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County to sign off on facility overcharges

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss a number of routine items, including an amendment to the inter-local agreement between the county and the city of Big Spring for overages in the recent construction of joint law enforcement center.

Commissioners are expected to consider an agreement with the city of Big Spring that will call for the municipality to cover half of the \$110,000 in overages the project incurred during the construction of the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center.

The facility — which was originally proposed by Sheriff Stan Parker and Big Spring Police Department Chief Lonnie Smith — houses both law enforcement agencies under the same roof, located adjacent to the county detention center.

City Council voted in late February to pay half of the \$110,000 budget-overages from the joint venture.

"While the initial agreement was for the city to pay \$1.7 million of the project, there were some overruns," City Attorney Linda Sjogren told the council at the time. "When it was all said and done, there were \$110,000 in overages. It was discussed

with the county, at which time it was agreed the overages would be split among the county and the city."

According to Howard County Judge Mark Barr, the amendment to the inter-local agreement has to be approved by both governments.

"The bill has already been paid, so this is just a

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Becky Saldivar pours batter onto the griddle during the Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper, held Friday at the Howard College cafeteria.

Less sleep Sunday
 Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.
 AP



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A work crew is shown replacing a light fixture at Big Spring Junior High School Saturday morning.

Swish! Hoops, Dreams and Goals returns to coliseum

Special to the Herald

The Ninth Annual Hoops Dreams and Goals 2013 competition is set for March 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Hoops, Dreams and Goals is an exhilarating event we use to celebrate Intellectual and developmental disabilities awareness month and to kickoff our spring to coincide with all the March Madness Basketball Tournaments going on across the nation," said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

"It's just a fun event that



Tony Claxton photo

brings our entire community together and gives our athletes a chance at some friend-

ly competition."

Ten teams representing 43 counties will compete in a day of tournament action beginning at 8:30 a.m. Teams will enter the coliseum led by a boisterous beat from the Big Spring High School Drum Line. Those in attendance will be welcomed by Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and an introduction of honored guests.

The teams will tip off at 9 a.m. and will follow bracket play. Teams participating are the Big Spring Heat,

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AARP Tax-Aide program continues at Sr. Center

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents looking to utilize the annual AARP Tax-Aide program, as the April 8 deadline for the effort looms on the horizon.

This year, taxpayers have until Monday, April 15, to file their 2012 tax returns and pay any tax due. The IRS expects to receive more than 147 million individual tax returns this year, with about

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Obituaries

David 'Shorty' Barr



David "Shorty" Barr, died at his home in Vincent, Texas, Thursday, March 7, 2013. Funeral services will be at Vincent Baptist Church Monday, March 11, 2013, at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Walter McCall, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Vincent Cemetery.

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

David Wyndell Barr was born to Maurene Tate and Leslie W. Barr in Snyder, Texas, Feb. 26, 1940. David lived in Vincent all his life, where he farmed and ranched in Howard and Borden counties. He graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Howard College before going to Texas Tech. David quit college in 1962 and came home to farm because his father was sick and unable to finish the crop.

He married his wife of 49 years, Patricia Lilly, June 15, 1963. David expanded his farming and ranching operation and in 1984 was named the Howard County Soil Conservation Farmer/Rancher of the year. Then in 2000, David "Shorty" Barr was named the Ag Producer of the Year. David was a Howard County commissioner for 12 years, representing Precinct 4. He also served on the Coahoma School Board, Vincent Cooperative Gin Board, Big Spring Cooperative Gin Board and the Wes-Tex Telephone Board of Directors.

When he was in high school and college, Shorty participated in rodeo. After college, he continued his involvement in rodeo as a rough stock judge. He judged the American Junior Rodeo Association Finals three consecutive years and the Howard

County Junior Rodeo many times.

For many years, Shorty managed a Vincent men's fast pitch softball team. When his son Dutch started playing Little League, Shorty began a 10-year-long involvement coaching boys' baseball. He constructed pitching mounds in his yard so young men would have a place to learn and practice pitching.

Shorty Barr will best be remembered for his love of stock shows. He raised show steers and heifers that were successful in livestock shows around the state. He was active in the Howard County Junior Livestock Association. In January 2010, during the livestock show sale, Shorty was recognized for his 33 years of participating as the sale "ring man." He will be remembered for his quick wit, and as the official joke teller as well as for his many acts of generosity. He was a lot of fun, a wonderful father, grandfather, husband and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son, Dutch W. Barr of Lubbock; a daughter, Lindy White and her husband David of Abilene; and two granddaughters, Mabelle Barr of Abilene and Charlotte White of Abilene. He is also survived by his brother, Col. (Ret.) Grady W. Barr of Tyler; and a sister, Nelda Thomas of San Antonio.

David was a member and deacon of Vincent Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vincent Cemetery in care of Sherry Hodnett, 1545 South FM 1611, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Pallbearers will be Dois Ray, Rodney Brooks, Marty Brooks, Steve Wolf, Lane Griffin, Keith Brockman, Billy Clyde Roberson and Vic Nartz.

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

Paid obituary

Arnulfo 'Shorty' Hernandez



Arnulfo "Shorty" Hernandez, 63, of Coahoma died Thursday, March 7, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 15, 1950, in Big Spring to Santiago and Arnulfo Hernandez. He married Manuela Rodriguez on April 12, 1969, in Big Spring. He worked for the City of Coahoma for 10 years. He worked for the City of Big Spring for three years and, more recently, the Brazos River Authority at Acton, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Manuela of Coahoma; three sons, Anthony Hernandez and his wife Sabrina and Michael Hernandez and his wife Sonya, all of Big Spring, and Aron Hernandez of Denton; three daughters, Katherine Gonzales and husband Sammy of Big Spring, Elizabeth Haston and husband Anthony of Coahoma, and Julie Arismendez and husband Michael of Sparenburg; two brothers, Rick Hernandez and wife Grace of Weatherford and Jerry Hernandez and wife Cindy of Long Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Loretta Hernandez of Fort Worth and Barbara Canady of Escondido, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Jean Hernandez; one grandson; one sister, Theresa McAdroy; and one brother, Danny Hernandez.

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

Wayne Henry

Wayne Henry, 74, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 9, 2013. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ina Stewart

Ina Stewart, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 9, 2013 in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DANIEL RIOS, 26, was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$50/under \$500.
- GUS WAYNE JACOBS, 55, 3111 S. Anderson Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- ALEXIS NICOLE PARKS, 17, 3228 Cornell, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- DONTAE RENELL CARR, 31, 3006 Cherokee, was arrested on charges of failure to give identifying information and possession of marijuana.

• AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 68, 1512 Wood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHAEL EDWARD BAKER, 46, 502 Young, was arrested on warrants for contempt of court and driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

• SHANNON LOUISE BEELER, 33, 1418 Stadium was arrested on warrants for contempt of court, failure to appear and failure to yield right of way.

• MICHAEL EUGENE MENDEZ, 36, 5219 Sterling, was arrested on warrants from another agency.

• THEFT was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700 and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the

dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 3/10	Mon 3/11	Tue 3/12
59/29 Sunny with gusty winds. High 59F. Winds N at 20 to 30 mph.	68/40 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	79/46 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	56	32	windy	Kingsville	73	48	t-storm
Amarillo	49	28	windy	Livingston	61	38	rain
Austin	63	37	rain	Longview	59	37	rain
Beaumont	70	44	t-storm	Lubbock	53	28	sunny
Brownsville	77	54	pt sunny	Lufkin	64	41	rain
Brownwood	61	34	windy	Midland	59	34	sunny
Corpus Christi	68	48	t-storm	Raymondville	78	52	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	34	pt sunny	Rosenberg	65	43	rain
Dallas	59	36	pt sunny	San Antonio	70	41	rain
Del Rio	72	44	windy	San Marcos	64	38	rain
El Paso	58	36	sunny	Sulphur Springs	58	35	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	60	34	sunny	Sweetwater	57	32	windy
Gainesville	53	30	pt sunny	Tyler	62	36	rain
Greenville	56	33	pt sunny	Weatherford	55	31	mst sunny
Houston	66	44	t-storm	Wichita Falls	52	29	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	53	pt sunny	Minneapolis	30	17	cloudy
Boston	42	32	pt sunny	New York	49	37	mst sunny
Chicago	47	32	rain	Phoenix	69	46	sunny
Dallas	59	36	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	47	sunny
Denver	41	26	sunny	Seattle	53	45	pt sunny
Houston	66	44	t-storm	St. Louis	56	32	rain
Los Angeles	74	50	sunny	Washington, DC	63	42	mst sunny
Miami	77	67	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Sun 3/10	Mon 3/11	Tue 3/12
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SUPER STAR

Take Note

• The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a community-wide Sky Warn Spotter class on Thursday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers. The speaker will be Pat Vesper, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service. There is no cost for this class and it is open to the public.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more

information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

• 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 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call

Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• 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.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in-office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

COUNTY

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situation where the city is reimbursing the county for half the overage," Barr said.

Also Monday, commissioners are expected to hear information regarding:

• Approval or denial of a bid purchase of property currently held in

trust by Coahoma Independent School District.

• An inquiry from the local Porsche Club regarding use of the old Howard County Airport facility. According to Barr, the club is looking for an area to race their cars. "They wanted to go out there and look at it and talk to the commissioners about the idea," Barr said. "However, there are some liability

issues the commissioners are concerned about and the old airport is currently leased to the Big Spring Development Corporation, so we'll just have to see what comes out of it."

• Executive session to consider issues regarding real estate.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are to meet with County Auditor Jackie Olson to discuss invoic-

es, purchase requests, proposed budget amendments and presentation of her office's monthly financial report. The court is to hear a presentation from CPA Don Stephens regarding the county's annual financial report.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman is to discuss Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's rules regarding on-site sewage fa-

cilities.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to present personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will present her office's monthly report.

Commissioners will also meet with County Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek to discuss pipeline crossings, road maintenance and issues surrounding

Denton Road.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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

HOOPS

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Sweetwater Red Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkat, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili

Peppers, and the San Angelo Bobcats.

Throughout the day, cheer squads from each team will perform in a halftime competition.

"When we first planned Hoops, Dreams and Goals we realized that not everyone wanted to compete on the court as a basketball player," Smith said. "So, we planned

competitions among cheer squads and other special events. Not only have our athletes been practicing, but so have our cheer squads."

Each team also competes for the coveted Spirit Stick, Smith said.

"This is a very intense competition. Our judges watch the teams and their fans and their cheerleaders through-

out the day and judge them on their level of spirit even when they are watching the other teams play."

The event is free and open to the public. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend.

"I tell everyone that I meet that if they want to attend one event all year, they need to attend Hoops, Dreams

and Goals," Smith said. "It encourages our athletes, but most of all it encourages all those in attendance."

The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, the Arc of Howard County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., KBST, Cowboys Restaurant, KBYG, Gallagher Benefits and Atmos Energy.

For more information, call Amy Vidal at 432-264-3256.

AARP

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75 percent projected to receive a refund, according to IRS officials.

The Tax-Aide volunteers are helping area residents file their tax returns each Monday from 8 a.m. until noon through April 8, according to AARP program coordinator Ray Alexander.

"So far this year, we've processed about 150 returns, which is about the same number we had done this time last year," Alexander said. "Things have been going very smoothly and steadily. With the deadline right around the corner; however, we'd strongly encourage everyone not to wait until the last minute."

Alexander said he and his team of volunteers are ready to lend a helping hand.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax

preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Alexander added. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Alexander said residents looking to take advantage of the program should be sure to bring all of their relevant tax information when they get ready to meet with the Tax-Aide volunteers. These include W-2 forms and 1099 forms, their 2012 earnings and

2011 tax returns. Also needed are social security cards for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.

Last year for the first time, 80 percent of all individual returns were filed electronically. E-file, when combined with direct deposit, is the fastest way to get a refund. Last year, about three out of four refund filers selected direct deposit, according to IRS reports.

"The electronic filing has been a very positive thing for us," Alexander said. "Suddenlink Communications has been kind enough to donate internet access for Tax-

Aide, so we have been able to electronically file even more returns this year, which is good for everyone involved. It's been a huge help."

After taxpayers file a return, they can also track the status of their refund with the "Where's My Refund?" tool available on the IRS.gov website. New this year, according to IRS officials, instead of an estimated date, "Where's My Refund?" will give people an actual personalized refund date after the IRS processes the tax return and approves the refund.

The Tax-Aide program is held at the Big Spring Senior Citizens

Center, located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information, contact Alexander at 263-4992.

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DAILY PRAYER

As the day gets longer, Lord, let us only rejoice more in your honor.

Amen

Mostly on purpose mistakes

They teach English, don't they?

"Brianna and I's idea was to climb Mount Washington."

That was a statement actually broadcast to a national TV audience by the weathergirl on ABC.

I thought you had to have a few smarts to get a job on a national television network.

I have come to expect hearing flagrant abuses of the English language on commercials. One for an eyeglass firm says, "The guy on the right's mom got a pair for ..." I didn't know right had a mom.

