat one win away from NBA crown

MIAMI (AP) — The pain was so great, LeBron James said, that his body practically shut down on him.

He could hardly stand, certainly couldn't run. Good thing all he needed to do was shoot.

A limping, grimacing James shook off the pain of left leg cramps to hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2:51 remaining and the Miami Heat held off the Oklahoma City Thunder for a 104-98 victory Tuesday night and a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals that no team has ever blown.

"He was hurting," teammate Dwyane Wade said. "But that's what it's about this time of the year. It would hurt more if we

lose the ballgame, so it feels a little better if you can win it."

Imagine how good it will feel if the Heat get one more victory.

Better get well fast, LeBron. You're one win from the biggest party of your life.

Game 5 is Thursday night and James will have a chance to finish a nine-year chase that started in Cleveland before he famously — or infamously — left for South Florida before last season.

"Of course it's there to think about," said James, making it clear he plans to play. "I'll be ready for Game 5."

With James watching the final moments, Mario Chalmers finished off a stellar 25-point effort.



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Ross Stripling, grandson of local resident Hayes Stripling, has recently been named as a National Collegiate Baseball Writers's Association choice for its 17th All-American team. Stripling, who dominated from the mound for the Aggies with a 10-4 record and 120 Ks his senior year, was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the fifth round of the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.



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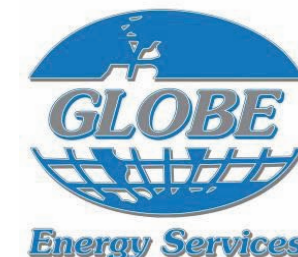
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**Romeo**



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small, adult, white female

**Sweetie**



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small, young, black tan & white female

**Annie's Mailbox**



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

**Dear Annie:** I married at the age of 18. Shortly before my wedding, both of my parents died, leaving me with no other relatives.

I looked forward to sharing life with my husband's large, close-knit family. But the day after the ceremony, my new mother-in-law began a crusade to divorce me.

She went to each family member with horrible lies about me, and they believed her. I never got the chance to know them.

The worst lie was telling my husband that I was unfaithful. The whole family condemned me without a shred of evidence. Fortunately, my husband knew better.

My mother-in-law banned me from all family functions and forbade everyone from having contact with me.

She insisted that we move far away to a rural area, isolated from everyone. Before every holiday and family event for the past 25 years, I have cried watching my husband drive off for a

day of fun and memories with his family, leaving me all alone.

He says that he cannot disobey his mother, especially now that she is terminally ill.

After she dies, I am hoping that things will change and that I finally will be allowed to join the clan, but I'm unsure how to do this.

My husband feels things should continue as they are. He seems to relish the role of martyr at the hands of a horrible wife.

It is difficult to discuss this with him, as he has an uncontrollable temper and sometimes resorts to physical violence.

Should I simply accept that I never will be able to call anyone family? Sadly, divorce is out of the question for many reasons. — *Alone in Minnesota*

**Dear Alone:** Your husband is a coward, as well as an abuser.

After 25 years, we wouldn't count on his family being more accepting, particularly if your husband discourages it.

Instead, please consider "family" those people who care about you.

If you have children, they, their spouses and their in-laws are your family. If you don't have children, your friends can become the family you need.

Since divorce is not an option, we recommend counseling on your own to help you cope better with the hand you've been dealt.

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I own a place in a resort community where golfing greens fees at a public course are included in our annual charges.

We are not sure how to handle it when guests visit and want to play golf with us.

It feels awkward when they pay the full amount while we appear to be getting in for free. Should we subsidize our friends even though we've already paid our fees as part of our yearly dues? — *Paul*

**Dear Paul:** You should treat this as you would if taking your friends to a museum, concert or out for dinner.

If you've invited them to golf with you, you should pay the greens fees. However, if they invite themselves, they should handle their own costs.

What you and your wife pay is irrelevant, although you could explain the circumstances if it would make you feel better.

**Dear Annie:** "Indianapolis" said her

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

Is it summer? Is it spring? You might say it's a "springer" — or perhaps a "summer" — day, because partway through, the sun leaves the springy realm of Gemini and enters Cancer, the first constellation of summer on this the longest day of the year. Mercury and Saturn square off, stirring up some drama on this split-toned day.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Follow the muses, listening intently to all they whisper in your ear. Befriending your inspiration is important. You'll develop this special relationship to a fuller extent today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you were asked to describe your life, only happier, how would that look? You'll feel compelled to make the adjustments that point you in a joyful direction.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Some questions show kind interest in what another person is up to. Other questions feel more like prying and can be defused with vague, noncommittal answers. You have a right to your privacy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July

22). The one in charge isn't perfect and, in fact, may do rather annoying things today. It would be unwise to draw attention to any breach of the rules. It takes self-control to show deference to authority.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Happiness is not automatically granted to you; rather, it's a choice you sometimes have to work a bit to accomplish. Emotional work doesn't look like other kinds of work, but it's just as strenuous as physical endeavors.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Distance has a way of warping perception. You may think life is moving fast, but to another person who is very far away, your progress seems minimal. The most accurate judge is someone close to you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are tantalizing offers out there, but they won't be readily passed out to everyone who looks in need of an opportunity. Only the seekers who take action will be rewarded.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who drifts in and out of focus when it's your turn to get attention can be invalidating to your spirit. You offer excellent attention and should expect the same from others.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When there's a question of who will go first, your trailblazing nature has you boldly moving forward. It's like you were designed for adventure. Others will be relieved to have someone to follow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not everything has to be a group affair, and you definitely need your alone time. But meals shared with loved ones offer a precious opportunity to feel like a part of a group.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The rules get somewhat iffy, and much will be left to your own judgment. One way to check yourself is to ask, "What would this scene be like if everyone were doing as I'm doing?"

