

Gem of a show set this weekend

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

With rocks, beauty is more than skin deep. You just never know what you'll get when you crack one open.

That's the mantra of the Big Spring Prospector's Club, which will hold its 44th annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the county fair barns.

Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. What: Big Spring Prospector's Club annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Where: Howard County Fair Barns off FM 700.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: Free.

Club member Lola Lamb said the theme of this year's show is "Earth's Treasures Can Be Seen at Our Show 2013," and she and her colleagues have spent years finding the hidden treasures an ordinary looking rock can yield.

"A lot of people are surprised at the beauty that can be found inside a rock," she said. "On the outside, it can look ugly, but it can be beautiful inside."

Lamb expects between 35 and 40 displays of rough and finished rocks to be on exhibit. Also, several demonstrations will be held. Club members will show visitors about faceting stones, working with cabochons (stones that have been shaped and polished as opposed to faceted) and bead making.

A dozen vendors from across Texas and the Southwest will have booths manned during the show, selling stones placed in jewelry or other decorative items, she added.

A spinning wheel for children — Lamb guarantees a prize every spin — will be available, as will a snack bar.

Lamb encourages persons interested in becoming a rockhound to simply show up at one of the club's meetings, which



HERALD file photo

The 44th Gem and Mineral Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

are held at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at 606 E. Third.

Yearly dues are \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families. For more information on the show, contact Lamb at 263-3340.

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

<u>Scam</u>

ISD officials: Beware of false claims

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Big Spring school officials are asking people to take care if they are approached to buy advertising related to high school athletic programs.

High School Principal Mike Ritchey said he has recently received complaints from people who have bought advertising they thought was going to benefit local athletic programs.

"These firms have claimed they are representing Big Spring athletics ... and that's false," Ritchey said. "The proceeds from those ad sales are not going to benefit our kids."

Big Spring Independent School District does sanction ad sales several times a school year, but Ritchey said there were several differences between those "legitimate" campaigns and the recent phone solicitations.

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NERDS on stage Thursday at Elbow School

Special to the Herald

The Morris Brothers, hosts of FOX TV's afternoon cartoon lineup, will perform school assemblies at Elbow Elementary on Thursday.

The assemblies are scheduled for 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The last performance is open to parents.

The Morris Brothers, Homer and Rupert, tout themselves as "NERDs," which stands for "Never Ending Radical Dudes." Their 45-minute performance teaches in a fun way about friendship, teamwork, self-confidence and how to be a bully-free school.

The assemblies are hosted by Forsan Independent School District and Between Your Ears Entertainment. For more information, contact Elbow Elementary at 398-5444.



By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The race for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council is finally heating up, as two local residents have thrown their hats into the political arena.

Clint Collins, 44, pastor at Life Church, has filed his candidacy for the District 5 seat with the Big Spring City Secretary's office. Also filing for the seat is 48-year-old Raul Benavides, a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments.

According to Collins, several local residents approached him and encouraged him to file to run for the District 5 seat.

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"We're at a point where we really need progressive leadership for Big Spring," Collins said. "The city's infrastructure is my biggest concern going into 2013 and beyond. There is a huge potential for growth in the city with the current oil boom and we need to do what we can to prepare for it. We also need to pay close attention to housing and zoning for similar reasons."

Benavides said he feels his experience makes him the best person for the council seat.

"I feel like I can use my experience with Edward Jones and the various boards I've sat on to help Big Spring move forward," Benavides said. "I've served with the Midland County Housing Authority, Downtown Midland Lions Club and I currently sit on the finance council of Holy Trinity Catholic Church."

Forsan ISD board. They and

challenger Joanne Sayles will

contest the two open at-large

seats up for election, Super-

intendent's Secretary Judy

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Dustin Gaskins have filed for

the two at-large seats up for

election in May. Also, Mi-

chael Wigington is the sole

announced candidate so far

Park said.

Benavides said anticipated growth in the Crossroads area due to the recent and expected booms in the oilfield are the most important challenges facing Big Spring in the next few years.

"I feel like we have to prepare for the anticipated growth," Benavides said. "That's going to mean looking closely at infrastructure and housing in the area. Zoning is also going to be a major concern because once the

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Trustee spots draw interest

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

In something of a rarity, a majority of area school districts will have contested trustee elections this year.

With the candidate filing deadline roughly 48 hours away, three of the five area school districts holding elections this May will feature contested elections, school officials said. At Coahoma Independent School District, incumbents Michael Brooks and Craig Ferguson and challenger Rory Gammons, a dispatcher with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, will vie for two at-large seats up for election this year, Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs said.

Incumbents Tom Bill Kuykendall and Chris Evans are seeking another term on the



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to fill the remaining two years on the trustee seat recently vacated by Bill Barnes.

In other races:

• Big Spring ISD has hree single-member district seats are up for election this year — District 5, currently held by Chad Wash; District 6, currently held by Jeff Brorman and District 7, in which Phil Fuqueron is the incumbent.

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Obituaries

Hughetta Lowe Roberts



Hughetta Lowe Roberts, 89, of Big died Spring Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in a local home. nursing Funeral services will be held at 11 Thursday, a.m. Feb. 28, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood

Chapel with her grandson, Pastor Gavin Reed of Abingdon, Va., officiating. He will be assisted by her son-in-law, Dean Marchant and the Rev. John McCullough. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Collingsworth County, Texas, and married F.L. "Shorty" Roberts on April 28, 1942, in Gould, Okla. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1995.

Hughetta and Shorty moved to Big Spring in 1973 from Wellington, Texas. She served as organist at Berea Baptist Church and was employed there for more than 25 years. She was a lifetime member of TOPS.

Survivors include three sons, Roland Roberts of Comanche, Neal Roberts and wife Kay of Big Spring and Ron Roberts and wife Debbie of Venice, Calif.; two daughters, Alvina Marchant and husband Dean of San Antonio and Cindy Reed and husband Kent of Camdenton, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and 21 greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Andy and Josie Lowe; one sister, Peggy Squyres; and one brother. Odie Lowe.

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

Paid obituary

Marciano 'Marcy' Gracia



2013, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

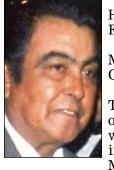
He was born June 8, 1960, in Brownsville to Gregoria and Rolando Gracia. He grew up in Brownsville and married Mary Flores in 1981. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1977 to 1981 before moving to Big Spring.

He worked as a carpenter and general contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Yvette Roach and Sylvia McCormick, both of Big Spring; one son, Jacob Flores of Lubbock; five sisters, Marcela Hawk and Vivana Hernandez of San Antonio, Ventura Hermosillo of Fort Worth and Marta Mata and Maria Vallejo of Brownsville; two brothers, Francisco Gracia of Mission and Primitivio Gracia of Brownsville; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay our respects online at www.my smith.com

Madaleno Castillo



Madaleno Castillo, age 70, of Hermleigh passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

Rosary for Mr. Castillo was held Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Roy Badillas officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direc-

tion of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Castillo was born June 19, 1942, in Bastrop, Texas, to Federico and Josefina Castillo. He married Elvira Moreno on Dec. 17, 1960, in Colorado City, Texas.