A cigar place ad says: "The coolest guy in the world's brother..." Didn't know world had a brother. Do I detect a trend here? Are all writers of commercials dimwits?

Come on you need to do better. And while we're at it,

please stop using trite, overused phrases that don't make sense in the first place. "Last chance!" Really, now.

The number one most overused phrase used by commercial writers is this one: "Turn your dreams into reality." I'm sure. Second is "Now more than ever." How do you know? Have you lived since the beginning of time?

Then these along those same lines: "Never before." "Never again." "Save like never before."

I guess you should extremely limit use of the words ever or never in a commercial. By the way, is every month Chevy month?

"One of a kind bargains." "You'll sleep like a baby on a ——— mattress." Does that mean you cry and scream between short naps?

The most grandiose English mistake I hear on radio and TV (why is the code word for television capitalized and radio is not? How about just R? Turn on the R) is the non-agreement of subject and adjective. "The school

is having their annual carnival." "Their" means more than one. "The school is having its annual carnival" is correct.

I do know that sometimes the correct way sounds funny, but please get used to doing it right.

English teachers and writers who adhere to some rules of grammar will appreciate your efforts. I think some of these problems developed when schools stopped teaching handwriting, geography and how to diagram a sentence.

I haven't seen much misspelling lately, thanks to the computer's spell checker. Apple computers won't let you use passive voice. Active voice is fine, but sometimes you need to bypass the computer's rules and do something for effect and rhythm.

I can't wait to see what my computer's grammar check is going to do with all these (mostly on purpose) mistakes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New schools?

TO THE EDITOR:

Did anyone think that when Forsan ISD put together a committee to assess the school's building they would not recommend they build a new elementary school? That was the first thing that came to my mind ... Why?

Randy Johnson says Elbow was built in 1930 and needs to be replaced; however, Forsan was built in 1928, so shouldn't the same apply?

They think the elementary needs to be closer to the junior high and high school. I know that makes sense to the administrative people but is it best for the elementary children? Elbow has been receiving an exemplary rating for a number of years now. Will that change when they are

infused with the junior high and high school?

I do know one thing. If they can't pass a bond election the first time they will try again and again until they pass.

My question is, if Elbow needs to be replaced because it was built in 1930, and Forsan was built in 1928, why not scrap both schools and build a while new facility closer to the population they serve? One of the arguments for a new school is it would make it easier for the administration because of the distance between the schools. Never have I heard an argument for the parents and grandparents having to drive 13 or 15 miles to pick up, deliver, or attend functions for their kids. How far do most of the students live from Forsan? They sure don't live in Forsan.

DANNY KENNEMUR

Elect the right one

TO THE EDITOR:

Our city has been stagnant as far as population growth and business growth for the past 20 years. There have been more businesses going out of business than new ones coming in.

Our town is actually smaller now than 20 years ago while most other towns have grown.

A big reason for this is the condition of our streets and our water problems.

As the election time is coming up in May, we must elect the right mayor to help keep the momentum going in the positive direction already started.

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Bring back the lay-away plan?

He was as solemn as I've ever seen him. My Uncle Mort, looking down the gun barrel at his 101st birthday, was pensive, his thoughts filled with yesterdays and the snows of many winters.

"Our country's in a heap of trouble, nephew," he began. "There's plenty of blame to spread around, border to border, but I think I can pinpoint when our gradual demise began."

Tears welling, he continued. "It started when folks abandoned lay-away plans."

Mort thinks when the "we-want-it-now" craze won favor, lay-away plans crumbled. "Buying on credit-getting stuff now and paying later-became a way of life," he moaned.

He says we now pile debts upon debts, "trying to keep up with the Joneses — just when we think we've caught them, they refinance."

My uncle claims debt to be at the root of many problems — from "our house to the state house to the White House."

Not many of Mort's remarks end in question marks. This one did. "In your memory, who stands out as Texas' all-time greatest Christian statesman?"

Without hesitation, I answered, "Congressman George Mahon (1900-1985). He served Texas' 19th District for 44 years (1935-1979), was never defeated for public office, endeared himself to the masses and never lost the common touch. He was passionately 'sold out' to public service."

I told him about several visits with the congressman dur-

ing his twilight years and my remembrances of his sparkling eyes, deep faith and unwavering optimism. Even as dementia took a stronghold, he ended every visit with this reminder: "There is no hope for the world without the church and education. It has always been that way."

"Congress must've been special with George Mahon and Kentucky's Second District Congressman Bill Natcher up there," Mort said.

Indeed, Natcher (1909-1994) and Mahon were cut from the same cloth. Both were revered conservatives and southern gentlemen. Both held law degrees, and both spent collegiate years at then-young educational institutions — now named Western Kentucky University and Hardin-Simmons University.

Both men were passionate about serving their people and always committed to doing the right thing.

Mike Stephens, longtime Natcher associate, recalls their mutual respect and their occasional breakfasts together. "They usually came down on the same sides of issues during their 26 years together in Congress," he said.

Many Texans have rich remembrances of Mahon — including his careful budgeting of time that called for squat-thrust exercises while on elevators — few know little, if anything, about Kentucky's late congressional leader. Natcher never missed a vote during his 40-year tenure — a record likely to endure. His last vote — No.18,401 — was cast from a hospital gurney a few days before his death in 1994.

His name is worth researching. You'll find it refreshing and may draw additional Mahon/Natcher parallels.

Random facts include: Always

the natty dresser, Natcher sometimes changed shirts three times daily. We dictated thoughts privately after each house session; the 58 volumes, an average of 400 pages each, are now bound and archived. He wrote weekly letters to his six grandchildren by hand, alternating recipients of original and carbon copies.

He never accepted a campaign contribution, personally financing every race, none of which exceeded \$10,000. He never had a press secretary and never ran a political ad. Storms, graduation ceremonies, weddings and other momentous events never took precedence over casting house votes.

He invariably operated his office at costs substantially below allowances. He was authorized a staff of 18, but never employed more than five, thus returning big chunks of office funding.

Early on, a friend sent Natcher a \$100 political contribution. He fretted over the gift, fearing that its return would be offensive.

Natcher decided to buy a couple of \$50 Countess Mara ties for the would-be "donor."

He mailed them and a note of thanks for the "contribution."

Mahon and Natcher were essentially "book-ends." They both served as Chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, both died at age 84, and both were committed to "pay as we go."

Both had overflow crowds at their funerals. Names of both are on bridges, roads, buildings and schools.

We should "study up" on such Christian statesmen — reviewing their beliefs and lives of passionate service — and then try our best to model them.

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News in brief

George P. Bush takes stage at GOP fundraiser

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The nephew of former President George W. Bush headlines a local North Texas Republican fundraiser — along with one of the state's most strident conservative voices.

