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A girl at Howard Cottage, Howard College's day-care center, makes good use of the playground slide.

Budget battles

Howard College wrestles with \$650,000 shortfall

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

it seems that if Howard College officials didn't receive bad news on the financial front, they wouldn't receive any news at Trustees will hold a public

hearing on the proposed tax rate and hear an update on efforts to craft a new budget when they meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.



current rate, but a \$1 billion increase in the district's certified valuations will result in the college pulling in more local tax money

The proposed new

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this coming fiscal year.

County continues work on new financial package

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will continue to fine-tune their FY 2012-2013 budget when they hold their regular meeting at 10 a.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

Commissioners have already given a tentative OK to a new tax rate of 33 cents per \$100 valuation, a decrease of more than 10 cents from the previous rate. However, because of a sharp in-



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Exchange student host families sought

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

Experience is the best teacher, especially when it comes to learning about new cultures. Students — and adults

 from abroad and locally can have the opportunity to learn about different cultures through the ICES (International Cultural Exchange Services) program. "There is no monetary

payment, but by becoming a host family and becoming

involved with these children, there is the payment of learning about another culture and gaining a new son or daughter," Karen Ivey, regional administrator, said.

As part of the ICES program,

students from abroad — Europe, Sweden, South Korea, Brazil, Australia, Mexico, Finland, just to name a few — will have the opportunity to visit the United States for an extended period of time. Students can choose to participate in the program for a semester, an academic year

or for a 12-month period.

"The students are over here depending on what their families can afford," Ivey said. "Plus, the host families have the opportunity to choose the student they want. We don't just place a student in their home."

Host families are the other half of the program. Before a student is able to come to the states, a host family or welcome family (a family which temporarily houses the student until a permanent host family is found) has to be available for them.

roads in outlying portions of

"We have families of all shapes and sizes, from single parents to single people with no children, families and grandparents," she said.

According to Ivey, host and welcome families must go through an application process, background and CPS (Child Protective Services) check, an in-home interview, be older than 25 years old and be financially capable of bringing another member

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Forsan ISD: Revenues up, tax rate down

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will

work on fine-tuning the district's budget for the coming fiscal year when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.

the school district is eyeing a \$12 million

Forsan Independent School District Business Manager Dianna Walker said

budget for the coming year which will be fueled by a tax rate of \$1.08 per \$100 property valuation. The \$12 million in expenditures are a

sharp increase from last year's figure of \$9.3 million, mainly because of an increase in the amount of money FISD has to send to the state as part of the "Robin Hood" equity program. This coming year, Forsan will be required to send \$2.45 million to the state, compared to \$936,000 a year ago, Walker said.

Other major expenditures include the normal "step" pay increases for teachers. Other personnel will receive a pay raise equal to 3 percent of the midpoint of their pay grade, she added. In addition, the school district plans to absorb recent increases in health insurance for Schedule 1 employees (those who are insuring themselves only). The district will also absorb a loss of

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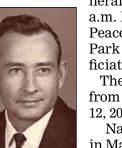
the mid 70s.

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Obituaries

Nathan E. 'Taty' Hughes Nathan E. "Taty" Hughes, 81, of Big Spring, died

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30



a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012, at the funeral home.

Nathan was born Jan. 1, 1931, in Martin County, Texas and married Geraldine Caughey Jan. 3, 1986, in Midland.

He lived and farmed in Knott and moved to Big Spring in the 1950s. He worked for Cosden Refinery and retired as an operator after 38 years. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Deanie Hughes of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda A. Huston and husband, Rick of Gilmer; one step-son, Mitch Gill and wife, Stacia of Big Spring; and one brother, Calvin "Bud" Hughes and wife, Joe of Knott.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvie and Audie Hughes; one sister, Gelene King; and one son, Gary Hughes.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www. npwelch.com

Darlene Jean Hildebrand

Darlene Jean Hildebrand, 60, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Howard Johnson

Howard Johnson, age 77, of Midland, passed away Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, in Odessa. His services are pending with Sunset Funeral Home.

Dr. James Tipton Dr. James Tipton, 79, of Big Spring, died Satur-

day, Aug. 11, 2012 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. • SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS, 29, of 1511 Tuc-

- son, was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency (x4).
- SHANE ALAN KNOWLTON, 26, of 3103 Sherrod, was arrested Friday on a warrant for failure to ap-
- FELIPE HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, 59, of 2707 Hernandez Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant for driving while license invalid and fail to appear. • STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 36, of 1800 S. Lancaster St., was arrested Friday on a charge of sex offenders duty to register life/annually.
- BROOKE LYNN RIOS, 23, of 703 Lorilla, was arrested Friday on a warrant for expired registra-
- KIMBERLY MARIE RUIZ CASTILLO, 28, of 1000 Howell, was arrested Friday on a warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed.
- RONNIE RENE RIVERA, 32, of 1801 S. Owens, was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency
- GUY DAVID SMITH, 54, of 912 Culp in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and use or possession of illegal smoking para-
- WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON, 25, of 304 Hoover in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- KAYLA KIRKHAM, 24, of 304 E. Hoover in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of W. I H 20.
- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg

Support Groups

MONDAY

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents.

Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free.

For information, call 263-2673.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-

• A ceremony renaming the Howard County Detention Center in honor of fallen Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in front of the detention center on West Highway 80.

Take Note

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.
- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.
- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.
- Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.
- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.
- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped of at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- · An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
 - Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.,

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Romney picks Ryan for VP spot

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) Mitt Romney introduced Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin as his Republican vice presidential running mate on Saturday, turning to the architect of a deeply conservative and intensely controversial long-term budget plan that would remake Medicare and cut trillions in federal spending. In the campaign to

come, Republicans will present economic solutions "that are bold, specific and achievable," Romney said as he presented his political partner. "We offer our commitment to help create 12 million new jobs and to bring better take-home pay to middle class families."

The two men basked in the cheers of supporters in their made-for-television debut on a ticket hoping to make President Barack Obama's first term his last. "I did not make a mistake with this guy," Romney exulted.

"I am deeply excited

and honored to join you as your running mate," Ryan said in his first words at the podium." He said that together, Republicans would eliminate the country's "debt, doubt and despair."

He said that "Regrettably, President Obama has become part of the problem, and Mitt Romney is the solution" to an economy that has yet to make a strong recovery from the worst recession in decades.

Ryan joins the ticket in a race defined from the beginning by a weak economy and high unemployment, measured most recently at 8.3 percent in July. Even so, recent national polls as well as surveys in several battleground states indicate a narrow advantage for Obama.

The GOP ticket made its debut at a naval museum in Norfolk, Va., the initial stop of a bus tour through four battleground states in as many days. It seemed likely a stop in Ryan's home state would be added to previously scheduled ap- House budget, Ryan, pearances in Virginia. North Carolina, Florida and Ohio.

The USS Wisconsin, berthed at the museum, was the bunting-draped backdrop, a symbol of the nation's military strength as well as an obvious reference to Ryan's home state.

First Romney, then Ryan, a generation younger than his patron, jogged down the ship's gangplank to the cheers of hundreds and the stirring soundtrack from the movie "Air Force One."

As his family came on stage, Ryan knelt to embrace his daughter, Liza, 10, and sons Charles, 8, and Sam 7, before kissing his wife, Janna.

While word of Ryan's selection leaked late Friday night and was posted by the campaign to its phone app before the speeches, Obama's campaign withheld its reaction until the Republicans had spoken.

"The architect of the radical Republican like Romney, proposed an additional \$250,000 tax cut for millionaires and deep cuts in education, from Head Start to college aid," Jim Messina, the president's campaign manager, said in a written statement. Ryan's selection — as

well as Romney's own nomination — will be ratified by delegates to the Republican National Convention that begins on Aug. 27 in Tampa,

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will be nominated for a second term at the Democratic convention the following week.

One campaign official said Romney settled on Ryan on Aug. 1, more than a week ago, and informed Beth Myers, the longtime aide who had shepherded the secretive process that led to the selection.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, not authorized to be named in providing details.

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into the home.

"By bringing a student into your home from the program you are bringing cultural diversity not only to your life, but to the community as well," Ivey said. "You will be able to experience a true blessing and influence these students while making a change in their life forever." She continued, "An amazing thing is that

these students can remember and tell you exact-

ly where they were and what they were wearing the day they found out they were coming to the states. It truly is a life changing experience and opportunity for them." At this time there are 15 ICES students throughout Howard County, Midland, Odessa and Lubbock. More host families are needed as

this is a year-round program. Welcome families will host a child for a period of four to six weeks until a host family can be found. "These students can do everything except drive, due to state department regulations. They can travel with the family if the family takes a vacation, participate in extra-curricular activi-

ties and volunteer in the community, which is

encouraged," Ivey said. ICES students do speak English, have health insurance, come with a monthly allowance provided by their families for clothing, school supplies, activities, etc. A host family is responsible for including the student in their daily lives, driving the student to and from activities, provide them with their own bed and give them room and board.

"By having this program in the community we are able to teach the community cultural diversity. It is a good way for those who can't afford to go outside the country to bring a different culture to their own home," Ivey said. "Kids here in Big Spring think this is it, but this will allow them to open their eyes and receive the knowledge that there is more out there in the world."

To find out more about the program or become a host family, call Ivey at 432-816-5512 or visit www.icesusa.org.

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ing fiscal year, Walker noted. The good news for the district is

\$300,000 in state funding this com-

that an increase in property valu-

allow FISD to shave 2 cents off its tax rate and still bring in the revenue it needs for operations The new budget and tax rate

will be formally adopted Aug. 28, Walker said. In other business, trustees will gan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

ations of almost \$300 million will consider:

- Insurance supplements.
- The teacher appraisal calendar for the coming school year.
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the county. "We've

got roads, particularly in the northwest part of the county, that because of heavy oilfield traffic are just about totally

broken up," County Judge Barr said last week. "So we felt we had to do something to repair them ... and, unfortunately, that takes a lot of money. We have to maintain the county's roads, and things aren't getting any cheaper in that area."