Mr. Castillo is survived by his wife, Elvira Castillo of Hermleigh, Texas; two daughters, Josephine Garcia of Big Spring, Texas, and Melinda M. Rios of Clyde, Texas; four sons, Michael Castillo of Hermleigh, Texas, Alejandro Castillo of Snyder, Texas, Madaleno Castillo Jr. of San Angelo, Texas, and Emanuel Castillo of Odessa, Texas; three sisters, Freddie and Mary Castillo, Alice Luera and Lydia Guerra, all of Snyder, Texas; three brothers, Gregory Castillo of Lubbock, Texas, Freddy and Gloria Castillo of Snyder, Texas, and Eusefio and Gloria Mireles of St. George, Kan.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Castillo was preceded in death by his parents

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting www.wcfhonline.com

Edward Reeves Moren

Edward Reeves Moren, 85, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating.

Reeves was born Nov. 18, 1927, in Breckenridge, Texas, and married Elizabeth Smith on Sept. 19, 1954, in Texarkana, Arkansas.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and a member

of the Epworth Sunday School Class. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, graduating with a Chemical Engineering degree. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force. After his military service, he returned to Big Spring to help his father with his Western Auto Store. He spent the next 40 years working and owning that store. Reeves was a member of the Gideons International Big Spring Camp, and volunteered for the VA Hospital and most recently the Isaiah 58 Food Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Moren of Big Spring; two sons, William E. Moren and Richard Reeves Moren and wife Susan, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Moren and wife Mary of Andrews; and one sister, Anna V. Hart and husband Ira Joe of Lakeside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Edward and Eula Kate (Norton) Moren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideons International, Big Spring Camp, P. O Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133; or the Radio meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for Ministry of The First United Methodist Church of more information. Big Spring, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www. npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

• LAQUITA LASHAY GRAY, 34, of 1515 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and a warrant from another agency.

• AMY MONIQUE WEBBER, 41, of 3214 Oasis, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JOEY DALE GOODWIN, 39, of 510 Donley, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

 SARAH JANE SMITH, 23, of 2626 Hunter, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts).

• PEDRO SOTO VALDIVA, 33, of 1603 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disregarding a stop sign.

• DARRYL LEE MILLER, 37, of 710 Pine, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft of service more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

WAYNE VAUGHN BATEMAN, 21, of 101 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear (four counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license when unlicensed.

• MICHAEL DAVID BOOTH, 23, of 2626 Hunter. was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding, failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

 JOHN EDWARD MOSS, 52, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• MELANIE WILLIAMS, 31, of Anaheim, Calif. was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of Scurry.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3800 block of Connally.

Sheriff

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

Note — Arrest activity was not available at press time due to a computer problem at the HCSO.



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

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 6th Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was airlifted from the scene.

• DOWN POWER LINE was reported in the 2600 block of Warehouse Road.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group

Marciano "Marcy" Gracia, 52, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 26,

P.E. Osburn

P.E. Osburn, 90, of Paducah, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, in Paducah.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at Chillicothe Cemetery with Randy Wilson officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

P.E. was born April 17, 1922, in Oglesby, Texas, the son of the late W.C. Osburn and Louvena Chamblee Osburn. He had lived in Paducah since 2003. He served in the US Navy during World War II as a seaman machinist mate first class. He also served in Coast Guard as a firefighter and worked for Texaco for 32 years.

He is survived by three sons, Zack Osburn of Paducah, Bryan Osburn and Bruce Osburn, both of of Odessa, Texas; two daughters, June Cooper of Brownfield, Texas, and Sheral Freeman of Odessa, Texas; three brothers, Kenneth Osburn, Glendon Osburn and Loran Osburn, all of Houston, Texas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to CRMC Hospice c/o Children Reg. Med. Center, Highway 83 N. Paducah, TX 79201.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com

Johnny Rueda



Johnny Rueda, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, at Memorial Hospital. Midland be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Trinity p.m. until 9 p.m. Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

He was born Jan. 16, 1957, in Bryan, Texas. He married Alice Baker in 2002 in Big Spring. He worked as a driller in the oilfield. He is survived by three sons,

William and Anthony of Lubbock

and Johnny Ray Michael Rueda Jr. of El Paso; three brothers, James, Ruben and Freddie Rueda; one sister, Margaret; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his father, James Rueda; and one sister, Lupe.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Sapopa Salazar

Sapopa Salazar, 96, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



The Big Spring Prospector Club 44th Annual UNIQUE GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW March 2 and 3, 2013 Saturday 9:00 AM.. 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM.. 5:00 PM

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News in brief

Pope greets pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for final time

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Benedict XVI is greeting pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for the final time before retiring, waving to tens of thousands of people who have gathered to bid him farewell.

Benedict was driven around the square in an open-sided vehicle, surrounded by bodyguards. At one point he stopped to kiss a baby handed up to him by his secretary.

St. Peter's was overflowing and pilgrims and curiosity-seekers were picking spots along the main boulevard nearby to watch Wednesday's event on giant TV screens. Some 50,000 tickets were requested for Benedict's final master class on the Catholic faith, but Italian media estimated the number of people actually attending could be double that.

Kerry talks with France about next steps toward boosting

Syrian rebels, pressuring Iran

PARIS (AP) — New U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has held his first official meeting with France's leadership amid increasing efforts by both countries to bolster Syria's opposition.

Kerry met Wednesday with French President Francois Hollande in Paris, chatting in French on the front steps of the Elysee Palace.

The war in Syria and Iran's nuclear program have topped the agenda of Kerry's tour of Europe and the Middle East.

Officials in the United States and Europe said Tuesday the U.S. administration is nearing a decision on whether to provide non-lethal assistance to carefully vetted fighters opposed to Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Gain without pain: Economists say fixing the U.S. debt doesn't have to mean damaging the economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — An ax is scheduled to hit the federal budget Friday: Unless the White House and Congress reach a budget deal by then, automatic cuts will carve \$85 billion out of the budget through Sept. 30 and \$1.2 trillion over the next decade.

The cuts in defense spending, unemployment benefits and other programs could slow an already struggling economy. And they would leave unaddressed the biggest long-term threats to the government's finances — rising bills for Medicare and Social Security.

Economists say there's a better way. Shrinking the federal debt doesn't have to mean either hurting the economy now or ignoring the spending burdens of the future.

Economists widely agree that policymakers should delay deep cuts such as the ones slated to take effect Friday until the economy has strengthened. But they say lawmakers should come up with a realistic long-term plan to fix the debt as soon as possible. The plan would raise revenue and promote economic efficiency by closing tax loopholes, and it would focus cuts on the health care spend-

Fatigued by crises of Washington's making, Americans tune out fight over federal spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama is pulling out all the stops to warn just what could happen if automatic budget cuts kick in. Americans are reacting with a collective yawn.

They know the shtick: Obama raises the alarm, Democrats and Republicans accuse each other of holding a deal hostage, there's a lot of yelling on cable news, and then finally, when everyone has made their points, a deal is struck and the day is saved.

Maybe not this time. Two days before \$85 billion in cuts are set to hit federal programs with all the precision of a wrecking ball, there are no signs that the White House and Republicans in Congress are even negotiating. Both sides appear quietly resigned to the prospect that this is one bullet we just may not dodge.

Still, for all the grim predictions, Americans seem to be flipping the channel to something a little less, well, boring. They wonder, haven't we been here before?

Hagel takes charge as defense secretary after bitter Senate fight over his nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chuck Hagel takes charge at the Defense Department with deep budget cuts looming and Republican opponents still doubtful that he's up to the job.

Hagel is expected to be sworn in Wednesday and is likely to address the staff in his first day as defense secretary. The bitter, seven-week fight over his nomination ended Tuesday as a deeply divided Senate voted 58-41 to confirm him. Just four Republicans joined Democrats in backing the former twoterm Republican senator from Nebraska and twicewounded Vietnam combat veteran.