George Prescott Bush is seen as a potential future star and the latest member of the Republican Party's most prominent families to enter GOP politics. His father is former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and his uncle and grandfather are former presidents.

The 36-year-old Bush is to speak Saturday at the Denton County Republican Party's Lincoln-Reagan dinner. The master of ceremonies is U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, an East Texas Republican and tea party firebrand.

Bush has crisscrossed the state and is raising money for a run at statewide office next year. Saturday's event allows him to meet tea party voters critical in Republican primaries.

Troubled Texas scooter seller sends layoff email

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A seller of motorized wheelchairs and mobility scooters whose commercials have become familiar television fixtures has sent layoff notices to its workforce a little more than two weeks after federal agents raided the place.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the chief executive of The Scooter Store sent emails to the New Braunfels, Texas-based company's employees. In the email late Friday, Martin Landon told his workforce of about 1,200 employees not to return to work unless advised to do so by the company human resources department.

It was unclear how many workers, if any, were advised to return.

In December, two U.S. senators questioned why The Scooter Store had received as much as \$87.7 million in Medicare overpayments.

Scooter Store officials have denied wrongdoing and defended their business practices.

Report: Fort Bliss brings \$5.9B to El Paso economy

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — West Texas officials said Friday they plan to meet with Pentagon leaders and members of Congress in Washington next week in an effort to spare Fort Bliss from the automatic federal budget cuts that officials say would greatly impact the local economy.

A study by the University of Texas-El Paso's Institute for Policy and Economic Development shows the base and adjacent medical center have a \$5.9 billion economic impact and creates nearly 62,000 jobs with more than \$4 billion in compensation to area households. The study was done last month for the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

"It's not chump change," Rick Glancey, the chamber's military forces division chairman, said at a news conference Friday at the chamber's offices in downtown El Paso.

Glancey said the chamber plans to meet with members of Congress from Texas and New Mexico as well as "two- and three-star rank generals" in the Pentagon to make the case for Fort Bliss and adjacent military installations in New Mexico such as Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo and Las Cruces' White Sands Missile Range.

Tom Thomas, the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for West Texas, said he is optimistic about the outcome of their lobbying efforts.

"When you face a trillion dollar cuts in 10 years, everybody's going to take a hit. But I think we'll come out as good or better as any installation in the country," he said after the news conference.

Court limits border searches of electronic devices

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Friday that Border Patrol agents must have reason-

able suspicion of criminal activity before conducting comprehensive searches of laptops or other digital devices in what civil liberties activists are calling a significant victory for privacy rights.

The decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals creates for the first time a broad standard aimed at protecting travelers' most private information from arbitrary searches.

"A person's digital life ought not be hijacked simply by crossing a border," Judge M. Margaret McKeown wrote for the appeals court majority.

The ruling only applies to Border Patrol agents operating within the 9th Circuit, which includes the U.S.-Mexico border along Arizona and California.

The court did not define what constitutes a comprehensive search, and it's likely Border Patrol agents will still conduct superficial reviews of computers, thumb drives, compact disks, cellphones, cameras and other electronic devices during border stops.

Legal observers expect both sides will appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. The federal government insists border agents don't need reasonable suspicion to search electronic devices for hidden and deleted files.

The case centered on Howard Cotterman, a U.S. citizen whose laptop was seized at the Arizona-Mexico border in 2007. After a months-long review, federal investigators found hundreds of hidden child pornography files on Cotterman's computer, including images of him molesting a young girl, the court decision states.

Republicans work on alternative to ACA

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans have made it clear they hate the idea of expanding health care for the poor under the Affordable Care Act, but a key leader pledged Friday to work on a state alternative to accomplish the same goal and bring in the same federal matching funds.

House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts said lawmakers from several committees will work together to try to come up with a home-grown solution to providing more poor people with health care. A Gallup poll released Friday showed 28.8 percent of Texans lacked health insurance in 2012, which Gallup called the highest rate in the nation and highest ever recorded in the United States.

"I think we owe Texans an obligation to discuss this plan during the legislative session and get something done this legislative session," Pitts said in the most unequivocal statement yet on expanding Medicaid.

Lawmakers heard three hours of testimony about how Texas could provide 1 million people with health care coverage and better reimburse doctors by spending \$18 billion and earning \$100 billion in federal matching funds over 10 years. State officials, hospital representatives and county leaders said the state might even save enough money at the local level to cover its \$18 billion investment.

Billy Hamilton, a former state revenue estimator who now works as an economic consultant for Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, said counties and hospital districts spend \$2.5 billion a year on indigent health care, and private hospitals provide \$1.8 billion a year in charity care. Expanded Medicaid would reduce much of those costs, he said.

"I don't really think you're going to see a more overwhelming fiscal opportunity" than Medicaid expansion, he said.

Senator files scholarship bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of the Texas Senate Education Committee on Friday filed a highly anticipated bill offering businesses tax credits for donations that help poor and at-risk children leave public schools for private ones.

Houston Republican Sen. Dan Patrick has spent months clamoring for expanding "school choice" but waited until the last day of the legislative ses-

sion to file bills formally offering his proposal.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who oversees the flow of legislation in the state Senate, assigned it SB 23, a low enough number that debating the measure will be a priority before the Legislature adjourns in May. It is likely to face stiff, bipartisan opposition.

Co-sponsored with fellow tea party favorite Sen. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, Patrick's plan allows firms to get up to a 15 percent credit on state business or franchise taxes for donating to nonprofits that provide funding so low-income and at-risk children can leave traditional schools for private and religious alternatives.

"Several hundred-thousand students are stuck in low-performing schools today," Patrick said in a statement. "This should not be acceptable to anyone."

Patrick calls himself an "education evangelist," and says that while wealthy families can afford to move so their kids attend strong public schools, low-income students are "held hostage by their Zip codes."

But defenders of traditional schools dismiss the plan as a new wrinkle on long controversial voucher systems that funnel money away from already cash-strapped traditional public schools.

The Coalition for Public Schools said the bill and other educational proposals championed by some conservative lawmakers show "our public schools are under attack."

SpaceX's Musk 'optimistic about Texas spaceport

AUSTIN (AP) — SpaceX billionaire Elon Musk swung by the Texas Capitol on Friday and told lawmakers he could announce this year that the state will be home to his next ballyhooed spaceport — if the price is right.

Bringing rare celebrity wattage to typically dry House Appropriations Committee hearings where the state budget is hashed out, Musk expressed optimism about Texas' chances of beating out Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico for what he says will be "a commercial version of Cape Canaveral."