Barr said the county

road and bridge department will receive a \$500,000 boost to its budget to facilitate road repair, and it's possible even more could be funneled to the department before the budget is formally adopted.

Commissioners also are planning to give non-elected employees a \$1,000 annual raise. Also Monday, commis-

Contact Staff Writer Steve Rea-

sioners will consider: · Renewal of the de-

- linquent tax collection contract with Mouton and Mouton.
- · Review of the county's indigent burial policy and 2013 optional county fees.
- Approval of the 911

district's budget.

tax assessor/appraiser's office. • Personnel matters.

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The extra money will be needed, officials said, because the college has had to endure three consecutive years of cuts in state allocations, the latest of which could leave Howard \$650,000 in the

less" proposal from state leadership would have increased the outlay to Texas community colleges. The catch, however, was that all 50 of the state's junior colleges would have to sign off on the proposal, and two South Plains College in Levelland and Trinity Valley Community College in Palestine refused to agree to the proposal.

A recent "hold harm-

Devotion To Saint Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preglorified served throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us, St. Jude, Helper of

the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the

eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered M.E.H.

Cheryl Sparks said the issue wasn't entirely dead, however. "The Texas Associa-

tion of Community Colleges is going to be in contact with state leadership, and they will try to make the case that support for the proposal was so overwhelming that it would be appropriate for the state to go forward with the proposed financing," Sparks said. "But we have no idea

at this point whether the state leadership will go forward with the proposal or when they will make a decision on the matter," Sparks added. Fortunately for the

college, local officials did not include the proposed increased funding in the new budget, in-

College President Dr. stead opting to plan for aid openings.

If state leaders do not budge from their current position, Sparks said it is very likely that several positions which are currently vacant, with either remain unfilled or eliminated. Those positions include faculty spots in the sociology and computer science departments, as well as two assistant coach posts and custodial, clerical and financial Keeping those posi-

the increase in local tax revenues, will allow the college to submit a balanced budget, Sparks said. other business In Monday, trustees will:

Meet in closed ses-

- sion to interview a candidate for the executive dean/provost position at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Consider a faculty

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tions vacant, along with changes and appointment of professional and administrative staff.



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Public thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

A short time ago the Art Association was treated to a guided tour of the Hotel Settles. I wish to publicly thank Juan Rodriguez and the workers at the Settles for an amazing trip through the history of this Big Spring landmark.

The pride and dedication shown by the workers to preserve this special place of history is equally impressive. They have truly embraced our town as if it was their own. I even met Mr. Rodriguez touring our newest schools Tuesday.

Thank you again to all who have been instrumental in the restoration of the Settles. I look forward to the opening of Hotel Settles this fall along with all the other great construction/restorations that Brint and Chris Ryan plan for the downtown area. Thank you again to the Settles crew for embracing our town.

JUDY TERELETSKY BIG SPRING

Attaboy water department

TO THE EDITOR:

At 11:30 p.m. on the evening of Aug. 7, I stopped by the city water plant, located off of 15th Street. The city water department staff - Tony, Ron and Jan were busy working on one of two pumps that had broken down.

We worked on that pump until after 2:30 a.m. to get it repaired so residents on the west side of town would have water.

One employee, Ron, had to be back on shift at the plant at 7 a.m. (that made for a short night for him.) I just wanted to point out the dedication to task by these city employees in order to keep water flowing

I have worked for governments around Texas and also in the Western states, and I can say our town is blessed to have this team of employees.

I have heard some folks gripe about our city, but I believe a thank you is more in order. The pump we were working on fills a ground storage tank that supplies the State park.

> Ron Alton BIG SPRING

Lacy Edwards

TO THE EDITOR:

Forty-five years later and the Vietnam War takes another brother. As sure as a bullet or shrapnel took the lives of others, Agent Orange took Lacy. His name will not be etched on a cold black wall in Washington or on small town memorials, but Vietnam took Lacy.

Lacy will still be honored with a place in our hearts, along with our other brothers. Someday we will all get to stop fighting the war.

A special thanks to a few people at the VA: Kelly Kempery/Settles was his nurse in the silver clinic. When we were having problems getting Lacy's meds she always came through; Maureen Cadenhead, the

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Where eyes still widen

Club — two hours by train from Dallas — faced dwindling membership, largely because one of its members was so obsessed with "Big D" that he spoke of little else. Lions grew weary of his ramblings.

Upon learning that the old geezer had never even been 50 miles from home — let alone to Dallas — the Lions decided to pass the plate. They collected enough money to send him on the train to Dallas for a week. Maybe this would either shut him up — or at least provide a slide show in case of a last-minute program cancel-



Don NEWBURY

lation. "How was Dallas?" a member asked. "Don't know," the man answered, "I didn't see it."

"Didn't see it? We sent you up there for a week," the questioner fumed.

"I know it, but there was just so danged much happening around the depot." My wife and I hold similar

awe for New Orleans, one of the unique cities of the world. It lays claim to all of our senses, defying description, no matter how rambling. Words and pictures provide faint justice.

It is a city that must be seen, heard and felt up close. If New York is a city that never sleeps, New Orleans might be described similarly, albeit dozing from time to time, but always with an eye open. It is a city of toes tapping, jazz bands playing, chefs honing

ack in the 1930s, a Lions recipes and much, much more.

Ah, the food! There are worldclass restaurants in a city where average eateries don't last long. "The aroma brings us in and the dining brings us back," one visitor said.

One can gather brochures and visit points of interest for weeks, or merely "let life happen" as we did during a recent three-day visit.

Lodged at the boutique Maison Dupuy Hotel, we settled in, truly so on day two, when a seven-inch rain poured down.

We read for hours, learning much about the city and this four-star hotel — the last built in the French Quarter before a moratorium on hotels was enacted in 1975.

The newspaper's account of a musician's wake warranted a second reading, and now, sharing. A "special embalming technique," the mortician claimed, made it possible for an old-time jazz drummer to be placed in a standing position, leaning against a faux lamp pole, during the wake. The writer said this was "thinking outside the box."

The body was "casket ready" for the funeral the next day.

But the deluge delayed burial. The jazz parade would lead the horse-drawn hearse to the cemetery another day.

A lovely courtyard wedding at our hotel was showered with sunlight on the final afternoon of our stay. Though uninvited guests, we — and a couple dozen others — felt like participants, taking it all in from room balconies.

Mingling with wedding guests later, we heard raves for reception delicacies prepared by Michael Farrell, a nationally rec-

ognized chef whose ascent to the top of the culinary mountain began as a dishwasher at age 15 – 31 years ago.

At the hotel's Le Meritage restaurant, he creates unique dishes, including a signature offering grits, shrimp and red-eye gravy. If you're neutral or less about grits, you'll come alongside.

Despite one rain-out, we succeeded in "letting life happen." Warm thoughts flooded, interrupted by a blast of Carnival Conquest's whistle. It hurried us from a jazz luncheon at Arnaud's, an exquisite restaurant mainstay in the Crescent City for 94 years. Two hours there passed too fast.

We walked to the pier, noticing yet again a horde of Lutheran youngsters in New Orleans on a mission trip—35,000 strong from throughout the nation. They were ever-present throughout the week, gathering for meetings in the Superdome and fanning out across the city for service

Before boarding, we heard the clang of a streetcar. They have three streetcar lines now, and a fourth, down Rampart Street, is under construction. It takes more than Hurricane Katrina's best blow to fell New Orleans. The city is clearly back, and we are glad. Whether on mission or on vacation, it is a destination not to be missed. And the stout java? I'll take it, agreeing with most Louisianans that it doesn't take much water to make good coffee....

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cybersecurity solution

s Congress adjourned for the summer recess, some issues were left unresolved, most notably the question of a cybersecurity bill. Many have asked why. The answer is that

I, and several of my colleagues, had deep concerns about the proposed bill. But I believe we can find common ground and a way forward. There is no parti-

curity - protecting



KAY BAILEY Hutchison

computers, networks, programs and electronic information from being attacked and destroyed – is a critical issue. Experts have long cited cyber-terrorism as one of the potentially most dangerous threats to national security. Consider what might happen if a hostile government or terrorist organization launched an attack on our nation's power grids, hospitals, nuclear facilities or major financial institutions – just to name a few possible targets. The effects would be devastating. The question is not whether we act to prevent such attacks, the question is how we act.

Two cybersecurity measures are now under consideration in the U.S. Senate. A bill authored by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Susan Collins (R-ME), the Cybersecurity Act, would authorize the government to set standards for cybersecurity technology and determine which

companies should comply with

the government's standards. I and seven of my colleagues, each of us the most senior Republican members of our committees and subcommittees that have jurisdiction over cybersecurity - Senators McCain, Chambliss, Grassley, Murkowski, Coats, Burr and Johnson – have co-sponsored an alternative, the SECURE IT Act. Our bill emphasizes information-sharing about cyber threats among and between private and public organizations, securing federal agencies against threat, ensuring that federal contractors report significant events, facilitating prosecution of cyber crime and focusing on research and technology to improve cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity experts agree that maintaining effective defenses requires cooperation and information-sharing both within critical industries and between the private sector and government. However, antitrust and liability laws discourage or even prohibit cooperation among businesses, and our government's standard operating procedure has been to warn about the risks of cyber attacks without always sharing specific information with the entities at greatest risk. The Lieberman-Collins bill

doesn't fix these problems. Legal liability protections are weak for companies that want to cooperate with one another, and predetermined government mandates would decide what cyber information should be shared by government. In contrast, the

McCain-Hutchison bill autho-

rizes essential legal liability and

anti-trust protections for companies that want to work together to combat cyber threats. It also requires government agencies to share relevant information and assist companies and communi-

ties at cybersecurity risk. The SECURE IT sponsors are concerned that the Lieberman-Collins bill would deter cooperation rather than encourage it. And we worry that it ignores cybersecurity's biggest challenge: constantly and rapidly-evolving

technological threats. We need a nimble, flexible approach that can evolve at the same pace as emerging cyber threats. It must be driven by industries that know their systems best, and be a true collaboration between government and the pri vate sector, where informationsharing is a two-way street.