"I am honored that President Obama and the Senate have entrusted me to serve our nation once again," Hagel said in a statement. "I can think of no greater privilege than leading the brave, dedicated men and women of the Department of Defense as they perform vital missions around the globe."

Challenge of forming coalition government in Italy: protest vote against austerity measures

ROME (AP) — A center-left group of parties appears to have the best shot at forming a coalition government in Italy after an inconclusive national election, but the challenge is steep and comes amid public anger over austerity measures.

If Italian parties fail to form a governing coalition, new elections would be required, causing more uncertainty and a leadership vacuum, and that possibility rattled financial markets across Europe on Tuesday. In early Wednesday trading in Milan, the FTSE MIB rebounded 0.8 percent.

Pier Luigi Bersani and his center-left allies appeared on Tuesday to have won a narrow victory in the lower house of parliament, while the Sen-

TxDOT teams up to promote safe driving in oil field

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — The Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Public Safety and oil and gas industry officials will gather at at 1 p.m. Friday to announce a public education campaign urging motorists to drive cautiously in high-traffic oil and gas production areas.

The event, to be held at the Midland County Auxiliary Courtroom, 500 N. Lorraine Street, is open to the public.

While the increase in oil and gas activity in the Permian Basin has created new economic opportunities, it also has put more vehicles on the region's roadways, creating new hazards for drivers who might not be used to the additional traffic,' a TxDOT spokesman said. "Preliminary TxDOT crash reports indicate the Permian Basin energy sector saw a 26 percent increase in roadway fatalities over the previous year.

Indeed, preliminary TxDOT crash reports indicate the Permian Basin energy sector saw 25,921 crashes and 317 traffic fatalities in 2012.

As part of its new Be Safe, Drive Smart campaign, TxDOT is partnering with other agencies in an effort to make oil field drives — and, in fact, all motorists — to be aware.

The campaign reminds all drivers to take basic safety precautions, including buckling up, driving a safe speed, passing carefully, always stopping for red lights and stop signs and avoiding using cell phones when they're behind the wheel.

SCAM

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Standard procedure for BSISD-approved campaigns are for coaches, athletes or booster club members to solicit advertising money in person, Ritchey said.

"If something like this comes from the Big Spring athletic program, it's going to be in the form of a personal visit," Ritchey said. "And these people will have credentials on them so folks can know they are who they claim to be."

He added the unauthorized solicitations have another negative

much money they can spend on advertising, so ad money that might directly benefit Big Spring athletics is, in fact, going elsewhere," Ritchey said.

If people have any questions as to the validity of any solicitation campaign involving Big Springathletics, Ritchey encourages them to call the high school at 264-3641, the athletic training center at 264-3662 or the school district's central office at 264-3600.

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

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ing that will rise relentlessly as the vast baby boom generation retires.

In the short term, though, what most worries economists is the threat of deep cuts this year.

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to make sure our city is

more beautiful than

The District 5 seat is

currently held by one-

term councilman Craig

Olson, who has indi-

cated he will not seek a

The race for the may-

oral seat is a contested

one. Local resident

Roger Rodman, 65, has

filed his candidacy for

the position. Rodman is

a medical technologist,

according to informa-

tion provided to the city

Rodman will face local

business owner Larry

McLellan in the May 11

election. McLellan is a

former president of the

Big Spring Economic

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The mayoral seat

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Tommy Duncan, who

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ate looks split with no party in control. Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian premier, is a key player since his coalition is now the second-biggest bloc in the upper chamber.

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For more information,

Administration

contact the Stanton Elec-

Office at 432-607-2540 or

Stanton City Hall at 432-

The municipal race

in Forsan has drawn a

pair of challengers, as

the at-large seats held

by Raymond Holguin,

Fred Holguin and Mary

Gressett are on the bal-

lot. According to For-

san officials, all three

incumbents have filed,

while challengers Rick

Ebert and Tracy Carey

will look to unseat two

For more information

on filing in the Forsan

contest, contact Forsan

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"This really hurts our cause because business people have only so

Mayor Roger Hudgins at 432-457-2274.

The deadline to file for candidacy in any of these races is 5 p.m. Friday. Early voting is slated to begin April 29.

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

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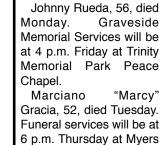
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is being handled by the city of Big Spring administration, while the election itself will once again be coordinated by the Howard County Elections Administration Office. For more information on filing to run in the May election, contact Big Spring City

Hall at 432-264-2513. The city of Coahoma is currently poised to re-elect its three council members by default, as incumbents Warren Wallace, Ronnie Dodson and Jay Holt are the lone filers in the city.

Wallace currently serves as the mayor of Coahoma, while both Dodson and Holt serve



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To date, Wash is the only candidate to file for the May election, BSISD Business Manager

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According to Stanton officials, however, the two incumbents are the only two to file for the seats. If no challengers file candidacy in the race by the Friday deadline, Villa and Fryar will likely win their respec-

single-member seats to be decided — District 1, in which Daniel Ramos is the incumbent, and District 5, currently held by Patrick. Both incumbents have filed for re-election, SISD Business Manager Brad Hol-

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Being honest with ourselves

recently passed a trailer less truck on the highway that had the following painted across the back of the cab; "Patience is a virtue. Unfortunately, it's not one of mine." You probably don't relate to that, and, of course, neither do I. How-

ever, I witnessed two residents of our fine city in action this past week who do understand the patience principle and what I observed from 10 feet away is partly the inspiration for today's literary expedition.

I really hate to be the one to break

the news to you, dear reader, but things aren't always going to be exactly the way we want them. It's called life and what we do when we are presented with its challenges largely defines us and reveals our character, or lack of such.

We are all familiar with our neighboring city's billboard as we pass through going West on I-20. It informs travelers that their community is home to "3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads." Personally, I am proud to call Big Spring home and I am glad it doesn't sport such a slogan for tourists to see, but from what I have observed lately, there are some folks in our beloved hometown that seem determined to taint our reputation as a city relatively free of soreheads.

The incident I witnessed Sunday involved two citizens of our community in a business place that was, for some undisclosed reason, experiencing a degree of difficulty in providing the level of service expected and desired by both the customers and, I am certain, the business owner as well. One of the parties involved was very patient and respectful to the workers, even though from what I had witnessed, there was plenty of cause to be upset. The other person involved would be well served to move to our neighboring city and add their name to the sorehead list. The first person was quiet, composed and considerate even though frustration was evident. The second was rude, demanding

and insulting, even subjecting all of us in the vicinity to swearing and just plain embarrassing behavior.

Another matter has surfaced lately that needs to be addressed. Due to a multiplicity of valid reasons, our city is having a challenging time keeping all of the streets repaired and there are some who drive past our city employees and have the audacity to curse and degrade the workers as they are doing their jobs filling holes and other tasks. It is absurd and unacceptable that someone driving past men and women working hard are subjected to such displays of classless behavior. If you are guilty of doing such, you need help and a serious attitude adjustment.

Things, either good or bad, that we encounter in the course of living require a response. The attitude we take and exhibit when faced with a negative situation is a choice and the actions taken in those situations affect us and others either positively or negatively. Let me share a few basic principles to employ when faced with an opportunity to define who you really are.