Musk, who was in Austin to speak at the South by Southwest festival and promote his Tesla electric cars, said the winner hinges on which state puts together the best offer. He hinted at competitors offering generous economic incentives yet stopped short of revealing figures.

He often spoke, however, as though Texas was the preference. California-based SpaceX already launches unmanned rockets from a launch pad in Florida but Musk said there is an inherent appeal to expanding elsewhere.

Musk said his new spaceport will be the world's first commercial orbital launch site.

"All things being equal, I think it's better to have more than one location and have them be geographically separate," Musk said.

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U.S. defense chief visits Afghanistan as explosions in Kabul, eastern province kill at least 18

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber on a bicycle struck outside the Afghan Defense Ministry on Saturday, one of two attacks that killed at least 18 people as U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel visited the nation, officials said.

Nine people were killed in the bombing at the ministry, a fresh reminder that insurgents continue to fight and challenges remain as the U.S.-led NATO force hands over the country's security to the Afghans.

About a half hour later, another suicide bomber attacked a police checkpoint in Khost, the capital of Khost province in eastern Afghanistan. An Afghan policeman and eight civilians, who were mostly children, died in that blast, said provincial spokesman Baryalai Wakman.

"We are still at war," Hagel said shortly before he arrived on Friday, the same day that three men wearing Afghan army uniforms and driving an Afghan army vehicle forced their way onto a U.S. base in eastern Afghanistan and opened fire, killing one civilian contractor and wounding other U.S. troops.

Egyptian court confirms death sentences for 21 people for role in deadly 2012 soccer riot

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Saturday confirmed death sentences against 21 people for their role in a deadly 2012 soccer riot that killed more than 70 people in the city of Port Said.

The court also sentenced the city's former security chief, Maj. Gen. Essam Samak, to 15 years in prison. Samak was the most senior of nine security officials tried for their part in the riot. Another police official, a colonel, was also sentenced to 15 years in pris-

on. The other seven were acquitted.

Judge Sobhi Abdel-Maguid, who read out the verdict at a Cairo courthouse, sentenced five more defendants to life in prison and eight others — besides Samak and the police colonel — to 15 years in jail. Six defendants received 10-year jail terms, two more got five years and a single defendant received a 12-month sentence. A total of 28 people were acquitted.

The trial has been the source of some of the worst unrest in recent weeks to hit Egypt, which is already grappling with mass political protests and a crumbling economy. After the 21 people — most of them fans of Port Said's Al-Masry club — were first sentenced to death on Jan. 28, violent riots erupted in the city that left some 40 people dead, most of them shot by police.

Many residents of Port Said, which is located on the Mediterranean at the northern tip of the Suez Canal, have seen the trial as unjust and politicized, and soccer fans in the city have felt that authorities were biased in favor of Al-Ahly, Egypt's most powerful club.

With an economy on the rise, is government a help or an impediment?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Increased hiring, lower unemployment, stock market on the rise. Who gets the credit?

It's a hotly debated point in Washington, where political scorekeeping amounts to who gets blame and who gets praise.

Following Friday's strong jobs report — 236,000 new jobs and unemployment dropping to a four-year low of 7.7 percent — partisans hurriedly staked out turf.

"Woot woot!" tweeted former White House economic adviser Austan Goolsbee. "With 12 million still unemployed?" countered Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell's spokesman, Don Stewart.

When it comes to the economy, pres-

idents usually get the rap for downturns and reap benefits from upturns. But the main factors affecting the current recovery and the record activity in the stock market may have less to do with high-profile fiscal policy fights in Washington than they do in the decisions of the Federal Reserve Bank, which has pumped trillions of dollars into the economy, kept interest rates at near zero and pushed investors away from low-yield bonds to stocks.

Venezuela's acting president Maduro imitating Chavez as he tries to build own popularity

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Nicolas Maduro so far has led by imitation, seeking to fill the shoes of a president whose uncanny vigor, mischievous humor and political wiles sowed a revolution and transformed a nation.

As Hugo Chavez did during his 14-year presidency, Maduro has stoked confrontation, and shed tears.

While steering Venezuela through the trauma of Chavez's death, Maduro has pinned his move to the top on his beloved predecessor.

Yet there are serious doubts, even among die-hard Chavistas, about his ability to lead the nation.

At his swearing-in Friday evening as acting president in the National Assembly chamber where less than a decade ago he was just another lawmaker, Maduro pledged his "most absolute loyalty" to Chavez.

Family: 24-year-old intern's death in lion attack in Calif. was a tragic accident

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Family members of the young woman killed in a lion attack at a Central California animal park say they believe no rules were broken and the volunteer worker's death was a tragic accident.

Investigators think the 550-pound male African lion lifted the door of a partially closed feeding cage with its paw and killed 24-year-old Dianna Hanson as she cleaned a bigger enclosure area Wednesday, Fresno County Coroner David Hadden has said.

Hanson died immediately from a broken neck, according to the coroner's autopsy report. Other injuries were sustained after her death, the report states.

Family members say they're relieved the young woman was killed instantly when the lion swiped or lunged at her at Cat Haven, a 100-acre private zoo run by the nonprofit group Project Survival.

"We're thankful to know she didn't suffer," Hanson's brother, Paul R. Hanson, told The Associated Press.

Colorado Democrats advance some gun control measures, give up others

DENVER (AP) — Lawmakers advanced Colorado's strictest gun proposals in recent memory, during marathon debate in a state caught between a history of horrific shootings and a Western heritage where gun ownership is a daily part of life for many.

Friday's action came with the state viewed as a bellwether of how far politically moderate states are willing to go with new gun laws in the wake of mass shootings in a suburban Denver movie theater and a Connecticut elementary school. It's also playing out in a state that was the scene of one of the nation's most high-profile school massacres — the 1999 Columbine High School shootings.

Already the White House has weighed in, with Vice President Joe Biden phoning four lawmakers while on a recent ski vacation here to nudge the Democrats during their first major gun debate last month.

"The eyes of the entire nation are upon us. What we do here today matters to everybody," Republican Sen. Greg Brophy said Friday. Brophy represents a rural district in Colorado's eastern plains.

Senate Democrats advanced Colorado's strictest gun measures in years after a 12-hour debate — but not every proposal survived.

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Nurse remembers Japanese captivity in WWII

By VINCENT T. DAVIS

San Antonio Express-News
 SAN ANTONIO — On New Year's Day 1942, the young American civilian nurse wandered through a dark, empty hospital, hours before Japanese forces invaded Manila, the capital city of the Philippines. No military members were left to raise the American flag or play "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At sunrise, she walked alone on the road to her family's home and an uncertain future as the sound of advancing enemy troops thundered in the distance.