McCain-Hutchison is the right foundation for a national cybersecurity policy. It is supported by the industries and organizations it impacts, and it can pass the House of Representatives. It recognizes the unique challenges presented by evolving technology and makes prosecuting cyber-crime a priority.

We all agree that cybersecurity is an issue of vital national importance. My bill co-sponsors and I are in continuing discussions with our colleagues in the Senate during the recess, with the goal of reaching consensus by Labor Day. I call on my friends on both sides of the aisle to come together to get it done.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.

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patient advocate who helped jump the bureaucratic hoops. The job became too much so she got a more peaceful position. She will be missed. Wendy Wallace took over and Wendy was always there pointing us in the right direction or holding our hand if need

When M.D. Anderson said it was time for Lacy to come home, a call to Wendy and the plane was in the air and Hospice was setting up his home to take care of him. And Dan Marsh, as we navigated the VA, we finally hit a closed door. As per Mr. Marsh's open door policy, we set down with him and he opened those doors. Lisa Brooks at Randy Neugebauer's office for helping file the VA claims and putting them on a fast track. DAV Chapter 47 because of the generosity of the citizens of Big Spring, the DAV was able to help with travel expenses between Big Spring and Houston.

Lacy fought with as much bravery as I have ever seen. There will be no medals of bravery or purple hearts awarded. The hero became a guinea pig. He started experimental drugs, he said maybe it could help someone else some-

Lacy Edwards, I salute you.

MIKE TARPLEY BIG SPRING

Business as usual

TO THE EDITOR

After being kept in office by an underwhelming vote of confidence of about 6 percent of eligible voters, the city leaders are making headlines in the local

While passing ordinances about texting while driving and others that no one knew about because of lack of public notices in the paper, the city leaders want to change the way you conduct your personal life, even if irresponsible, while they continue irresponsible use of public water supplies.

With almost daily projections of our surface water supplies being depleted in months if not a year or two by the media, the city leaders of Coahoma continue the use of 20,000 to 25,000 gallons per week of public water supply on ball park grass. This in the name of sports.

What's a few skinned knees or elbows when you have a risk of low water or no water for fire protection and/or supplying homes or businesses?

Add that to what's being used at City Hall for the new tree and pretty green grass. You could have the same thing at your house in Coahoma if you used all the water the underground water system provides and a lawn care company to look after it. Is it any wonder they have a budget crunch and are charging permit fees at evey opportunity? Taxes, permit fees or whatever you want to call them is just another example of government getting into your pocket book, and you thought big brother government only applied to the federal government.

DRIVE SAFELY, DAN SHELBURNE Соанома

Mayor is a nice person

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Brookelynn. I am 11 years old and I am writing this letter about Mayor Tommy Duncan.

I don't know anything about politics or voting, but I do know what a nice person Mayor Tommy is.

He is my very good friend, and has been real nice to me, and I wish people would stop picking on him, and be nice to him.

He is a good Christian, and prays for me every night, which I probably

THANKS, Brookelynn Jensen

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Spring committee announces winners

Special to the Herald

Three lucky Big Spring area residents learned Monday, Aug. 6, that they were winners in a fundraising drawing conducted by Big Brothers Big Sisters Crossroads, a committee working to open an office of Big Brothers Big Sisters to serve Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

Winners were Stacy Barr, who won the \$3500 travel voucher; Carolyn Easter, who won an iPad, and Rebecca Macha, who won a \$500 gift card.

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children facing adversity by providing them with professionally-supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships

that change a child's life for the better, forever.

Monday's drawing was one of several recent fundraising efforts held by Big Brothers Big Sisters Crossroads in an effort to raise the money required by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to open a local office of the organization.

Anyone wanting to make a donation or who would like to help the committee in bringing Big Brothers Big Sisters to Big Spring may contact James Bell at jamesgb3@gmail.com or they may call Kay Crites at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland office at 432-687-0195.



Fire and Emergency service career exploring Post starting at Big Spring Fire Department

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'nterested in learning about a career in firefighting and emergency services? Want to participate

in firefighting training and riding along on calls?

Then the Fire and Emergency Service Career Exploring program at the Big Spring Fire Department is for you.

Fire and Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with

careers in the field of fire and emergency services. Fire and Emergency Services Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes participants to many career experiences, leadership opportunities,

and community service activities.

an interest in learning more about

The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and country.

You get to experience firsthand what it's like to be a volunteer or full-time fire fighter and emergency service provider through firefighting training and ride alongs during actual fire

Some of the skills you will develop

- Leadership Skills
- Respect for firefighters & explor-
- New personal skills

Some of the things you will learn in-

- Emergency call protocols
- · Firefighting policies and proce-
 - · Team Building

• Proper Equipment Usage

You will have an opportunity to participate in fire fighting training scenarios, buildings, ambulance calls, national and regional events.

You will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on projects to give you a real feel for whether this career is the right one for you.

You will learn about the educational requirements for a career in fire and emergency services and will receive tangible advice on steps you could take now to prepare and position yourself for a successful career in the field of fire and emergency service.

Fire and Emergency Service Career Exploring will provide you with the following benefits:

- Improved self-confidence
- Leadership experience and social network development
- Fun and exciting "hands-on" ca reer experiences
 - Community service opportunities
 - College and career readiness prep

And of course, there are scholarship opportunities. Fire and Emergency Service Ca

reer Exploring posts typically meet on a monthly basis during the school

Most programs parallel the high school calendar and begin in the fall.

There are a number of programs that start at other times during the year to meet the needs of the host organization and participants.

Programs are flexible enough to fit in with other activities.

The Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring program is very affordable with participation fees set at \$15 per year.

For more information about Exploring contact: Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577 or Brian.Sweeney@Scouting.org



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key role in the **NASA Mars robot** CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Members of Liberty

High School's class of 1982 will have to forgive Steven Mikes for not attending last weekend's 30-year class reunion. He was too busy helping NASA put a robot on

Mikes, 48, is a senior engineer with the avionics and flight systems of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Valencia, Calif. He helped design the Curiosity rover that landed on Mars early Monday

The Clarksburg native started working at JPL in October 1989, just a few months after he graduated from West Virginia University.

He earned three bachelor's degrees at WVU - inelectrical engineering, computer science and mathematics — but was unsure what kind of career he wanted to pursue. He thought about heading to graduate school until he learned about JPL. "I applied and they gave me an interview," he

The NASA suits were impressed, not so much by

Mikes' three bachelor's degrees but by the Eagle Scout medal he earned in Clarksburg's Boy Scout Troop Eight.

Mikes was equally impressed with NASA.

"I knew the minute I was out here that I would never leave," he said. "We work ourselves to death, but nobody makes us. And it doesn't feel like

Mikes worked on the team that built the software for all three parts of Curiosity's voyage: the "cruise" stage that got it to Mars, the descent stage that delivered the craft safely to the Red Planet's surface and the rover stage that allows it to crawl around and send data back to mission control.

He later moved to the team that ran the "test bed' for Curiosity here on Earth. There are more than a few photos floating around Facebook featuring Mikes posing beside the rover, which bears some resemblance to Pixar's fictional robot WALL-E.

Mikes said researchers at JPL tested Curiosity it every way possible before launching it into space, trying out every scenario imaginable to make sure it would land on Mars in one piece. By the time it launched into space last November, Mikes said he was feeling good about the rover's chances.

"I was really confident it would work," he said.

Still, tensions climbed as the rover entered Mars' orbit. The landing system was designed to drop the Toyota Prius-sized robot to the planet's surface with no more than a soft thud, but would it work? Mikes has worked on nine spacecrafts at JPL, but Curiosity was his first project designed to land on another planet surface.



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W.Va. native has Let's start exploring Mars



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Exploration of Mars has been taking place for roughly a week and each day new photos are being sent providing NASA with more information about the planet.

NASA: Mars rover snapped pic of rocket stage crash

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Space enthusiasts have been abuzz for days over whether the Mars rover Curiosity captured an extraterrestrial crash. On Friday, NASA declared the mystery

Seconds after the car-size rover parked its six wheels in an ancient crater, a tiny camera under the chassis snapped a picture revealing a smudge on the horizon. The feature disappeared in a later photo.

Was it dirt on the camera lens or a spinning dust devil? It turned out Curiosity spotted the aftermath of its rocket-powered backpack crash-landing in the distance.

It "was an amazing coincidence that we were able to catch this impact," said engineer Steve Sell of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which manages the \$2.5 billion mission.

The nuclear-powered rover

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landed in Gale Crater near the equator Sunday night to study whether environmental conditions could have favored mi-

Its ultimate target is a mountain looming from the crater floor where mineral signatures of water have been spied.

Curiosity performed a novel, complex landing routine. In the final seconds, the rocket stage hovered as cables delicately lowered the rover to the ground.

After landing, it cut the cords and the rocket stage flew out of the way, crashing 2,000 feet from the landing site.

Speeding at 100 mph, the high speed impact kicked up a plume of dust — which showed up in Curiosity's field of view.

Curiosity was in the right place at the right time and facing the right direction, Sell said.

Since the feat, Curiosity has returned a flood of pictures including a 360-degree color view and a low-resolution video featuring the last minutes of its descent. Over the weekend, it will get a software update, a process that will take four days. During the hiatus, stored data will continue to be downloaded.

It will be weeks before Curiosity can take its first drive, zap at boulders or dig up soil in search of the chemical building blocks of life. The prime mission lasts two years.

A preliminary reconstruction of the "seven minutes of terror" plunge through the Martian atmosphere revealed everything went as planned.

Curiosity ended up 1 1/2 miles downrange from the bull's-eye target, probably because of tail winds and a late steering turn.

"We're still happy where we landed," said Gavin Mendeck of the NASA Johnson Space Cen-

Ind. Boy Scout troop sends names into space

WINAMAC, Ind. (AP) — When the Mars "Curiosity" Rover touched down on the red planet early Monday, so did the names of 43 Winamac Boy Scouts and troop leaders.

As part of their science and space-themed curriculum, members of Boy Scout Troop 229 in Winamac submitted their names to NASA in 2009 to be carried on a microchip on the back of the Curiosity. The NASA rover successfully landed this week after 8 1/2 months of travel and is intended to search for evidence of signs of life on the planet.