I read recently that the golden rule of staying positive in a negative situation is to control your response. Take a deep breath, count to 10 or do whatever it takes to isolate yourself from the negativity. Wait until you calm down and have thought clearly about your response. If you respond out of emotion you will only make things worse. Remember Thumper's rule. "If you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all." That's good advice when you find yourself in a negative situation because those situations are compounded when they cause you stress, which inevitably leads to improper and unhealthy responses.

Secondly, learn from negative situations. Look at a negative situation or event as an opportunity to learn and grow personally.

Albert Einstein said "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." Don't channel your energy into a negative reaction, but into something positive that will make the situation better, not worse. If you do react in a negative manner, note it and the cir-

cumstances that caused it. Learn from it by identifying the triggers that caused your reaction so you can watch for them in the future and train yourself so you control the situation instead of allowing the situation to control you and your actions.

Finally, remember that we are all human and we all make mistakes. Some folks have a hard time accepting and admitting their infallibility, but so much positive comes from being totally honest with ourselves about our own imperfections. The good that comes out of that, in addition to personal growth, is our willingness to be tolerant and forgiving of others when they fail to meet our expectations. An un-acceptance of our own imperfections will nurture a very unhealthy self-righteous attitude that will always lead to conflict.

The two people who put their feelings on public display this past Sunday spoke volumes to me about this issue. What good comes out of making someone else miserable because you aren't happy with a situation? What example are you showing your children or anyone else that witnesses your actions?

Martha Washington said. "I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition." She must have been familiar with the Apostle Paul's words in his letter to the Philippians (Chapter 4, verse 12) that declared his learning to be content in whatever situation he found himself in. Amazingly he penned those words from a prison cell in Rome.

Why don't we all take a good look in the mirror and make sure what we see is the reflection of someone who really cares about making their world a better place to live in? You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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In denial over 'Zero Dark Thirty'

ou've got to admit that it's awfully precious that there was a huge controversy about "Zero Dark Thirty" because Kathryn Bigelow's film suggested that enhanced interrogation techniques helped intelligence officials find

Osama bin Laden but no controversy about the final mission in the movie to kill, but not capture, the al-Qaida leader.

Some of the

ers believe that

Bigelow, actress

and screenwriter Mark Boal of

well-deserved Oscars. Maybe so

but maybe not; a number of fine

But it cannot have helped that

Ed Asner and other Hollywood

not to vote for the film, because

they believed that it glorified

didn't help that author Naomi

It also cannot have helped that

the family of Sept. 11 flight at-

tendant Betty Ann Ong - who

Wolf called Bigelow a "Leni

"torture." And it probably

lefties urged Academy members

films were up for best picture

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this year.



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alerted American Airlines that her plane was being hijacked -was demanding that filmmakers apologize for using Ong's voice, list her name among the credits and include a disclaimer that the Ong family does not endorse torture.

Other critics have acknowledged that Bigelow and Boal depicted the ugly side of intelligence extraction, but they expressed dismay that the film did not depict more hand-wringing on the part of CIA interrogators and decision-makers.

It also cannot have helped the film's Oscar prospects that three senators — Democrats Dianne Feinstein and Carl Levin and Republican John McCain — sent a letter to Sony Pictures to voice their "deep disappointment" in the film's "suggestion that torture resulted in information that led to the location of ... bin Laden." The three senators also harrumphed that the movie was "factually inaccurate."

The irony here is that the letter prompted acting CIA Director Michael Morell to acknowledge that though he thought the film had sold the agency's dogged teamwork short in many ways and falsely left the impression that the agency's "former detention and interrogation program were the key to finding bin Laden," some of the intelligence that led to bin Laden indeed

"came from detainees subjected to enhanced techniques."

The controversy also dredged up a 2011 letter that Leon Panetta, defense secretary and former CIA director, sent to McCain. The Washington Post reported that Panetta wrote, "Some of the detainees who provided useful information about the facilitator/courier's role had been subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques." Panetta also has said he believes that the information could have been extracted without enhanced interrogation techniques.

Both letters suggest that on the senators' big sticking point whether enhanced techniques helped bring bin Laden to justice - "Zero Dark Thirty" was on the money. What they call torture produced results, and they don't want the public to know that. That's why some heavyweights in Washington and Hollywood were rooting for Bigelow and company to fail.

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Riefenstahl-like propagandist of torture."



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Keelp Big Spring Beautiful and TexStone Quarries recently donated a bench at Comanche Trail Park in honor of the late Russ McEwen, a former Big Spring mayor and businessman. Family members, McEwen's wife and daughter (seated) were on hand for the President's Day event, as well various business leaders and KBSB members. Behind the bench is a tree which had previously been planted in memory of McEwen.

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Tanner Ruiz, a student at Coahoma High School, is the Greater Big Spring Rotary Student of the Month for January. Pictured left to right are Rotary President Ken McIntosh, Ruiz, parents Sandy and Juan Ruiz and Janie Conley representing Coahoma Independent School District.

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equested by a patron, Dr. Phil McGraw's newest self-help book, "Life Code: New

Rules for Winning in the Real World" (158.1)MCG P), is about how the rules have changed. Much of the con-

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Hollis **McCright**

the last generation passed just doesn't apply like it once did. If you want to win, and win big, and keep what you have worked hard for, then you need a crystal clear picture of how the real world works.

According to Dr. Phil, he will tell you the ugly truth about the users, abusers and overall "bad guys" we all have in our lives and how to circumvent them.

I suppose times have changed, but I kind of subscribe to the Golden Rule: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and "what comes around, goes

around;" but that is just me.

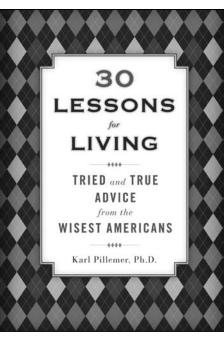
"30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans" (305.260 PIL K) was conceived by Karl Pillemer, a noted gerontologist, after a chance encounter with a 90-year-old woman. His quest led him to ask questions from more than a thousand Americans, age 65 and up to share their advice on living. Pillemer asked all the big issues — marriage, children, money, careers, regret and happiness. He found the counsel he received led to 30 lessons for living. One lesson is paramount in a marriage for it to be happy — never keep score. The biggest single regret you

will have is likely to be an act of dishonesty; and not only must you choose happiness, you really can. This is really an amazing book, one that I would encourage everyone to read. I think it would make an excellent manual for a couple?s class or perhaps a pre-marriage class.

"Hidden America: From Coal Miners to Cowboys" (305.562 LAS J) by Jeanne Marie Laskas is the exploration of occupations that make America work. Laskas dives deep into her subjects and makes these character-driven stories into a gripping and revelatory tale. Stories of the men who go deep into the earth at the Hopedale Coal Mine in Cadiz, Ohio; you learn of Smitty and the mail-order bride; Pap and his dying mother. Life on the North Slope on an oil drilling rig ever hear of a polar bear cage? I now have. A beef ranch in Texas; a landfill in California; a gun shop in Arizona; and life as a Ben-Gal Cheerleader in Cincinnati. It is a fascinating book; one that is hard to put down.