San Antonio resident Dorothy Davis Thompson, now 96, captured that night and the terrifying days that followed in "The Road Back: A Pacific POW's Liberation Story," published in 1996 by Texas Tech University Press.

Her tale of survival during World War II as one of 3,000 allied civilians held at the Santo Tomas Internment Camp became a lesson for her children: Jack Thompson Jr., 62; Margie Camp, 60; and Peggy McCray, 56. While growing up on the East Side, it taught them that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

"We just called it mom's story," McCray said. "It was a little daunting knowing what she went through."

Her mother was one of the 16 million men and women who served in uniform during World War II.

According to the Veterans Affairs Department, as of Sept. 30, 2012, 1.4 million

World War II veterans were still living. But an estimated 642 such veterans die each day, many of them taking their war stories to their graves.

Historians say time is slipping away for Americans to seek out veterans and home-front civilians to record their oral histories and narratives, like Thompson's story, for future generations.

"In a very short time, we will not have many of these veterans around to share those stories and keep World War II within our living memory," said Keith Huxen, senior director of research & history at New Orleans' National WWII Museum.

He encouraged the public to capture narratives from loved ones who served in World War II, with either an audio recorder or a video camera.

"If you know your veteran's story ahead of time, you can ask more pointed questions that will bring out their memories more fully," he said. "Sometimes a little preparation helps spark memories."

Huxen said many veterans never spoke about the war because they couldn't dwell on the carnage and death they'd seen.

Huxen recalled when a veteran told him that his grandchildren never knew that he had taken part in the D-Day invasion at Normandy until President Ronald Reagan commemorated the 40th anniversary of the landings.

"That kind of broke the dam, and veterans realized their children were interest-

ed in what they had done," Huxen said. "I'm happy to say that wave has continued to this day."

The Institute of Texan Cultures has made an effort to record the stories of local WWII vets, said Sarah Gould, lead curatorial researcher, who oversees its oral history program.

Currently, the ITC has 19 interviews with WWII and POW narratives. Gould said one of the volunteer jobs available with the docent program is recording oral histories. She said the museum doesn't have the resources to collect stories from across the state, but it does have a small team, which includes retired military members, that sometimes records local narratives.

"The thing about oral history that's very different than the traditional history that you read in a textbook is that this is one person's perspective, and you'll never get that exact experience from anyone else," Gould said.

"You realize how much dimension we're losing to the history of WWII and that each of those stories could add a little extra bit of information to the traditional telling of the story."

Video producer Lee Dunkelberg documented similar stories in an award-winning three-part series, "World War II: In Our Words," that aired in 2007 on KLRN as a companion to the Ken Burns series "The War." The local series featured narratives from veterans, families and concen-

tration camp survivors.

"The idea of getting something out is so important," he said. "Some did horrific things and had horrible things happen to them, but they don't try to explain anything away. They say they owe a debt to those that didn't make it back."

These days, Thompson's memories as an internee with her parents, Alfred and Marjorie, and older sister Eva have become hazy. Now her husband, Jack, and her children keep her story alive.

She was born in Shanghai, where her father was a businessman and her grandparents had been missionaries.

After the Japanese invaded China, her family moved to Manila. She worked as a civilian nurse at Steinberg General Hospital. Her fiancé, Lt. Don Childers, was killed before the end of the war when a U.S. Navy ship torpedoed the Japanese ship where he was held captive.

The Japanese interned U.S. and European civilians at the University of Santo Tomas, a 48-acre campus guarded by armed soldiers. Women and children lived in the main building, 25 to 45 per classroom, sleeping on bug-infested floors. Men lived in the gymnasium and the education building. Thompson helped set up a 60-bed clinic in an engineering building where she cared for patients around the clock with little or no sleep.

"Most of the internees were reasonably middle-class people who had been living a real

nice life in Manila," said Jack Thompson, 93. "Now they had nothing."

Breakfast was a watery mix of wheat or rice. After four months at the camp, Thompson's weight dropped from 132 pounds to 108 — most internees dropped an average of 30 to 50 pounds.

In late 1943, her health took a downward turn after a recurrence of the rheumatic fever she'd had at nursing school. The Japanese chose Thompson as one of four internees for a prisoner exchange, and because of her illness, her mother accompanied her. On the voyage to New York City aboard the Swedish passenger ship Gripsholm, she vowed to find a way back to her father and sister.

On Jan. 20, 1944, she was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and headed back to the Philippines. U.S. forces liberated the campus Feb. 3, 1945. Days later, Thompson's unit joined U.S. forces that made their way to the camp.

As word spread of her return, a voice on a loudspeaker called for her father and sister to report to the front of the main building. Minutes later, Thompson was wrapped in her father's embrace.

The Army awarded Thompson the Bronze Star. She was assigned to Fort McKinley on the outskirts of Manila, where her parents lived, and Lt. Jack Thompson was stationed nearby. She began spending her free time with him, and within weeks they were married.

Hot chicks: At 60, Peeps more popular than ever

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — It's Easter morning. A boy rouses his younger brother, and they run to the living room to find their baskets filled with - what else? - Peeps.

"Peeps are the candy of Easter," the excited boy tells his wide-eyed sibling, who pops a yellow marshmallow chick in his mouth.

"You can eat 'em, smash 'em, microwave 'em, deep fry 'em, roast 'em on a stick," the boy explains. That's not all. You can make "historically accurate Peeps dioramas ... Peeps pop art ... You can make a Peeps topiary." On he goes, all day and night. "Peeps jousting ... hide-and-go Peeps ... Peepshi ... that's sushi made out of Peeps."

As the storied candy brand celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, Peeps' first TV ad in a decade captures an essential truth about the spongy confection made of sugar, corn syrup and gelatin: Love them or hate them, people do all sorts of things with Peeps, only some of which involve giving them to kids at Easter or eating them straight from the box.

And they're not shy about sharing.

"Everyone seems to have a Peeps story," says Ross Born, third-generation operator of Just Born Inc., which hatches 5 million Peeps a day at its plant 60 miles north of Philadelphia. "And they are free and willing to talk about how they eat their Peeps, how they cure them, how they store them, how they decorate with them. And these are adults!"

Just Born calls it the "Peepsonality" of consumers who buy Peeps not only to eat, but also to play around with.

"If you had asked me about this 25 years ago, I would've been rather bewildered about the whole thing," Born confesses. "We were candy makers."

Not that he's complaining. Just Born had its best year financially in 2012.

His grandfather, Russian immigrant Sam Born, started the candy company out of a Brooklyn storefront 90 years ago. Born advertised the freshness of his product with a sign that said "Just Born." The name stuck.