The rover carries the names of 529,386 people in

the United States, according to NASA's website.

Rick Conn, a former leader for the troop, said he became aware of the possibility of submitting names to NASA through his former career with the

space program. When he found out about the opportunity, Conn had the boys and troop leaders submit their names to NASA online. In turn, each received a certificate

telling them they were to become part of history. "That was just one of many different NASA programs we were aware of," Conn said. "It was easy to do.'

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Tannehill impresses in preseason debut

MIAMI (AP) — With first-team quarterback David Garrard out for up to a month, Dolphins quarterback of the future Ryan Tannehill had a promising preseason debut Friday night.

Tannehill completed 14 of 21 passes for 167 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown to tight end Charles Clay in the third quarter for Miami's only score in a 20-7 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (No. 26 in the AP Pro32).

Garrard was scheduled to start after being listed first on the depth chart, but his agent confirmed Friday he's slated to have knee surgery.

His absence is likely to knock him out of the three-way battle for the starting quarterback job he was waging with Tannehill and Matt Moore, who started the last 12 games last season for Miami (No. 27 in the AP

Dolphins starting linebacker Kevin Burnett also missed the game despite taking part in warm-ups. Backup offensive lineman Nate Garner was helped off the field in the fourth quarter after sustaining an ankle injury.

Tannehill, taken eighth overall in the 2012 draft, is the Dolphins' quarterback of the future, but he's hoping to convince his coaches to make him a starter right away.

He made a pretty argument for his case on Friday night.

Before his TD pass, a strike down the middle, Tannehill had a touchdown pass to wide receiver Roberto Wallace late in the second quarter overturned by instant replay. Two plays later, Tannehill missed Clay near the sideline on a fourth-and-goal from the 3-yard line.

He was 8 for 9 on his touchdown drive, the highlight a beautiful touch pass to Wallace over a linebacker that was good for 19 yards on a thirdand-11. The only incompletion on the drive was a pass that was batted down at the line of scrimmage.

Tannehill, who finished the game with a 106.6 passer rating, entered with 3:16 left in the second quarter to the applause of a sparse crowd still sitting despite a driving rain. His first pass, on a third-and-6, was thrown behind wide receiver Julius Pruitt and led to a three-and-out.

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Ryan Tannehill runs the ball for Big Spring his senior year. After a successful collegiate career at Texas A&M, Tannehill was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Dolphins. Tannehill made his preseason debut Friday.

HOUSTON (AP) -

John Axford's inability

to close out games con-

tinued Friday night,

extending Milwaukee's

Brian Bogusevic's RBI

single in the ninth in-

ning off Axford lifted

the Houston Astros to

a 4-3 victory over the

Brewers, who have lost

10 straight on the road

for the first time since

Axford, who converted

46 of 48 save opportuni-

ties last season, blew

his eighth save Friday.

in the role lately. Now, it

looks like his spot is in

keep using (Axford)

ieopardy again.

road losing streak.

Rangers fall to Detroit 6-2, Feldman's streak ends as Fielder belts 3-run homer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Scott Feldman was on quite a roll for the Texas Rangers.

Then the big right-hander left a changeup over the middle of the plate to Prince Fielder.

Feldman, who had won six consecutive decisions since an 0-6 start, was gone after Fielder's three-run homer with two outs in the sixth.

The Detroit Tigers went on to a 6-2 victory over the AL-West leading Rangers on Friday night.

"He's a mistake hitter. He does damage with mistakes," Feldman said. "I was trying to throw down and away, and it was right in his wheelhouse there and he did some damage with it."

Detroit had two outs in the sixth before Andy Dirks reached on an infield single and Miguel Cabrera followed with a single. Fielder's 20th homer made it 4-2.

"I was giving it everything I had to try and get it and prevent those two guys (Cabrera and Fielder) from coming up after that," Feldman (6-7) said. "But it was just a little out of my reach."

Josh Hamilton put the Rangers up 1-0 with his 419-foot homer to straightaway center in the first inning off Max Scherzer (11-6). Hamilton is tied for the major league lead with his 31 homers and 96 RBIs.

Austin Jackson, who is from nearby Denton, had an insidethe-park homer and a triple for the Tigers.

Jackson got his first career inside-the-park homer in the seventh after right fielder Nelson Cruz made a diving attempt to catch the ball, which bounced in front of him and then over his glove and to the wall.

By then, Jackson was in full stride and third-base coach Gene Lamont was waving him home.

"He had that look in his eyes like he wanted me to go, and he sent me," Jackson said. "It's one of those things, you don't think it will ever happen like that."

It was the Tigers' first insidethe-park homer since Curtis Granderson five years ago.

Texas hadn't allowed one since Cleveland's Grady Sizemore at Rangers Ballpark in Sept. 24, 2006.After the play, Cruz appeared to reach for his back but stayed in the game.

Two batters later, he dropped Cabrera's easy popup for an error that extended the inning. Cruz didn't take the field in the top of the eighth and the Rangers said he was out because of lower back stiffness.

"I don't know if it affected him on the dropped ball, I just think he dropped it, but that's a lot of poundage hitting the ground," manager Ron Washington said. "He had a stiff back, so he came out, got some treatment, feeling better. I think he'll be a player tomorrow, we've just got to wait

Scherzer struck out eight in six

innings for his 10th win in his last 13 decisions since May 10.

The Tigers, who lost the ALCS in six games to Texas last October, have won 25 of 38 games since losing two straight on their last trip to Texas in late June.

Jackson led off the fourth with a triple to right-center and scored on Cabrera's single. It was Cabrera's 96th RBI, matching him with Hamilton again for most in the majors. Feldman struck out two and walked one in 52-3 innings.

The Rangers said, according to Elias, Feldman was only the second pitcher in major league history to win six consecutive deci-

for the Yankees and Blue Jays in 1983 before winning his next seven decisions.

Texas led 2-0 in the third when Ian Kinsler had a leadoff double and scored on a single by Elvis Andrus, who was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double.

The Rangers had the bases loaded later in the third, but failed to score any more runs, an inning after getting the first two

"There were some chances against Scherzer. All we had to do was put the ball in play and in those situations," Washington said."We didn't,"

sions immediately after starting He was removed as the STATS LLC. the season with a losing streak closer earlier this seaof six or more games. son after several poor Doyle Alexander started 0-8 performances, but has been getting some work

1992.

runners on without scoring.

Howard's trade to Lakers involves 4 teams, 12 players

LONDON (AP) -Dwight Howard held some of the championship trophies in the Los Angeles Lakers' facility Friday, the first act of the next phase of his NBA ca-

"Making some wishes," Howard said.

One of his wishes has finally come true. At long last, he's out of Orlando.

It took four teams, 11 other players, five draft picks and countless rounds of talks over many months, but the Orlando Magic decided the time was right to start over without the NBA's best center and end a saga that has dogged the franchise for what

seems like an eter-

nity.

Howard is off to play alongside Kobe Bryant in Los Angeles, after a megadeal involving the Lakers, Magic, Philadelphia and Denver was worked out Thursday and completed Friday after the NBA reviewed and approved the particulars. "It was just a very

tough situation for everybody to let go," Howard said. finally glad that it's over with. Myself and the Magic organization, we can all start over and begin a new career. Today is a fresh new start for all of us."

headliners involved,

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Andrew Bynum

eager. With the four-headed As far as the other

offensive juggernaut of Anthony, Durant, James and Kobe Bryant combining for 68 points

and taking turns inflict-

edge Brewers 4-3 manager Ron Roenicke

Astros finally win,

"Maybe depending on the matchups, we'll give him a chance. We thought this was a good opportunity to get him in there and get him back to the guy that we know he is. It gets old losing these games in the last inning."

It was the first win this season for Houston in its last at-bat and breaks a five-game losing streak. It was Houston's first walk-off win since last Sept. 26, according to

The Astros won for the fifth time in 39 games. The only team since 1900 to lose at least 35 times in a 39-game span was the 1916 Philadelphia Athletics, who finished 36-"I don't know if I'll 117 under Hall of Fame manager Connie Mack, there or not," Brewers according to STATS.

U.S. tops Argentina 109-83, reaches gold-medal game

LONDON (AP) Once Carmelo Anthony drilled the 3-pointer that put Argentina away, the U.S. bench emptied onto the floor for a brief celebration.

The real party can't take place until Sunday.

After Anthony retreated down the court like a boxer told to find a neutral corner following a knockout, Kevin Durant bear-hugged his Olympic teammate, which may be the only way to contain the incomparable scorers on the U.S. roster.

Then again, there may no stopping these Americans.

Not now. Not this close. Not one win from gold.

"We won't take this opportunity for granted," LeBron James promised. "We look forward to the challenge on Sunday." Spain may not be as

ing punishment on Argentina, the U.S. rolled to a 109-83 win on Friday night in the semifinals of the men's tournament, setting up the same gold-medal game as four years ago in Beijing.

It's a rematch with Spain. It may be another mismatch.

Through seven games, Americans have the been better than advertised.

They've turned what was potentially a competitive tournament into a one-team showcase of their superior skills. The U.S. has had too much outside shooting, too much inside muscle, too much of everything for any opponent to han-

And now that it's decided to ratchet up its defense, which had been suspect during stretches of the preliminary round, the Americans are poised to claim a second straight Olympic

"From here on out, you'll see a different focus level for us," Anthony said.



word with sophomore QB Tobyn Tannehill during a practice this week. Tannehill looks to be the starter for the Steers this season, who will attempt to rebound from last year's 0-10 season.

TRADE

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leaves the Lakers for Philadelphia and Andre Iguodala is heading to Denver.

"Are we taking a step back? Absolutely, we are," Magic general manager Rob Hennigan said. "But we're taking a step back with a vision."

Even while otherwise busy at the London Olympics, Bryant quickly proclaimed that the Lakers are "locked and loaded to bring back the title." He spoke with Howard on Friday morning, and interrupted his pursuit of a gold medal — the Americans will play for another of those Sunday — to talk about how the Lakers look very much like a major contender for another NBA title.