If you have seen the movie "Argo" then you may wish to read the book from which it came. Written by Antonio Mendez and Matt Baglio, "Argo: How the CIA and Hollywood Pulled Off the Most Audacious Rescue in History" (955.054 MEN A), it is the account of the 1979 rescue of the six American hostages from Iran. After 30 years of silence, Mendez finally details the extraordinary complex and dangerous operation he led. "Argo" is a pulse-pounding account of the escape of six Americans from an embassy amidst the terror that was Tehran in the late 1970s. His name wasn't

Chester Nez. That was the English name he was assigned in kindergarten. And in boarding school at Fort Defiance, he was punished for speaking his native language, as the teachers sought to rid him of his culture and traditions. But discrimination didn't stop Chester from answering the call to defend his country after Pearl Harbor, for the Navajo have always been warriors, and his upbringing on a New



Mexico reservation gave him the strength — both physical and mental — to excel as a Marine. During World War II, the Japanese had managed to crack every code the United States used. But when the Marines turned to its Navajo recruits to develop and implement a secret military language, they created the only unbroken code in modern warfare, and helped assure victory for the United States over Japan in the South Pacific. You may read his story in "Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII" (B NEZ C). The Texas Folklore

Society has been in

than 100 years. The secret to its longevity is that it welcomes new contributors. In recent years, that has been new members, even young members high school and college-age students who present papers alongside longtime members such as Kenneth W. Davis and Rhett Rushing. The goal of TFS is collect the collect, preserve and present the lore of Texas and the South-

existence for more

west. Tumbleweed Smith was kind enough to donate "First Timers and Old Timers: The Texas Folklore Society Fire Burns On" (398.209 UNT K) edited by Kenneth L. Untiedt. Published in 2012 by the UNT Press, it is the LX-VIII Publication of the Texas Folklore Society.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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Sudoku Answers on Page 3

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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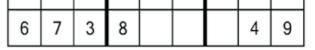


East dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH ♥A 10 8 3 ♦J982

was that he didn't have one to lead. So, after dummy played low, East won the spade with the ace and returned the deuce of clubs, confident that West would ruff. West ruffed, as expected, and

then had to decide whether to lead a spade at trick three (in the hope that





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3 🐥 Opening lead — jack of spades.

It is generally acknowledged that defense is the most difficult part of the game. For an example of fine defense, consider this deal where East-West performed to perfection and, as a result, took the first seven tricks against South's three-heart contract.

West led the jack of spades, and East correctly concluded that the only good reason his partner could have for not leading a club initially East had been dealt the singleton ace) or whether to return a low diamond (hoping East had the ace).

This was not a difficult decision. The meaning of East's return of the deuce of clubs - when it was clear from the bidding that East was not leading his fourth-best club - was easy to interpret. East was indicating, via a suit-preference signal, that he wanted West to lead a diamond the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits — after he ruffed the club. Had East desired a spade lead, he would have returned a high club instead.

So, after ruffing the club, West led a low diamond to East's ace, and East led another club for West to ruff. West then cashed the K-Q of diamonds, East discarding the three of spades, and led a spade, which East ruffed. South scored the rest of the tricks, but the upshot was that he was down three — 300 points — as a result of the excellent defense he encountered.

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Grady stays alive; Garden City, Sands fall

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports

Sports Editor

GRADY

SEMINOLE – And then there was one. No. 8 Grady rolled past Ropes in a Class A, Division II regional quarterfinal playoff round Tuesday, routing the Eagles 72-38 using a balanced offensive attack and aggressive defense.

With the win, the Wildcats (25-6) advanced to the regional semifinal, where they will meet the winner of the Whitharral-Nazareth game

which is being held today due to a weather postponement.

Grady jumped out to an early lead, outscoring Ropes 24-4 in the first period. The Wildcats went on to build a 43-20 lead by the half and then held the Eagles to just 18 points in the final quarters

"Obviously, we're happy with last night's game," GHS Head Coach Thomas Clay said. "We has several guys play well. We're not a very big team — we had to keep pressure on them."

The Wildcats have relied on their quickness to get them

this far and Clay plans to keep the same uptempo game plan regardless of who they face in the semifinal.

"We're going to run them," Clay said. "When you are as fast as us, you have to just commit to it. We're fast as far as offensive is concerned, but we are blazingly fast on defense. This is by far the fastest team I have ever coached."

Brandon Lucas led Grady with 20 points, while E.J. Rodriguez put up 15, Michael Jiminez added 12 and Taylor Polson and Ivan Sanjuan each

chipped in seven.

Last season, the Wildcats went as far as the state semifinal before losing to Graford. Clay believes his current team has what it takes to go just as far, or further.

"It's impossible for me to look past the next game," Clay added. "But if you compare the two teams, we're faster. We're a more well-balanced team. We had six guys return from that team. They are used to winning."

The Wildcats will take the court Friday at 1 p.m. at the Texan Dome on the South

Plains College campus in Levelland.

GARDEN CITY

LAMESA — The Bearkats' season came to an end Tuesday. No. 19 Garden City - who finished second in district behind Water Valley — was cruising through the playoffs until they ran into Ira's suffocating defense and bowed out of the postseason, losing 59-41.

It was all Bulldogs (No. 23) from buzzer to buzzer.

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Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

The Grady boys basketball team poses with the regional quarterfinal trophy after a 72-38 win over Ropes on Tuesday in Seminole. The Wildcats will go on to the regional semifinal round where they will face either Whitharral or Nazareth.

Rangers' pitcher Lewis could be back sooner than expected

By STEPHEN HAWKINS don't want to take any

Bucks, Ellis spoil Nowitzki's 20-20 game

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Sports Writer

DALLAS – Monta Ellis made sure the Milwaukee Bucks didn't lose another close game. DirkNowitzki couldn't do the same, even with a stat line the Dallas Mavericks had not seen from their star in nearly 10 years. Ellis scored 22 points, and the Bucks spoiled Nowitzki's first game since April 2003 with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds in a 95-90 victory over the Mavericks on Tuesday night.

backcourt Brandon Jennings on the bench, Ellis twice put the Bucks ahead in last time on a jumper a drive wasn't close. for a 92-90 lead with 1:03 remaining. Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak — all by three points or fewer, just the third time that's happened in franchise history.

mate Vince Carter missed is crazy and I've seen a 3-pointer, and after Nowitzki's 20 threbound at the other end, Darren the final 2 minutes, the Collison's wild shot on The Mavericks, who have made the playoffs 12 straight years, fell games behind five Houston for the final postseason berth in the Western Conference with 26games remaining. Dallas had a chance late in its last three losses in a season full of close defeats.

a lot happen. But it's definitely getting tight. If we want to make a push, we have to find a way to win those close

AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. — The Texas Rangers may need to take another name into consideration when trying to determine their fifth starter: Colby Lewis.

While the veteran right-hander will miss the start of the season still recovering from elbow surgery, Lewis will have a rotation spot when he's back — and that could be sooner than expected. If that happens, whoever starts the season in the No. 5 spot could end up being a temporary fill-in.

Lewis is scheduled to throw off a full mound for the first time in seven months Friday. He was set to throw long toss Wednesday, then have a day off before the anticipated bullpen session.

"I feel great, my big thing is that I don't want to push it too quick," Lewis said Tuesday, a day after throwing off an elevated mound that was still lower than a regular one. "When you feel as good as I feel right now, I just

steps backward. I'm just basically kind of letting days go by and wanting

When Lewis had surgery July 27 to repair a torn flexor tendon, he was expected to be out up to a year. Without any setbacks, the Rangers³ best postseason pitcher could be back by the end of May, maybe sooner.

The Rangers originally went into the spring with no intention of factoring Lewis into the equation when determining the fifth starter behind Yu Darvish, Matt Harrison, Derek Holland and Alexi Ogando.

Their thought process could be changing based on how Lewis is progressing so far in camp.