The burgeoning business moved to Bethlehem and acquired the Peeps brand with its 1953 purchase of Rodda



Candy Co. of Lancaster. Best known for its jelly beans, Rodda had also introduced a small line of marshmallow chicks and bunnies, employing dozens of women who hand-squeezed them out of pastry bags. "It was really very difficult, and these women were strong," said David Shaffer, Sam Born's nephew and co-CEO along with Ross Born.

Ross's father, Bob Born — a physicist and engineer by training — automated the process in the mid-1950s, and a version of the machine he invented is still in use today, extruding millions of those familiar shapes on peak-Peep production days.

The longtime partners brought in a new management team, spent heavily on marketing and broke back into the chocolate business, introducing chocolate-dipped Peeps as well as

Peepsters, small chocolate candies filled with marshmallow-flavored cream. (New for this year is a yellow chick nestled in a hollow chocolate egg.) They also focused on holiday seasons other than Easter,

particularly Christmas. The result: Shaffer says last year was "off the charts."

Just Born certainly benefits from being part of a \$33 billion candy industry that is seen as basically recession-proof, offering an inexpensive indulgence during tough economic times.

"Candy did not seem to take the hit that some other industries faced in recent years. We think a big reason for that is candy's place in our hearts and minds," says Susan Whiteside of the National Confectioners Association, a

trade group. Long associated with Easter, Peeps have penetrated the pop-culture consciousness in a way that other candy brands have not.

Aficionados send chicks into battle in a microwave "sport" known as Peeps jousting.

They enter Peeps art contests, dozens of which are held around the country this time of year. They innovate recipes like "Peepza," a desert pizza. They write cheeky blog entries with titles like "101 Fun Ways to Torture a Peep."

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Hawks fly by Odessa, 71-56

Howard College advances to Region V championship game against NMJC

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
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LUBBOCK — Two down, one to go. Howard College started off strong in the semifinal round of the NJCAA Region V tournament Friday at the Rip Griffin Center against conference foe Odessa College — which the Hawks dispatched twice already this season — but the Wranglers battled back to give the Hawks a scare before a strong second half showing by the seven-foot Goran Huskic, who keyed the Hawks' 71-56 win.

Huskic led all scorers with 18 points, which included a 14 point run in the second half to give Howard the lead for good. Three other Hawks scored in double digits. Jacob Thomas put up 14, Rico Richardson chipped in 11 and Phillip Miller added 10. Cameron Forte and Ladon Carter — who combined for 60 points in the tourney opener against Temple — were held to just 11 points.

With Howard up by as much as 16 points in the first half, Odessa rallied from the three-point range, which knotted the score at 31 with under four minutes remaining in the first stanza.

A three-point basket by Thomas gave the lead back to the Hawks. When the halftime buzzer sounded, the Hawks held a narrow, four-point advantage.

The Wranglers kept it interesting for the opening minutes of the second half, but Howard's offense began to click, going on a 20-4 run with Huskic leading

the charge. It was the highest scoring game of the year for Huskic. A native of Obrenovac, Serbia, Huskic said it took some time to make the transition from European to American basketball.

"The style in Europe is softer, they don't play hard like in America," Huskic said. "I needed almost a whole season to adjust to that type of game. It's more aggressive here, it's more physical, it's more tough with rebounding. Last year, back in Europe, I'd have 12 rebounds, 13 rebounds — just because I'm big. Here I can't catch the ball so easy. I have to work for every rebound. All the skills I showed last year, but I needed a whole season to adjust to the physical game."

The Hawks had built their lead up to 19 with seven minutes left on the clock.

Standing in Howard's way of making a national championship run in Hutchinson, Kan., is another WJCAC conference rival, New Mexico Junior College. The Hawks split the season with the Thunderbirds, losing their first meeting 76-60, but winning the second 89-74.

HC Head Coach Mark Adams said prior to the tournament that he had no doubts about his squad's ability to put points of the board, but had some concerns with rebounding and defensive play. Last night, however, he liked what he saw on both sides of the ball.

"We worked on



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/visit www.claxtonphotography.com
Howard College's Goran Huskic makes a layup during Friday's regional semifinal game against Odessa College. Huskic scored 18 points for the Hawks, helping them punch a ticket to the Region V championship game against New Mexico Junior College.



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Howard College softball player Elizabeth Torres connects for her second home run of the game during an outing against El Paso on Friday. The Hawks (22-5) won both games of a doubleheader, taking Game One 16-0 and Game Two 12-4.

Steers roll past Jim Ned in Big Spring tourney

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Big Spring (9-5) hasn't been a very gracious host so far at its tournament at Steer Park. The Steers opened play Thursday with a 4-3 win over San Angelo Lake View.

Friday, they routed Jim Ned High School 11-1 in a fifth inning run-rule victory.

Junior Adam Franco pitched a complete game for the Steers, striking out six Indians from the mound.

According to BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto, his team is rounding into shape just in time to start district play.

"Everybody contributed," Otto said of the win. "We hit the ball fairly hard. They made a couple of errors and had a couple of walks. We were fortunate to get a few runs off of them.

"We are back to where we need to be with our fielding and making routine plays. I'd like to see a little more consistent pitching and

hitting in the clutch, but we're getting there."

The Steers closed out tourney play with games against Midland Classical and Levelland on Saturday.

"I think we stack up OK against Midland Classical," Otto added. "And Levelland will be tough it's going to be a good game, we hope."

Saturday's results will be in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Other area baseball scores:

- Western Texas College defeated Howard College, 1-0 (Game One). Howard College defeated Western Texas College, 8-4. Next at Western Texas College, noon & 3 p.m. (played Saturday).
- Greenwood defeated Coahoma, 14-10. Next vs. Midland High School J.V., 1 p.m. (played Saturday).
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Powerlifter Narin qualifies for state

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

SUNDOWN — Big Spring powerlifting coach Eric Tuttle qualified more lifters for the regional meet than there has been in several years.

“We qualified seven kids for regionals,” Tuttle said. That’s the most to go since I have been here. I think that’s a pretty good achievement for the Steers.”

With two medalists already set to compete at state on the girl’s side —

Roenisha Bell and Vanessa Alvarado — a third state qualifier was added from the boy’s category, as Tyler Narin lifted a total of 860 pounds in the 123 pound weight class to earn an individual medal at the boy’s regional meet Friday.

“Tyler has come a long way,” Tuttle said. “Last year, he fell just short of making it to state. I’m proud of him for getting in this year. His family is proud of him and he is excited. The rest of the guys did well, too. They hung in there and a lot of them got

their personal bests. We had some records broken — but it was tough. The judges are a lot stricter on the technical stuff at regionals. It was mostly nerves for some of them, but they rose to the occasion.”