"I'll probably play two or three more years. Then the team is his," Bryant said. "I'm excited for the franchise because now they have a player that can carry the franchise well after I'm gone. This should be his and he should want to accept that challenge."

Time will tell.

Howard, who may not be ready for the start of the season while continuing to recover from back surgery that he had performed in Los Angeles four months ago, plans to become a free agent next July. He could stay with the Lakers. He could end up in Dallas, which should have oodles of cap space. Maybe the Brooklyn Nets — one of Howard's preferred destinations throughout this saga — find a way into the mix again.

"I told him this is a great place for him," Bryant said. "You talk about all the great centers this team has had. Now he's the next in line."

Bryant said the Lakers should be poised to win now. The Magic, they might not be saying that for years.

After an offseason when the Magic fired coach Stan Van Gundy and general manager Otis Smith, they're now truly beginning anew. In 1996, the Magic watched Shaquille O'Neal sign as a free agent with the Lakers. At least this time, when they lost someone with the "Superman" nickname, they got something back.

"Next season, and really subsequent seasons, are going to be about getting better every day," Hennigan said.

Orlando got guard Arron Afflalo and forward Al Harrington from Denver, forward Moe Harkless and center Nikola Vucevic from Philadelphia, and forward Josh McRoberts and guard Christian Eyenga from the Lakers. The Lakers acquired Howard, guard Chris Duhon and forward Earl Clark from Orlando. The Magic also traded guard Jason Richardson to Philadelphia.

Orlando also gets five draft picks over five years.

"There will be no panic," Magic coach Jacque Vaughn said. "There will be no chaos."

The Lakers pulled off the deal and somehow kept Pau Gasol in the process — something many didn't expect when the Los Angeles first started getting mentioned in the Howard trade

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"It makes the NBA that much more exciting," Knicks forward and U.S. Olympian Carmelo Anthony said.

Not everyone shared that sentiment. "I really don't care," Thunder star Kevin Durant said.

The trade was announced during the

Spain-Russia semifinal matchup at

the Olympics. Gasol scored 16 points, helping the Spanish team reach the gold medal game with a 67-59 win. Afterward, that seemed secondary. He was still with the Lakers, and now

has the game's most dominant big man alongside him. For a moment, gold-medal talk was pushed aside for NBA title chatter.

"I think it's something that puts us in a position of being an extremely powerful team."

TEXAS

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he dropped it, but that's a lot of poundage hitting

the ground," manager Ron Washington said. "He had a stiff back, so he came out, got some treatment, feeling better. I think he'll be a player tomorrow, we've

just got to wait and see.'

Scherzer struck out eight in six innings for his 10th win in his last 13 decisions since May

The Tigers, who lost the ALCS in six games to Texas last October, have won 25 of 38 games since losing two straight on their last trip to Texas in late June.

Jackson led off the fourth with a triple to right-center and scored on Cabrera's single. It was Cabrera's 96th RBI, matching him with Hamilton again for most in the majors.

Feldman struck out two and walked one in 5 2-3 innings.

The Rangers said, according to Elias, Feldman was only the second pitcher in major league history to win six consecutive decisions immediately after starting the season with a losing streak of six or more games. Doyle Alexander started 0-8 for the Yankees and Blue Jays in 1983 before winning his next seven decisions.

Texas led 2-0 in the third when Ian Kinsler had a leadoff double and scored on a single by Elvis Andrus, who was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double. The Rangers had the bases loaded later in the third, but failed to score any more runs, an inning after getting the first two runners on

without scoring. "There were some chances against Scherzer. All we had to do was put the ball in play and in those situations," Washington said. "We didn't, so it came back and got us."



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Matt Moore got the start in Garrard's place and completed 7 of 12 passes for 79 yards with one interception for a rating of 43.4.

Moore, though, was the victim of some bad luck. He produced three first downs on his first drive, only to see Chad Johnson let a pass go through his hands on third-and-3 from the Tampa Bay 33. It was the only pass thrown in Johnson's direction.

Moore's final pass midway through the second quarter was intercepted by rookie linebacker Lavonte David, but the ball was tipped at the line of

scrimmage by defensive tackle Frank Okam. The Dolphins' second-round pick of the 2012 draft, tackle Jonathan Martin, also got extended playing time but had an up-and-down performance. Martin started at right tackle and played into the third quarter, long after the other starting offensive linemen had left the game. Martin held up well in pass

protection but also was flagged for two false starts. For Tampa Bay, the game was a good start under new head coach Greg Schiano.

The Bucs looked sharp offensively at the start of the game, scoring touchdowns on their first two possessions.

Starting quarterback Josh Freeman left the game after playing only one series, completing 4 of 5 passes for 41 yards. LeGarrette Blount finished off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown plunge on fourth-

Bucs first-round pick Doug Martin scored on a 2-yard run on Tampa Bay's next drive and finished with 21 yards on seven carries.

Tampa Bay's third-quarter field goal was set up by a 74-yard kickoff return by rookie seventh-round pick Michael Smith, a running back from Utah



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Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bayless

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ritchey of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Leona Turner and the late Leo Turner of Kerrville, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchey of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Dennis Bayless of Burkburnett, Texas, and Shelly Bayless of Wichita Falls, Texas. He is the grandson of Jessie and Ruby Newbold and the late Shirley Newbold of Robinson, Ill., and Juanita Bayless of Burkburnett.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a natural white silk dupioni dress by Paloma Blanca. It featured a sweetheart neckline with dropped waist ruching and full skirt with a chapel length train.

She carried a bouquet of pink peonies, Queen Anne's lace, spray roses and dahlias.

Mrs. Heather Policky Hord of Keller, Texas and Mrs. Britni Rodriguez Grandon of Lubbock, served as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids included Miss Alex Watkins of Lubbock; Mrs. Mallory Dunn Thomas of Deer Park, Texas; Miss Cerbi Ritchey, cousin of the bride, of Big Spring; Miss Madison Gibson, cousin of the bride, of Glen Rose, Texas; and Miss Amanda Bayless, sister of the groom, of

The flower girls were Miss Kinsley Riddle and Miss Kendyl Riddle, cousins of the bride, of San

The matrons of honor and bridesmaids wore pearl pink silk dupioni cocktail dresses of their choice designed by Alfred Sung. The flower girls wore ivory silk dupioni dresses. Each carried a hand-tied bouquet of white and pink hydrangeas.

Mr. Kyle Harpole of San Angelo served as best man. Groomsmen included Mr. Zack Bradley of San Angelo; Mr. Brant Frazier of Burleson, Texas,; Mr. Brett Stine of Denton, Texas; Mr. Bradan Ritchey, cousin of the bride, of Granbury, Texas; Mr. Matt Ritchey, brother of the bride, of Waco, Texas; and Mr. Derek Kowalik of San Angelo.

The ring bearer was Mr. Keagan Riddle, cousin of the bride of San Angelo.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School. She graduated in 2009 from Angelo State University with a bachelor of arts in marketing and also holds a Texas Teaching Certificate in secondary education.

She is employed as an area manager by Encompass Home Health in Forth Worth.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Burkburnett High School. He later graduated from Angelo State University with a bachelor of arts in finance as well as a masters degree in business administration.

He is working as a credit analyst for Legend Bank in Fort Worth.

Following their honeymoon to Costa Rica, Raegan and Nate will reside in Fort Worth.

Births



Autumn Annette Wash

Autumn Annette Wash, daughter of Brodie and Kaci Wash of Big Spring, was born July 20, 2012, at 2:45 p.m.

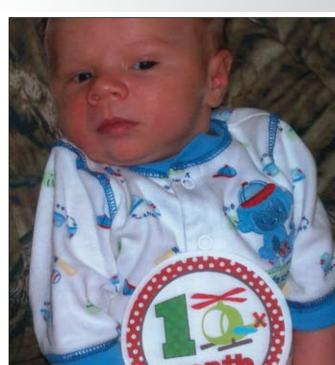
She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kathy Aycock of San Angelo and Mark and

> Sherleen Aycock of Me-Paternal grandparents are David and Lisa Hobbs of Big Spring and the late Billy Wash. Great grand-

> amy of Big Spring. Autumn was welcomed home by her brother Brennan Wash.

> mother is JoAnn Loud-



Easton Troy Ward

Easton Troy Ward, son of Derek and Mendy Ward of Coahoma, was born July 3, 2012, at 8:05 a.m.

He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 $lac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Melinda Morgan of Coahoma. Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Cathy Ward of Coahoma.



Xaiden Ray DeLeon, son of Elias and Erika DeLeon, was born Aug.

7, 2012, at 11:05 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Cindy Rios-Tercero and Markus Garza. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Vicky DeLeon.

Xaiden was welcomed home by his sibling Sabastian Day DeLeon.

Xaiden Ray DeLeon

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August 2012 Activities

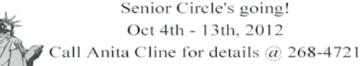
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- **Aug. 14** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club "Al's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
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- **Aug. 16** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy Café, 10:00 a.m. Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- **Aug. 17** POT LUCK & BINGO, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20 GAMES, 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.
- **Aug. 21** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club, "China Dragon", 5:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 22** Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m., "The Descendants"
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Howard Cottage kids pick up around campus



Bobby McDonald photo

Howard Cottage students spent the week picking up trash around campus as part of their helping our community themed lesson. Teachers Susie Combs and Felicia Bustamante, right, helped the students scrub the grounds of Howard College and adjacent streets free of trash, throw-outs and debris.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Aug. 6 in the Cactus Room of Howard College.

President Janice Bishop called on Kathryn Wiseman for the invocation.

Debbie Wegman presented the financial report for approval.

Johnny Womack, representative to the state convention, presented Janice Bishop with the GCAA Citation of Merit from Keep Texas Beautiful.

Great news: plans are underway to place a city recycle trailer at the Master Gardener site. More information will be released on that later.

Our involvement with "Under West Texas Skies" at the aquatic center resulted in about 20 children picking up 62 Walmart bags of trash. Way to go.