"He's doing so well right now it's hard not to factor that in, and I think we're going to have to at least consider the possibility," general manager Daniels "The welcome said. possibility that he'll be back earlier than expected, and whether or not that impacts

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Editor's note: Correction

In Tuesday's edition of the *Herald*, it was reported that the Howard College men's basketball team played at home against Frank Phillips. The opponent was actually New Mexico Military Institute.

The Hawks will play Frank Phillips College on Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the final home game of the regular season.

We apologize for the error.

to increase strength."

Playing point guard with struggling

"We can put that behind us now and build off of that," said Ellis, who also had game highs with nine assists and six steals.

Nowitzki had 21 points and 20 rebounds for the Mavericks, who had two chances to tie after Ellis' go-ahead basket.

"It's not looking good for sure," said Nowitzki, who had 25 points and 22 rebounds against the Lakers in his fifth 20-20 game on April 3, 2003. "This league

games."

J.J. Redick, playing his second game in Dallas in six days but in a different uniform after he was traded from Orlando to Milwaukee, had nine points at halftime, tied with Mike Dunleavy for the team lead, and finished with 14. Dunleavy had 13.

Redick stayed on the floor with Ellis in the final minutes, with Jennings watching after scoring eight points

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Minnesota dethrones No. 1 Indiana, 77-73

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Retaining that No. 1 national ranking has been elusive throughout this wild season in college basketball, and Indiana was the latest to lose at the top — again.

Most important and maybe more challenging for the Hoosiers, however, is holding on to first place in the tough-as-ever Big Ten.

Trevor Mbakwe had 21 points on 8-for-10 shooting and 12 rebounds to help Minnesota take down top-ranked Indiana 77-73 on Tuesday night, the seventh time the No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll has lost this season. Three of those losses were by the Hoosiers, who were No. 1 when they fell to Butler and Wisconsin earlier this season. All three opponents were unranked at the time.

Indiana (24-4, 12-3) has held the No. 1 ranking for 10 of the 17 polls by the AP this season, including the last four, and that will likely change next week. But fending off Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin is what's on the minds of the Hoosiers, who'll take a one-game lead in the conference race into Saturday's game against Iowa.

"Winning the Big Ten was going to be tough whether we won today or lost," said star guard Victor Oladipo, who had 16 points. "We knew it was going to be tough from the jump. Now it's even tougher. But I think my team is ready for it. We just have to go back and see what we did wrong and correct it."

Andre Hollins added 16 points for the Gophers (19-9, 7-8), who outrebounded Cody Zeller and the Hoosiers by a whopping 44-30 and solidified their slipping NCAA tournament hopes with an emphatic performance against the conference leader. The firedup fans swarmed the court as the last seconds ticked off, the first time that's happened here since a 2002 win over Indiana.

"There were just too many times when that first shot went up and they were there before we were because we didn't get into their bodies," Hoosiers coach Tom Crean said. "We weren't physical enough on the glass. That's the bottom line."

Zeller, the second-leading shooter in the Big Ten, went 2 for 9. He had nine points with four turnovers. Minnesota had 40 points in the paint to Indiana's 22.

Mbakwe, a sixth-year senior, had a lot to do with that. While positing his conference-leading seventh double-double of the season, the 24-year-old Mbakwe was a man among boys in many ways in this game, dominating both ends of the court when the Gophers needed him most. He grabbed six of Minnesota's 23 offensive rebounds, two of them to keep a key possession alive. His off-balance putback drew contact for a

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Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday March 18, 2013, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11/26/2012 in the entitled cause CHARLES M DAVIS vs. GINA DAVIS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Charles M. Davis v Gina Davis as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suite.

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While spring is a time to plant beautiful flowers in your yard, it also brings pesky insects out in numbers. Because of this, a potential hazard this time of year for pets is pesticides.

"Before choosing a pesticide read the label to ensure it is safe for your pet," said Michael Golding, assistant professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Avoid products with bone-meal as these can be tasty to your pet, and pesticides with organophosphates and carbamates as these can be extremely deadly."

The most common ways pets come into contact with pesticides is licking the toxic substances from their feet or coat, or by directly consuming the product from a container that has been left out.

If your pet begins showing symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, trouble walking, drooling, nausea, and/or tremors contact your veterinarian immediately as



these are signs that your pet is suffering from pesticide related toxicity.

"A common way pesticides cause problems in our pets is through organophosphates and carbamates,," said Golding. "They act as competitive inhibitors of acetylcholinesterase, a key component of the central nervous system that allows the brain to regulate the body."

While newer, more environmentally safe pesticides have a wider safety margin, they are still not 100 percent safe.

"A product that is labeled 'green' is not necessarily safe for dog/cat who decides to eat it," said Golding. "It is best to be safe, so call your vet

and read him/her the label information as soon as your pet has contact with the substance."

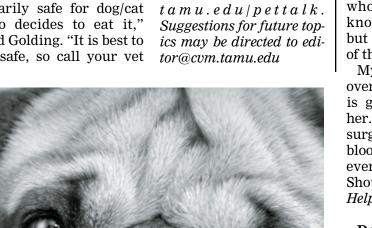
While pesticides are a main source for toxicity in pets, there are many other toxins in a home that pets can come into contact with.

"Garage toxins such as antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, and fertilizers, and kitchen toxins like chocolate, bread dough, grapes, and onions are examples of household items that can be problematic if your pet comes into contact with them," said Golding.

For any toxic exposure, contact your veterinarian immediately. Another excellent resource is also the Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680.

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Dear Annie: My daughter is a drug addict who is in and out of jail. Over the past 14 years, we have taken custody of her four children. Two of the kids are great. However, the other two are the problem.

The oldest girl just turned 18 and moved out. This kid made our lives miserable. She saw counselors multiple times and began cutting herself, and we finally had to have her committed to a hospital. We did whatever we thought would work, but nothing did. She quit school and now lives with any friend who will take her in.

Now, one of the other girls is 13 and doing the same thing. It's as if they lose their minds once they hit middle school. Her grades are down, she is getting into trouble at school, she cuts classes and has friend who relies on her for transbriefly run away

twice. The other two kids are very involved with school and church and are as good as they can be. But, Annie, we don't want to handle the 13-year-old anymore.

All of the counseling, the discipline, the problems, it's too much. My stomach is in knots trying to decide what to do. I am so tired of kids who think they know everything

but are dumber than dirt, and all of the drama they command.

My friends tell me to turn her over to foster care, but no one else is going to worry enough about her. My husband has had two heart surgeries in the past year, and my blood pressure is way too high, even though I take medication. Should I put her in foster care? — Helpless, Tired Granny

Dear Helpless: You sound like a caring, loving grandmother, but you are obviously overwhelmed by this difficult situation. You are not alone. Please contact the AARP Foundation GrandCare Support Locator at giclocalsupport.org for a list of available agencies and organizations in your area that help grandparents raising grandchildren. Some of them offer respite care, and it sounds like you could use that kind of assistance.

get married. Would it be proper to ask whether we could invite a few to the wedding?

My husband's ex-wife and her husband are inviting all of their friends and relatives.

I know my husband is hurt. I have told him to call his son and just ask. Is this OK? — Concerned *Stepmom*

Dear Concerned: Yes. Is your husband contributing to the cost of the wedding? If so, he should have been allotted a small guest list of his own. If he is not contributing, he should offer to pay for the cost of adding his friends to the event.

Dear Annie: "Frustrated" said she felt taken advantage of by a

portation. You suggested setting time limits.

As a woman who is disabled and unable to drive, time gets away from me when I'm out.

I need to have the visual stimulation every now and then. "Frustrated's" friend may be in a similar situation.