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Once you come to a conclusion, accept it and go forward. Try not to doubt or overanalyze yourself, because you'll waste valuable time and energy that could be spent in creating momentum.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 20). Love grows, and you become increasingly attracted to the one you spend the most time with this year. July brings an exciting trip. September is your chance to shine and share your knowledge, too. You'll land a deal in November and finish the year out in style. February brings family additions. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 29, 31, 44 and 19.

**CELEBRITY** **PROFILES:** Lovely Nicole Kidman recently played Martha Gellhorn to Clive Owen's Ernest Hemingway and will continue the trend of playing famous historical characters with her upcoming portrayal of Grace Kelly. Intellectual Gemini loves historical study, and the challenge of role-play is made even sweeter by learning the events and dynamics that affected the life of a real person.

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### DENNIS THE MENACE

"I THINK RUFF WOULD LIKE IT BETTER IF YOU USED TOOTH PASTE."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Jeffy forgot to add milk! Is he allowed to eat his cereal raw?"

### HAGAR

"WHEN RAIDING CASTLES, THEY ALWAYS TELL YOU TO BEWARE OF DOGS..."

"... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!"

### BLONDIE

"DAGWOOD WANTS YANKEE POT ROAST AGAIN TONIGHT, BUT I FEEL GUILTY BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY HAD IT THREE TIMES THIS WEEK."

"SO WHAT? I GO TO THE MALL THREE TIMES A WEEK AND I'M NOT TIRED OF IT."

"WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT, DEAR?"

"YANKEE POT ROAST!"

### BC

"IT'S DAY 7 OF MY DIET."

"WHAT HAVE YOU LOST SO FAR?"

"MY WILL TO LIVE."

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### This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 20, the 172nd day of 2012. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 7:09 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On June 20, 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.
- On this date: In 1791, King Louis XVI of France and his family attempted to flee the country in the so-called "Flight to Varennes," but were caught.
- In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.
- In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.
- In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and step-mother.
- In 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the

### Answer to previous puzzle

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### AGNES

"HOW'S THE ADVICE COLUMN GOING?"

"WONDERFUL! MANY PEOPLE ARE WRITING IN TO GIVE ME ADVICE ON MY PROBLEMS!"

"THE PERSON WHO SENDS ME THE BEST ADVICE WINS A PRIZE! IT'S LIKE THOSE CAPTION CONTESTS THEY HAVE FOR SOME CARTOONS."

"THEN I SEE IF IT SOLVES MY PROBLEM OR MAKES IT WORSE."

"KIND OF A WIN - WIN FOR YOU!"

### HI AND LOIS

"TRIXIE! I JUST MADE THAT BED!"

"I KNOW"

"I BOUNCE BETTER WHEN THE SHEETS ARE TIGHTER."

### Nothing Hear Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Driver or putter
- 5 Locomotive sounds
- 10 Abel's dad
- 14 Run well, as an engine
- 15 Fine fabric
- 16 Metered vehicle
- 17 Mythical ship
- 18 Public square
- 19 Jurassic Park menace
- 20 "Just you wait..."
- 23 "Green" energy source
- 24 Andreas Fault
- 25 Thin cookie
- 28 Kitten's cry
- 31 Luggage attachment
- 35 Early afternoon
- 36 Have emotional effect
- 39 Gets free (of)
- 41 iPhone competitor
- 42 French designer
- 43 Be wary
- 46 Kipling novel
- 47 Home of Big Bend National Park
- 48 Part of UCLA
- 49 Essay pages
- 51 Rubber-stamp target
- 53 Chowed down
- 54 Winning feeling
- 62 Major Baroque composer
- 63 Type of tooth
- 64 "Get outta here!"

DOWN

- 65 Not fooled by
- 66 Atmospheric layer
- 67 "Don't worry about me"
- 68 Attention-getting sound
- 69 Hemmed something
- 70 Little boy
- 9 Coat closers
- 10 Went to goal-scoring attempt
- 11 "Rats!"
- 12 Chops down
- 13 Cake-box contents
- 21 Affect adversely
- 22 Annoyance
- 25 Most faulty
- 26 Japanese cartoons
- 27 UPS alternative
- 28 Wall art
- 29 Money-saving, in brand names
- 30 Millard Fillmore's party
- 32 Tot's wheels
- 33 Stay away from
- 34 Microbes
- 37 Not usual
- 38 Suffix for block
- 40 Hockey
- 44 Exam for some college srs.
- 45 Campus marching grp.
- 50 Watch Fluffy, perhaps
- 52 Audition tapes
- 53 Shown on TV
- 54 Brown shades
- 55 Successful legislation
- 56 Stream slowly
- 57 Stream
- 58 Barn-top device
- 59 Cry of surprise
- 60 Corner chess piece
- 61 Ox harness
- 62 Conk on the noggin

### THE OTHER COAST

"WHEN VEGANS SEND THEIR MEALS BACK:"

"THESE GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE OVERDONE."

### SNUFFY SMITH

"I CAN'T STAY, LO, SO I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT 'N' SWEET--"

"SHUFFLE!! SHUFFLE!! SHUFFLE!!"

"WHEN HE HEARS 'SHORT 'N' SWEET' HE THINKS HE'S BEIN' CALLED!!"

### BETLE BAILEY

"I'D LIKE TO SEE THE GENERAL ON SOME VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS"

"YOU CAN TELL HE WAIT TILL HE COMES BACK"

"OR I CAN TELL YOU I CAN GET LOST RIGHT NOW"

### WIZARD OF ID

"SALE USED COACHES"

"ONE SOUND MILES!"

### Nothing Hear Crossword

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