A slate of new officers to serve through 2013 was also presented and approved.

New officers will be: Jan Hans-

en, president; Gloria McDonald, vice president; Debbie Wegman, treasurer; Teresa Darden, secretary. The new officers will assume duties in September.

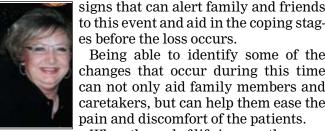
Love our Lake is scheduled for Aug. 25. We will welcome help of church youth groups or other civic-minded folks.

The next meeting of Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be Monday, Sept. 10, due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will take place in the fireplace room at Howard College.

▶ Hospice Tidbits

* Editors Note: Information in Hospice Tidbits is provided from pamphlets offered through Home Hospice.

Losing a loved one is one of the more difficult situations dealt with in life. There are some



HODNETT

When the end of life is near, there are several signs to look for. One of those signs is the change in breathing.

• Changes in breathing: breaths may become slow or increase to a rapid pace. There can be periods of shallow breath follwed by periods of no breathing, each lasting between five to 30 seconds or possibly up to a minute.

The change in breathing becomes noticeable and

causes discomfort for the patient. The irregular breathing patterns are signals that the body is beginning to lose strength. For some patients, the use of oxygen can help during this time, but a physician or hospice nurse will be able to determine if it will help.

Another problem associated with the change in breathing is the inability to swallow. Even though the sounds accompanied by the gathering of saliva in the back of the throat may be distressing, it does not signal discomfort.

For those patients dealing with the change of breathing, there are some things that can help in this time.

assistance of gravity will aid in draining the secretions.Certain prescribed medications may also help in lessening the amount of secretions. Speak with a

The position of the patient can help the ability of

swallowing. By turning the patient on their side the

- nurse or physician to find out more.
 Mouth care is important during this time.
- When the pain becomes noticeable and unbearable, prescriptions of morphine can be made by the patients doctor. Some of these medications will help ease the discomfort caused by the difference in breathing patterns as well as the inability to swallow

Sherry Hodnett is the volunteer/bereavement coordinator for Home Hospice. Information in Hospice Tidbits is intended to help those dealing with friends, family members who are nearing the end of their lives. For more information about Home Hospice or to find out how to volunteer, contact Hodnett at 264-7599.

The reason behind having funerals

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It seems in today's society that many families are unaware of the important role that a funeral service plays in the psychological healing of those who grieve.

As a funeral director, it sometimes pains me to see families go without a service out of convenience, or an unwillingness to face the pain of the

Some families don't want to have to grieve, or don't want to face all the decisions that go into planning a funeral; some don't want to deal with the heartache that comes with a fu-

neral service, and many feel that it is too much work or too hard. They think that it will be easier to get this behind them as quickly as possible; but in the long run, easier is not better. Grief has its own timetable, and we cannot take shortcuts. It just doesn't work that way.

I think that many families just don't understand the importance of the funeral service in the grieving process. Let me explain.

Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, founder of the Center for Loss and Life Tran-

sition in Fort Collins, Colorado and renowned author, speaker, and grief counselor, has identified six emotional needs of those who grieve following loss:

Acknowledge the reality of the death Move toward the pain of loss Remember the person who died Develop a new self-identity Search for meaning in the loss Receive ongoing support from others

These emotional needs will likely go unmet if there is no funeral service. The funeral activates the healing process by helping loved ones acknowledge the reality of the death together, move toward the pain rather than away, remember and honor the memory of the person who died, understand who they are now apart from the person who died, search for spiritual comfort and meaning, and receive the support of extended family, coworkers, loved ones, and friends.

Without participation in the funeral ritual, the grieving family members could face psychological conflict, complicated grief along with depression, anxiety, and identity crisis, estrangement from feelings of grief, leading to inner turmoil and lack of peace, social distance from those who do not know how to respond to those who grieve. If the pain is unacknowledged, unvoiced, unspoken, and unheard, it is suppressed and becomes a source of even greater pain in the future. It is like a wound that is left untreated...it will become infected and cause even more damage in the long run. As Cornel West says, "The condition of truth is to let suffering speak."

The social purpose of a funeral ritual is to give everyone in the community a chance to share the grief, meet the needs of those in a state of emotional crisis, and provide the public a chance to relate emotionally to their own unresolved grief issues. Funerals matter, perhaps more than we often suppose. Have you ever experienced a healing funeral, or felt the pain of unspoken loss when a family chooses not to have a service?

Kasi Welch Baker, manager of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Homes in Big Spring, Stanton, and Midland. Kasi is third generation funeral director of the Welch family that owns and operates the funeral homes. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Reader's Corner

Can dogs grin?

Jerry made up his mind.
He would fix the fence.
This time, he would keep
That little dog in.
He finished the job.
He put up his tools.

It was time to go in. Guess who is out of the yard again? Somedays, you just can't win. Tell me, can dogs

grin?

–Fannie Price

Blue

Sometimes it's a blue world, so blue that not even the sun wants to wake up and

shine.
The flowers hang their

heads as if they, too, are just too blue to make the effort. Sometimes, it's a blue

world, so blue that I pull the cur-

tains shut
and I look in the mirror
but I just can't seem to
find my smile because
today's a blue day.
But maybe tomorrow
will be a sunshine day.

—Lana F. Anguiano

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Mike and Sheila Abusaab, owners of Sonic Drive-Ins in Big Spring and several communities, donated \$20,000 to Big **Spring Independent School** District to help pay for renovations at Memorial Stadium. Pictured from left, BSISD Assistant Superintendent Ferrell, Mike Abusaab, Sheila Abusaab, School President Irene Board Rodriguez, **BSISD** Superintendent Steven Saldivar **BSISD** and Athletic Director Philip Ritchey.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan







Jimmy Moore with Moore Office Supplies stopped by with a donation of school supplies Thursday afternoon for the Stuff the Bus school supply drive at Back in Motion. Moore was one of several local businesses and individuals who supported the cause. Also pictured is Back in Motion owner Tessa Reid.

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By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

Stuff that bus!

Back In Motion, Fox 24, KBST and Alon Refinery joined to help serve the need of youth in the community as they head back to school. A school supply drive was held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday.

There are a number of students in the community whose families don't qualify for assistance through other programs, but still need help.

Alon Refinery donated 20 backpacks and 7-Eleven donated supplies for the backpacks. Other contributors included Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, Moore Office Supplies and Hog Heaven, as well as local individuals.

"We are just trying to do something for the kids," Jimmy Moore, owner of Moore Office Supplies, said of the effort, "Stuff the Bus."

The school supply drive came after hearing of the need that existed in the community as a new school year approached, according to Tessa Reid, Back in Motion owner.

"We had heard from several teachers that oftentimes they see students coming back to school with supplies from the year before and some without all the supplies needed," Reid said. "When that happens, it is the teachers

who fill in and provide those sup-

plies to those students." For those who weren't able to make it to the drive, there is still time to make a donation. According to Reid, donations will be accepted at Back in Motion through

Aug. 16. All the donations will be presented to representatives of each of the area schools — Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring — Aug.

"We will hand over the donations to the schools and from there they will be dispersed as needed," Reid said.

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

TXDOT HONORS LOCAL EMPLOYEES





Local employees of the Texas Department of Transportation were recently honored for their years of service to the agency. Jimmy Marquez (right), a general engineering technician with the Big Spring Area Office, received a framed certificate and a lapel pin depicting his 25 years of service to the department. Lauren Garduño, P.E. (left), Abilene District Engineer, made the presentation during a meeting in Abilene. Also recognized for 20 years of service was Howard County maintenance supervisor James Gilbert (pictured at right with Garduño).

Energy Watch



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

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



Can you feel it? The pressure is building. Investors want the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank (ECB) to announce something. Right away. This week. The U.S. stock market's push higher last week was largely a reflection of the expectations for some sort of imminent action, or hint of imminent action that might result from the two-day Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting and the ECB meetings this week. It is now a game of wait and see for the financial markets.

Market participants want the Fed press release to at least imply that further liquidity-enhancing measures will be announced at the September meeting. The Fed usually likes to drop a few hints to the market about future actions rather than surprise investors. A statement about the probability of upcoming actions will allow that ball to get rolling. Should the FOMC's post-meeting press release imply that something might occur at the next meeting, one would expect to hear further hints in coming weeks as the various Fed governors (and Fed chairman Bernanke) make public speeches.

The ECB also does not like to surprise the financial markets. But the euro zone's central bank is facing a direr situation than the Federal Reserve. Spain and Italy are only able to finance their government debt at unsustainably high rates. Domestic banks have been buying most of these two countries' debt at auctions with money loaned by the ECB. The European economy, outside of Germany, is in recession. Growth prospects in the near term look dim. The bond market is almost forcing the ECB's hand to take action.

So, the pressure is building on the Fed and the ECB. The markets are expecting something this week, a hint from the Fed and more substantial measures from the ECB. Comments last week from ECB president Mario Draghi appeared to indicate that further actions could be announced at this Thursday's meeting. Maybe another cut in the ECB's key lending rate? Or, better yet, in the minds of most traders, an announcement that the central bank will start directly buying Spanish and Italian sovereign debt in the open market?

The stock market is primed for an announcement but is likely on hold until the Fed press release on Wednesday afternoon. The market will be disappointed if the Fed does not hint that more efforts to increase liquidity are coming in the next couple of months. But the ECB announcement on Thursday will hold bigger sway with the markets. Stock investors will not let the ECB get away with subtle hints and opaque statements. The ECB is under much more pressure to give the market what it wants: a statement that it will step in and buy the sovereign debt of Spain and Italy.

The U.S. stock market will react to Wednesday's Fed statement and then have to wait until Thursday morning to digest news from the ECB. Anything less than a strong hint from the Fed and an announcement of further action from the ECB will likely take the air out of the market, at least in the near term.