And the intellectual stimulus of being with her friend may help her mood tremendously, since being

stuck at home can make a person depressed.

Please ask "Frustrated" to have patience for her friend. -Louisville, Ken.

Dear Louisville: Many readers assumed this friend was disabled, but the writer made no mention of it. If there is a disability preventing someone from driving, of course it would require additional patience and time to be accommodating. But if the friend simply doesn't have a license, she needs to be more considerate of those who make the effort to transport her.

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Dear Annie: My husband's son is getting married in July. We have not been asked whether we would like to invite any of our close friends to the wedding.

I know my husband would like to have his good friends see his son

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Invocation of the Muses

What's your relationship with your muse? Do you meet often, warmly whiling away the hours, or do you hustle past each other on the street like total strangers? Do you dance? Argue? As Lady Venus flirts with King Neptune over the next three days, the muses want to be adored. Whatever your relation-

ship, consider expanding it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You feel wonderful about yourself when you make others feel good about themselves. It's a talent for sure, and one that requires an astute mind and a high level of attention.

HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Instead of imagining how you might succeed in business, think about how you could help your clients and customers succeed. Your success depends on the positive difference you make in the lives of others

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a limit to what can be accomplished through thinking. At some point, you have to test the theory. In today's case, the outcome will be surprising and nothing at all like you thought.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Are you on a quest, or just in a dramatic mood? Beware: Questing can be a habit instead of a bona fide activity. You may find out that you already

have what you seek.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In some way, you'll pour out stale feelings to make way for warm, loving ones. It's similar to the way you must empty your cup of the old, cold coffee before you can properly accept a new brew.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll overlook the peccadilloes of certain friends, but when your nearest and dearest commit such offenses, you feel it's your responsibility to acknowledge it, if only to keep things honest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As your planets angle to cook up a financial snafu, you might consider seeing it as a math quiz of sorts. And if you have the right attitude, this ultimately leads you to a better relationship with money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You do not deem it necessary that everyone obey you. But you cannot be an effective leader unless your team follows you at least some of the time. So don't be afraid to request this at key points today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Right away you notice something to like in the new people you meet, and you forge fast bonds. Ironically, you're unconcerned about whether or not they like you, and they genuinely like you because of this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life will give you reasons to get physical. Your hard work in this regard will pay off first in a short-term exercise high and later as a general contribution to your good health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone who once caused you stress will no longer be a bother to you. This person has moved on, and so will you. A smooth transaction this afternoon will be the first sign of progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll prove that the face of effective work is not always stern and serious. Sometimes it's no sweat. Through your chuckles and levity, you'll accomplish a significant feat.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 27). You have a burning desire and a clear right choice. Because you know what you must do, the consequences suddenly become inconsequential. Your work for the good of all won't be glorified, but it will be rewarded in deeply profound ways. Band together in April. June brings publicity. July adds romance. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 2, 33, 39 and 50.

AVOIDING THE FRIEND ZONE, **PART TWO:** In response to yesterday's Leo guy whose dating efforts landed him repeatedly in the friend zone:

Adept at performing, Leo guys can sometimes fall into the trap of playing the role they think girls want them to play. This may be part of your problem. While you're busy playing the nice guy who wines and dines the ladies, she can't tell who vou really are or what you really want, and this makes her feel uneasy.

Maybe you feel unsure of yourself or are not certain that you are worthy

of, or know what to do with, the kind of woman you fantasize about having a relationship with. If so, women will sense this, and they will avoid it. Can you blame them? It's a lot of work to be with someone who doesn't know what he wants or doesn't feel worthy of having it.

Seeking her approval might seem like what you should be doing, but what she'll find truly attractive is someone who doesn't need her approval. It takes confidence to step out of the mold of what you think she would like and claim your true desire. Confidence and leadership make her feel relaxed. When she's relaxed, the relationship can develop naturally.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces comic Wendy Liebman is known to deliver quick comedic turnarounds on the tail of her banter, as in: "I really like to shop ... lift." Or, "My family is really close ... genetically." Born when the moon and Uranus were in Leo, the sign of show business, Liebman has a special comfort level with the spotlight, and Mercury in Aquarius lends a love of word play.

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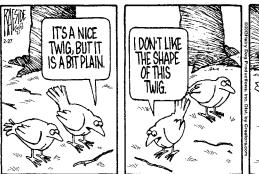
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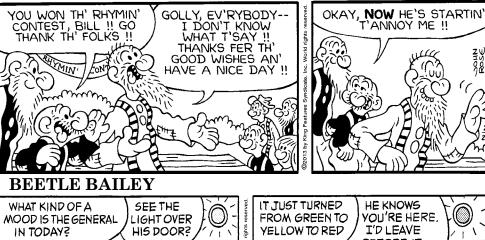
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on just 3-of-11 shooting. "I just felt like that group was playing well together," Bucks coach Jim Boylan said.

"I saw the game kind of slipping from us a little bit and felt I needed to get those guys out there again."

Larry Sanders had 11 of his 13 points in the second half and led Milwaukee with 13 rebounds.

The Mavericks had four chances to break an 88-all tie with less than 3 minutes left, but Nowitzki turned it over after three straight misses and offensive rebounds. The Mavericks shot 42 percent and were 1 of 17 from 3-point range.

O.J. Mayo, Dallas' leading scorer, bounced back with 18 points after scoring just eight on 2-of-9 shooting while Kobe Bryant dominated with 38 in the Lakers' win Sunday. Elton Brand had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Dallas led 88-83 after a jumper by Nowitzki, but Ellis answered with a three-point play and Dunleavy scored on a layup off a turnover by Nowitz-

ki — Ellis' sixth steal and one of 20 Dallas turnovers — to tie the score at 88.

"We built two or three eight-point leads and then proceeded to immediately let those leads go away," said Dallas coach Rick Carlisle. "The inability to sustain has been our nemesis all year."

The Mavericks went on an 8-0 run to finish the third quarter and erase what was Milwaukee's biggest lead to the point — four. Brand had a pair of jumpers and Nowitzki and Mayo had one apiece while the Bucks went the last 4 minutes of the quarter without scoring.

The last six minutes of the first half were a series of runs that ended with Dallas leading 49-44. Led by six from Brandan Wright, the Mavericks went on a 14-2 spurt for a 41-31 lead before the Bucks scored 10 straight to pull even.

Dallas went on an 8-0 run started by two buckets from Collison, who led the Mavericks with 11 points and four assists before halftime, but Dunleavy hit a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left to pull the Bucks within five.

Drew Gooden, who hadn't played in six games and sat out 15 of the previous 16, had eight points in the first half for the Bucks, one shy of his season high. He was the Milwaukee TV crew's choice for the halftime interview before going scoreless in the second half.

NOTES: The Bucks suspended C Samuel Dalembert for the Dallas game for an unspecified violation of team policy. He was relegated to a backup role after the emergence of Larry Sanders, although he did have 35 points, a career high, and 12 rebounds off the bench Feb. 5 against Denver. ... Mavericks G Anthony Morrow played just the final 3.9 seconds in Sunday's loss to the Lakers, his first game in uniform after coming over in a deadline trade with Atlanta. He got in the first quarter against the Bucks, and was 0 of 2 from the field in 3:41. ... Nowitzki drew a duck and a scowl from Carlisle when an errant baseball pass on an inbound play flew over Carlisle's head out of bounds for a turnover 29 seconds into the game.

LEWIS

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what we do remains to be seen. But it may."

For now, there are five primary candidates to be the fifth starter. They are non-roster invitees Randy Wells and Kyle McClellan, and a trio of pitchers who made their major league debuts last season: Martin Perez, Justin Grimm and Robbie Ross, who will have a role in the bullpen again if they're not starting.

Throwing off a half-mound Monday was a significant step for Lewis, who last pitched July 18 at Oakland. Manager Ron Washington was encouraged by what he saw.

"He's got his stroke, just don't have the strength in the arm yet.

... His stroke (from) behind is just like I'm sitting in Texas watching him on the mound," Washington said. "He walked off there happy and smiling, no residual (Tuesday), so that's a good thing."

Even though he is admittedly ahead of schedule, Lewis plans to remain cautious. He doesn't want to force things and have something go wrong.

"I don't want that feeling to go away, how good I feel," he said. "I just want to be cautious about it, and when I throw, not feel anything. I don't want any residual the next day."

Lewis was 6-6 with a 3.43 ERA in 16 starts last season before the torn tendon in his right elbow was diagnosed. He was also in the last year of his contract and facing the prospect of going into free agency while recovering from surgery.

But Texas unexpectedly gave him a \$2 million, one-year contract in September, two months after surgery. He can earn up to \$4 million more in incentives when he gets back on the mound.

Originally drafted by Texas in 1999 with a compensation pick between the first and second rounds, Lewis is 32-29 with a 3.93 ERA in 80 starts since rejoining the team in 2010 after two seasons in Japan. He is 4-1 with a 2.34 ERA in eight postseason starts -1-0with a 2.29 ERA in three World Series games.

Lewis knows things could have been a lot different without the one-year deal.

"I could have been in a situation where I could have had to hurry up the process along and try to come in and to make a ballclub with another team and possibly hurt myself and hurt the rest of my career," he said. "So I feel very fortunate that the Rangers gave me an opportunity to take my time and get right, not only for them but for my career also."

GRADY

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Garden City was held to just eight points in the first stanza and 18 in the opening half.

Up by 28 by the end of the third, Ira's lead was insurmountable.

Lance Morris, who spearheaded the Eagles' rout, had a game-high 28 points, while Garden City's top scorers were held to single digits. Juan Bustos and Corbin Davis led the Bearkats with eight points apiece, Dillon Koenning and Braeden Jones each accounted for six and

a meaninful rally.

"We did a very poor job of executing our game plan early," said Garden City Head Coach Koby Abney told the San Angelo Standard-Times. "We gave up way too many transition points early and dug ourselves a hole that we didn't get out of."

The Bearkats finished with a 23-8 record. Ira will play Throckmorton on Friday in Abilene at 7 p.m.

Other scores:

• Petersburg (13-2)defeated Sands (29-4), 39-29. Sands eliminated in Class A, D-II regional quarterfinal.



Sam Miller added five.

The Bearkats went on a 21-11 run in the fourth period, but it was too late in the game to stage

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Eriksson's OT goal lifts Stars past Blue Jackets

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Loui Eriksson said the game was no work of art – unless you can mold a masterpiece out of hard work, muscle and grit.

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Eriksson fought off two defenders to get his stick on a rebound and iammed it in 3:03 into overtime to give the Dallas Stars a 5-4 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night.

"It wasn't the prettiest game," Eriksson said. "But we'll take the two points and move forward."

Eriksson was being held back by a pair of Blue Jackets but reached for the puck as he was falling.

Before collapsing on the ice, he whipped it past goalie Sergei Bobrovsky for the win-

ner.

Cody Eakin had given the Stars a 4-3 lead with 6:24 left in regulation when his shot from the right wing handcuffed Bobrovsky, the puck trickling through his leg pads and across the goal line.

But the Blue Jackets once again tied it - for the fourth time — when Nick Foligno tossed a hard pass from the left short boards to R.J. Umberger, who scored from the right hash with just 1:34 remaining to force overtime.

"That was a backand-forth game, like a ping-pong game," said Dallas' Antoine Roussel, who like Eakin and Derek Roy had an assist to go with his goal.

Brenden Morrow also scored, and Stephane Robidas and Brenden

Dillon each had two assists for the Stars, who had lost three of four coming in.

"I thought we had some jump tonight," coach Glen Gulutzan said. "We limited their chances. The four goals (surrendered) we didn't like, but the shots were 39-20. We played a good road game."

It was a rare secondnight win for the Stars. They came in just 1-15-2 in the second game of their past 18 back-tobacks dating to last season.

"I'm sure you'll keep bringing that up,' Gulutzan half-joked with reporters. "It wasn't easy. That is a hard-working (Columbus) team. It was good to win."

Cam Atkinson, Nikita Nikitin and Derek





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Dorsett also had goals for Columbus, which opened a stretch with 10 of the next 12 games coming at home.

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Columbus coach Todd

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Adrian Aucoin's shot

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But the Blue Jackets still ran out of comebacks to lose their third in a row overall and sixth in seven games.

"We kept coming. I don't think that's ever been a question about this team this year," Umberger said. "The problem is we're just playing from behind too much. It's hard to play catch-up. But when we do get down, we're not quitting and that's a positive."

Foligno and Mark Letestu each had two assists for Columbus.

Just before the start, the Stars dealt right wing Michael Ryder and a third-round pick to Montreal for right wing Erik Cole in a swap of veteran forwards. The move came less than 24 hours after Ryder posted the first three-assist

MINNESOTA

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three-point play with 7:22 left that gave the Gophers a 55-52 lead.

Mbakwe was called for a loudly questioned blocking foul, his fourth, with 4:39 remaining on Zeller's fastbreak layup and free throw that put



and ended up in front of Atkinson on the edge of the left circle. He lifted the puck to beat Richard Bachman for his second of the second to square it.

Eriksson said Umberger's late goal could have been the Stars' undoing.

"It's always tough when you lose the lead like that," he said. "We have to be better than that. But today we found a way to win."

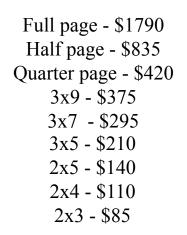
NOTES: Ryder had points in his final six games (2-7-9) with the Stars. ... The Blue Jackets have killed off their last 11 penalties over four games. ... Morrow's goal 5 minutes after the start gave him 242 as a Star, moving him within one of secondplace Jere Lehtinen on the franchise scoring list, well behind leader Mike Modano's 434. ... The Stars have scored at least three goals in each of their last 11 games.

the Hoosiers up 59-58. But Austin Hollins answered with a pump-fake layup that drew a foul for a three-point play and a two-point advantage for the Gophers.

The Hoosiers didn't lead again, and Joe Coleman's fast-break dunk with 2:35 left gave Minnesota a 68-61 cushion that helped it withstand a couple of 3-pointers by Christian Watford

and one by Jordan Hulls in the closing minutes. That was the only basket Hulls made after halftime. He had 17 points.

"Just the way we bounced back is unbelievable. We showed that we can beat one of the best teams in the country. Now we have to build off this," said Mbakwe, whose team lost eight of its previous 11 games starting with an 88-81 loss at Indiana on Jan. 12. The Gophers ranked eighth were then. They didn't even receive a vote in the current poll. That could change next week. The Hoosiers are still in position for their first outright Big Ten regularseason championship since 1993. With another home game against Ohio State on March 5, Indiana could still clinch the title before the finale at Michigan on March 10. For now, though, the Hoosiers have to regroup and re-establish their inside game after the trampling in the post they endured here. "They were relentless on the glass. We just didn't do a great job of boxing them out," Oladipo said.





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