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Pizza Inn honors local franchise

THE COLONY, Texas breakout and educa--- Pizza Inn Inc. recently hosted its 2012 National

Franchise Convention Destin, Fla., where franchisees and team members were honored contributions

their company.

to the The three day event was held July 29-31 and

tional sessions and an awards ceremony cel-

ebrating top performers. Honorees included: Keith Her-

rley, franchise owner Pizza Inn in Big Spring, Texas, received

the Restaurant of the Year Award for his exceptional restaurant, crew and management featured presentations team's commitment to from company leaders, operational excellence.

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Briefs

Apple slices recalled due to listeria danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sliced apples distributed to fast-food and grocery chains nationwide are among packaged products being recalled due to possible listeria contamination. No illnesses have been reported, but listeria was found on equipment used to produce apple products

by Missa Bay LLC, owned by Ready Pac Foods Inc. of Swedesboro, N.J. Packaged apple slices distributed to McDonald's and Burger King in some states are included in the recall as are packaged food containing apples distributed to Wawa convenience store and Wegman's grocery chains

and some "Ready Pac" products. Recalled products have use-by dates of July 8 through Aug. 20. Missa Bay announced the voluntary recall on Friday, saying the food went to 36 states and the District of Columbia. People may contact Ready Pac at 800-

Hair braider wins lawsuit SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah woman who braids

800-7822 or visit www.readypac.com .

hair to supplement her family's income has won a federal lawsuit against the state over its licensing process for her craft, arguing state regulations violated her right to earn a living. A federal judge ruled this week that the state's require-

ment that Jestina Clayton get a cosmetology license to braid hair was "unconstitutional and invalid" because regulations are irrelevant to Clayton's profession.

Clayton, 30, sued last year after she found it would be illegal to run a hair-braiding business without a license, in part because of public health and safety concerns. Clayton said she learned how to braid hair as a 5-year-old in her West African home country of Sierra Leone, and she was doing it at her suburban Salt Lake City home to support her three children — ages 7, 5 and 1 — while her husband finishes school.

"I'm excited. I can't believe it," Clayton said of the ruling. "You go in with the hope, but sometimes things don't go your way." U.S District Judge David Sam in Salt Lake City said

Utah's cosmetology licensing requirements are so disconnected from hair-braiding "that to premise Jestina's right to earn a living by braiding hair on that scheme is wholly irrational and a violation of her constitutionally protected rights." Sam said the state couldn't prove a cosmetology li-

cense for hair-braiding is needed to protect public health. He also said Utah has never investigated whether any health or safety threats are associated with the practice. Paul Murphy, spokesman for the Utah attorney gen-

eral's office, said Friday that lawyers are reviewing the case and have not decided whether to appeal. Utah is among at least a half-dozen states that require

braiders to have full cosmetology licenses, while others such as California and Arizona exempt braiders from such laws. About a dozen states, including Texas and Florida, require specialized training, such as more than 30 hours in the classroom. In 2005, Mississippi removed a requirement that Afri-

can-style braiders complete 1,500 hours of cosmetology classes or 300 hours of wig course work. Professional braiders there now must take a self-guided test and pay a \$25 fee Utah requires that anyone working with hair, includ-

ing hair braiders, take about 2,000 hours of coursework for a cosmetology license. The state argues working with hair requires knowledge of sanitation and sterilization to protect public health. But the state acknowledged the curriculum and exam

it requires for a cosmetology license do not deal with hair-braiding, according to the judge's ruling.

Conservation Agency seeks local input at annual meeting

Special to the Herald

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stakeholder's Meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20, at the Big Spring USDA Service Center located at 302 West IH20, Suite 101. Each year, the Local Working Group

hosts a public meeting to determine the resource concerns and needs of the area and how to best address those needs. The NRCS and its local conservation partner, the Howard SWCD, provide agriculture producers with professional consultation and financial assistance through Farm Bill conservation programs to apply conservation practices on their land that address soil erosion and health, water quality and quantity issues, as well as wildlife habitat. The Local Working Group includes community agricultural producers, pr ofessionals representing agricul-

tural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues All landowners and land managers in Howard County are encouraged to attend and participate in this

meeting. This open-discussion pub-

lic meeting will focus on identifying

area natural resource concerns that

can be addressed using conservation

programs and activities.

"Effective conservation stems from a locally led process," said Eddy Spurgin, NRCS District Conservationist for Howard County. "The Howard County NRCS office operates on the concept that local residents best understand local issues and are the key to solving problems. "Our Conservation Stakeholders

Meeting gives everyone the opportunity to decide how the assistance from the NRCS and Farm Bill funds can be most beneficial for our community," Spurgin added. Through the Howard SWCD, the Local Working Group will provide recommendations to the NRCS Dis-

trict Conservationist on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs planning for the upcoming fiscal year. These issues will be especially important in decisions made for financial assistance when implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This program is administered by

the NRCS and provides incentive payments for the installation of several conservation practices on eligible participant's land. The information gathered from these meetings will be used to help carry out the EQIP and other programs in 2013. While the NRCS brings the technical expertise and Farm Bill funding to

the table, the goods and services are

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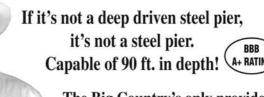
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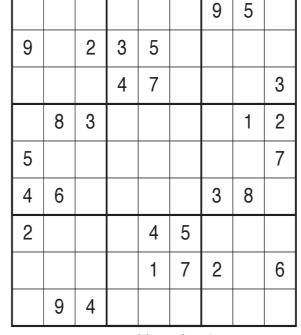
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Assume you're in four spades doubled and West leads the queen of clubs. East wins with the ace and returns the nine, at which point it looks as though you'll make the con-

North East

West

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

South

tract easily. But when you play the king of clubs, West ruffs and shifts to the queen of diamonds. You cover with the face, it appears you must go

down one. True, you could try to avert one of the losers by taking a heart finesse, but you know from the bidding that the finesse will lose.

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lead a trump to the ace, ruff a diamond, cash the ace of hearts, ruff a heart and then ruff dummy's last diamond. Having attended to these details, you now lead the queen of hearts. West has no choice but to cover with the king, and you let him win the trick, discarding one of dummy's losing clubs.

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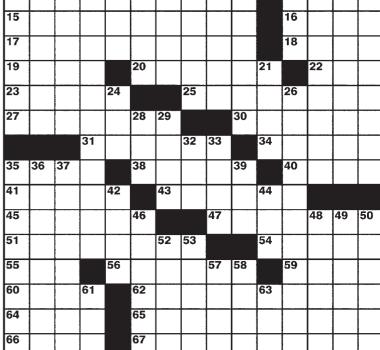
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Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2012 at 708 W St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year $\underline{2012}$. The proposed tax rate is <u>0.007023</u> per \$100 of value. #7452 August 5 & 12, 2012

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on August 18th, 2012, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. Tenant: #247 Olivia Rodriguez Tenant: #106 Tammy Calhoun Tenant: #288 Mini Strickland Tenant: #69 Thomas Barraza #7456 August 5 & 12, 2012

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be considered from banking corporations incorporated under the laws of this state or the United States or a savings and Loan Association in this state, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, desiring to serve as depository for public funds for the calendar years of 2013 and 2014. The Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. in the District Board Room, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas to open and awarding bids.

Applications submitted should be in accordance with Section 6.09, State Property Tax Code, and it is desired that same stipulate the percent of interest to be paid on time deposits.

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Tenant: Lori Stroud Consisting of: misc. household #7467 August 12 & 19, 2012

Legals

Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.72 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26. Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 20, 2012 at 10:00 am at 300 Main Big Spring Tx, 3rd Floor at Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on September 10, 2012 at 10:00 am at 300 Main Big Spring Tx, 3rd Floor at Courthouse The members of the governing

body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase follows:

FOR: Emma Puga Brown Commissioner Precinct I Donnie Baker Commissioner Precinct 2 John Cline

Commissioner Precinct 4 AGAINST: Jimmie Lona Commissioner Precinct 3

PRESENT:

and not voting: ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County last year was \$36,687. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.436720 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of imposed last year on the average home was \$160.22.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County this year is \$46,223. If the body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.309221 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average

home would be \$142.93. If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.330000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$152.54. Members of the public encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views #7472 August 12 & 26, 2012

Secrets to raising a happy, healthy cat



(Family Features) — A new kitten can make the "purr"fect addition to your family and provide companionship for years to come. Regardless of whether you've just adopted a kitten for the first time or are a seasoned pet parent, there are plenty of tasks to consider when it comes to cat care. To becoming avoid overwhelmed, follow these tips to ensure your cat is happy and healthy.

Satisfy the pickiest

Cats are known to be picky eaters, but that doesn't mean you can't choose a healthy food option. Look for products with quality ingredients that will provide the nutrients your cat needs for its specific age. Kittens will need plenty of vitamins and minerals to support growth, while

older cats may need something that aids in weight control, energy and bone support. Your veterinarian can help you choose healthy food that will satisfy even the pickiest cats.

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Stay on schedule

Too many cat naps can add extra pounds to your kitty's waistline.

your ensure maintains a healthy weight, stay on schedule when it comes to feedings. For households with several pet parents, make sure everyone is aware of when and who will feed the especially during busy weeks. Also, be sure to incorporate play time into your cat's day. It's not only fun, but also a great work out!

Kitty-proof your home

naturally Cats are curious and have a knack for getting into therefore. trouble; creating a safe home environmentimportant, especially if you have a kitten. Cats love to explore and can jump to great heights so be sure to protect all nine lives by keeping harmful poisonous items plants, medications, or toxic substances — in a closed space that can't be accessed by your cat. Remove any breakable items that could fall on them, and mount any artwork that could potentially get knocked over.

Get home safely

Sometimes, curiosity will get the best of wellbehaved cats and cause them to wander from home. To ensure a happy homecoming, take extra precautions by putting an ID tag on your cat's collar with your phone number. Also, make sure you have several images of your cat in case it goes missing and you need to spread the word to ensure their save return.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Gemini moon has more difficult. Take time a different matter. The important part is that they are sharing. With each exchange, we get the sense that we're not alone and that what we do has an effect on others. So,

mindfulness can be the result seemingly mindless chatter.

ARIES (March 21-19). April Romance is in the air, but



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much and going too fast might just spoil it. Be sure to go slow and steady, no matter how thrilling and heart-fluttering you find your potential partner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While trying to make a job easier, you risk inadvertently making it

will avoid phenomenon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be those people who can't appreciate your efforts. It's not their fault. They have never made similar efforts, so they have no comparison. Continue undaunted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By keeping up with self-care basic and maintenance, you can manage stress before it comes. Getting enough rest and exercise, as well as proper nutrition, will keep you strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in a strong position now. People sense that you don't really need to push forward, and that you couldn't care less either way. Because you are willing to stand back or bow out gracefully, you are offered more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Looking for beauty in your environment is not a shallow pursuit. There is great power in beauty. Witnessing it could be just the thing that causes breakthrough spiritual awareness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sensitive issues come into the open. Should they be explored? Unless you can do so without coming across judgmental, probably not. Tolerance is an underrated virtue.

people talking. Whether to organize your efforts 21). A sweet mental romantic nature. There's want to be feeling, how they are saying much is before you act, and you breeze comes to sweep a happy break in your we think the world is, the air. Clouds lift. You can see what you're dealing with. What was once foggy becomes completely clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are usually mindful not to talk about what doesn't pertain to the people around you. But you could break this rule to excellent effect today, as you'd be surprised what people find relevant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do not wish to passively respond to whatever life throws your way. You take control of matters, realizing that what you give strongly influence what

you get. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You live on a spinning rock. At any given time, your closest neighboring planet is at least 25 million miles Given away. the precarious balance of life, you proceed with every intention of being as selfreliant as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't gamble with what's precious to you, but you may take a calculated risk. Calculated risk-taking includes a plan for what will happen if the first endeavor doesn't work out.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). You have an audience. Your clever ways will attract interest,

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. including that of a something about how we scene in the next three exciting story September. You'll be the champion of a loved one's pursuit in October. Help comes from a distant in November. sector Aquarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 24, 17 and 23. FORECAST FOR THE

> the Moon? It's something to do when the moon is full, and the next full moon will be in Pisces on August 31. Though I'd like to see the moon as a smiling gent, to me he seems more like a man on the verge of a sneeze, or someone who accidentally walked into the lady's dressing room. Either way, the dark spots that form these shapes are actually basins filled with the mineral "basalt," which has an effect on the moon's gravitational pull. The reason I bring it up is because it very well may be that expressions we put across our faces affect the gravitational pull around us, as well, especially during this opposition of Venus and Pluto. Even though the projection we make to the world isn't exactly how we are feeling inside, it says

professional or financial and how we think it should be. Our hopes and weeks. Yours is the most dreams are hidden inside these expressions and are communicated in subtle ways throughout the week. The playful Leo sun lends some additional levity, so dare to wear a gravity-defying expression and see if it

doesn't buoy your spirits.

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New identification rules for vehicle titling, registration paves way for future

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Texans titling a vehicle in the state and first-time registrants will soon have to show identification, enhancing public safety and paving the way for more customerfriendly automation.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Board passed new identification rules Thursday. The rules were required as part of two new state laws (HB 2017 and HB 2357) that mandate identification for titling a vehicle and first-time registrants. This change does not apply to registration renew-

The identification requirements are a two-phase process designed to give Texans, tax assessor-collectors and businesses an opportunity to become educated on the new procedure.

Beginning Sept. 3, 2012, vehicle buyers can show any government photo identification if it includes a current photo, unique identification number, birth date and expiration date.

On Sept. 1, 2013, and thereafter, the only acceptable government photo identification will be a:

- State driver's license or identification certification issued by one of the U.S. states or territories
- United States or foreign passport

• United States military

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) identification
- United States Department of Homeland Security identification-issued document
- · Identification issued under a U.S. Status of Forces Agreement
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation

The new identification requirements are another step towards creating more electronic services for customers, and ensuring the integrity of the motor vehicle database.

Next year, Texans can expect to see is the replacement of paper titles with electronic ones or "eTitles," that will take the burden off vehicle owners to keep track of their title and help to reduce title

The eTitle system is expected to launch in fall 2013.

The TxDMV plans to further automate the motor vehicle database so vehicle owners can be found by name. Currently the system can only find an owner in the database by the vehicle identification or license plate number.

"As we build out our new automation system, we will be able to use your Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) driver's license number as the unique identifier to make sure we find all the

vehicles in the TxDMV motor vehicle database that are under your name," said Randy Elliston, TxDMV Vehicle Titles and Registration Division director.

"For instance, you can imagine how many John Smiths we might have recorded among the millions of title records, but by tying John Smith's name to his driver's license number we can find the right one."

Eventually, this will allow vehicle owners to access their own information in the motor vehicle database. "We want to deliver to Texans a customer-centric system that is both useful and secure," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster.

The agency is in the process of securing a vendor to retool its Registration and Titling System so it can support additional online services for customers and streamline business processes.

The TxDMV continues to offer registration renewal, email registration renewal reminders, specialty plate ordering, customer address changes, vehicle transfer notifications and vehicle transfer permits online.

Consumers can also check whether a moving company is licensed and any complaints filed with the TxDMV against moving, bus or truck companies on the TxDMV website, www.TxDMV.gov.

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"The TxDMV is dedicated to improving customer service and convenience for citizens," said TxDMV Board Chairman Victor Vanderg-

"Our employees and board members are focused on our mission to promote and protect the interests of the motoring public and citizens in the state of Texas."

TxDOT's goals Maintain a safe system

AUSTIN—Texas highways are safer now thanks to hundreds of projects completed in the last few years to add shoulders, width on more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways.

An analysis of 189 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) road projects around the state shows that wider pavements make highways safer and result in fewer crashes.

Recently, TxDOT asked the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) to analyze and review three years of pre-and post-improvement data on more than a thousand miles of narrow two-lane highways that nad been widened. The numbers snow that on 1,159 miles of recently added highway shoulders, there were 133 fewer fatalities and 895 fewer injuries compared to prior to widening.

TTI has estimated that these projects could save up to 44 lives each year or 880 lives over 20 yearsand prevent 298 injuries or 5960 injuries over the same time period.

"Safety is our top priority," said Phil Wilson, Tx-DOT executive director. "The agency's roadway widening initiative has been a tremendous success, both for increasing safety on Texas highways and potentially saving billions of dollars associated with fatal crashes and sustained injuries."

In 2003, voters gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for state highway improvements. The law stipulated that 20 percent of that amount must be used to fund projects that would reduce crashes or correct or improve hazardous locations on the state system. The Texas Legislature later increased the bonding authority to \$6 billion.

TTI is also analyzing recently completed projects— mostly from the 2009 safety bond initiative— Among the 37 completed widening projects from that bond initiative, fatalities were reduced by an average of five annually. The \$29 million construction cost for those 37 projects—through the 20-year life of the project—could save an estimated \$456.4 million from fewer fatalities and serious injuries.

"I am proud of the role I played in creating the Safety Bond Program, and I sincerely thank TxDOT and the people of Texas for making it happen," said Senator Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

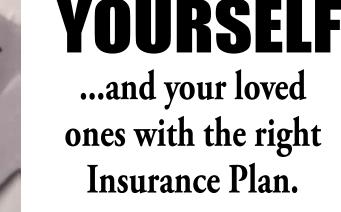
TxDOT plans on expanding these efforts in the future in areas where widening improvements are

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Dear Margo

'Quote not lest ye be wrong'

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Dear Margo: My husband has been friends with Lay It on the Line "Sam" and "Rachel" for more than 30 years. While Sam and my husband have grown up to find mates, get married and have families, Rachel has struggled over the years with a couple of marriages, babies and single parenthood. Simply put, she makes poor choices -- and her most recent decision tops them all in the doozy category.

Rachel has abandoned her 2- and 13-year-old sons to their respective fathers and decided to move forward with her life by marrying guy No. 3 without the hassle of the leftover children from the past.

She literally told her 13-year-old, "I can't worry about you anymore. I need to take care of myself now." In our humble opinion, my husband and I think this is the height of disgraceful behavior, and we would prefer to have nothing to do with this woman.

While Sam is a darling man with respect for others and their opinions, the problem I need help with is his

judged!" What do I say? — **Not Judging**

wife. Her mantra is, "Judge not lest ye be judged." Generally, I ignore her views because they come from a pot-induced haze, but I see tough times ahead. The moment I said I didn't think much of Rachel's decision to abandon her kids, she was waving her finger in my face and yelling, "Judge not lest ye be

Dear Not: Tell her she is totally misunderstanding the Bible. This verse is not a warning against judging an action; it is a warning against self-deception and hypocrisy.

To support your position, tell her to go online to "Provocative Christian Living." Who knows what else she may be misunderstanding? If she's had one too many joints, just tell her,

"A penny saved is a penny earned," and try not to bring up Rachel's parenting style again.

— Margo, correctly

Dear Margo: I'm having a tough time with my preteen nephew. I heard from another family member that he has been bullied in school, and I think he might be starting to lash out.

Let me give you some background on my child, which makes this issue far more difficult for me. My 3-year-old daughter is quite ill but functional. She has just finished chemo.

Over the weekend, my husband's family came to visit. They come frequently, but during this visit, I found their son was being more aggressive than usual. He threw a ball at the back of my head, apparently trying to get me to "play." His mother laughed. The next day, he continued this type of behavior toward my little girl. The last thing I want to do is have a rift between our families, but I have to look out for the safety of my children. (This child hurt my son over the weekend, but we believe this incident was accidental.) Thoughts on the best approach? — **Conflicted**

Dear Con: What a really hard road you have with your little girl. I am so sorry. Not just because she is ill but also because it's important for your larger family, you need to talk to your nephew's parents and report what you've heard about the bullying, though they may already know. This will open the door to suggest counseling so his aggression does not escalate. Outside help will also teach him to cope. And his teacher needs to be told. Then you must remind them of your daughter's

condition, and perhaps all of you, together, should explain to the young boy that there is to be no roughhousing with her whatsoever. He is old enough to know what "not well" means. The priorities here seem quite clear. — Margo, firmly

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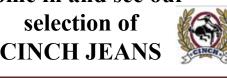


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