No matter how Narin, Bell and Alvarado finish at state, it looks like Tuttle could have an even stronger squad next season. All of his boys are underclassmen, including Narin, a sophomore.

Also competing at the regional meet for the boys were:

- Robert Martines – 148’s
- Ronnie Bell – 198’s
- Jahari Vanover – 198’s
- Chris Lindem – 220’s
- Austin Cantu – 220’s
- Aric Rutledge – 275’s

“We should be even stronger next year,” Tuttle added.

The state meet will begin March 23 in Abilene.

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Mavs blow lead, but beat Pistons 102-99

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki made two big shots down the stretch to lift Dallas to an important win.

Afterward, he was still shaking his head.

“This is one we’ll take, but got to be better,” he said. “We got lucky.”

The Mavericks blew a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter but recovered to beat the Detroit Pistons 102-99 on Friday night. Charlie Villanueva missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds that would have tied it, and Dallas pulled within 3½ games of eighth-place Utah in the race for the last playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Detroit took a 97-96 lead on a 3-pointer by

Khris Middleton, but Nowitzki answered with an 18-footer from the right side and a 15-footer from the left, putting Dallas ahead by three.

It was 100-99 after Villanueva caught teammate Jose Calderon’s airball and made a layup with 6 seconds left. Darren Collison hit two free throws for the Mavericks, and Villanueva missed from the left corner.

“We did not do a good job in the fourth, but we held them off and got the win and that is a positive,” Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. “We made a couple mistakes on that last play. We blew the coverage, but we got lucky.”

It was the opener of

a four-game road trip for the Mavericks that might represent their last chance to start making up ground and extend their streak of playoff appearances to 13 seasons. O.J. Mayo scored 22 points, going 5 of 8 from 3-point range. Teammate Mike James was 4 of 6. Dallas shot 11 of 21 from beyond the arc.

Brandon Knight scored 21 points for the Pistons. Detroit coach Lawrence Frank missed his second straight game because of a personal matter, and assistant Brian Hill filled in.

“The only thing I can say is after being very disappointed with our effort in the first half defensively and the

game-plan mistakes we had, I thought our guys took the challenge in the second half and gave us a much better effort defensively,” Hill said. “We got a couple good looks at the end. They didn’t fall.”

Down 88-73 in the fourth, Detroit started its rally by scoring six straight points. The Pistons were still down 95-88 when Middleton and Villanueva made consecutive 3-pointers to set up a tense finish.

Brandan Wright scored 14 points for the Mavericks, and Nowitzki and James added 12 each.

Greg Monroe had 14 points and 10

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Yankees closer Rivera says he will retire at end of this season

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)

— Saying he made the decision before arriving at spring training, Mariano Rivera announced Saturday that he will retire at the end of the season and hopes to cap his record-setting career by winning another World Series with the New York Yankees.

Rivera was surrounded by family and teammates when he made the announcement during a news conference at the team’s complex.

The 43-year-old has a clear vision of how he wants his career to

end.

“The last game I hope will be throwing the last pitch in the World Series,” he said. “Winning the World Series, that would be my ambition.”

With the entire Yankees’ team looking on — including longtime teammates Derek Jeter and Andy Pettitte — Rivera said he knew the time was right for his decision.

“I have just a few bullets left,” he said.

Rivera holds the career saves record

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Spring Team Tennis State Meet Results (Abilene)

FRIDAY

BELLVILLE 10, BIG SPRING 3

BOYS SINGLES — Alex Byrd, Big Spring, def. Tyler Jordan 6-0, 6-3; Blake Jordan, Bellville, def. Tyler Avant 6-1, 6-3.

BOYS DOUBLES — Jones-Furqueron, Big Spring, def. Jordan-Lowe 9-8; Zapalac-Jordan, Bellville, def. Byrd-Avant 8-5; Baker-Rangel, Big Spring, def. Atkinson-Macik 8-3.

GIRLS SINGLES — Amanda Mueller, Bellville, def. Alexis Johnson 6-4, 6-2; Sarah Braun, Bellville, def. Cassidi Redlin 6-0, 6-2; Jenna Jackson, Bellville, def. Jennifer Campos 6-4, 6-2; Devon Mann, Bellville, Bellville, def. Katie Newton 6-2, 6-2.

GIRLS DOUBLES — Mueller-Jackson, Bellville, def. Newton-Castillo 8-0; Robertson-Mann, Bellville, def. Campos-Redlin 8-2; Brown-Ables, Bellville, def. Walker-Hohvatich, 9-8.

MIXED DOUBLES — Jablonowski-Keunslar, Bellville, def. Johnson-Hughes 8-2.

BIG SPRING 10, LA FERIA 9

BOYS SINGLES — Juan Rodriguez, La Feria, def. Kie Jones, 7-5, 6-4; Alex Byrd, Big Spring, def. Daniel Warner 6-0, 6-0; Noe Moraida, La Feria, def. Connor Furqueron 6-4, 6-0; Tyler Avant, Big Spring, def. Jovany Hensley 6-4, 6-4; Matt Aldaco, Big Spring, def. Chris Rodriguez 6-3, 6-2; Josh Baker, Big Spring, def. Mike Clancy 6-0, 7-5.

BOYS DOUBLES — Jones-Furqueron, Big Spring, def. Warner-Moraida 8-6; Byrd-Avant, Big Spring, def. J. Rodriguez-C. Rodriguez 9-7; Baker-Rangel, Big Spring, def. Hensley-Clancy 8-2.

GIRLS SINGLES — Alecxia Ceballos, La Feria, def. Alexis Johnson 6-4, 6-2; Amanda Ortiz, La Feria, def. Cassidi Redlin 6-0, 6-0; Abigail Pecina, La Feria, def. Jennifer Campos 6-1, 6-3. Maria Escamilla, La Feria, def. Katie Newton 6-3, 6-1; Molly Walker, Big Spring, def. Samantha Lopez 6-2, 6-4; Mariah Hohvatich, def. Lisa Acosta 6-1, 6-2

GIRLS DOUBLES — Ceballos-Ortiz La Feria, def. Newton-Castillo 8-0; Pecina-Acosta, La Feria, def. Redlin-Campos, 9-8 (7-5); Escamilla-Lopez, La Feria, def. Hohvatich-Walker 8-6.

MIXED DOUBLES — Johnson-Blount, Big Spring, def. Warner-Serrata 8-0.

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rebounding and I think it has made a significant difference,” Adams said. “Our man-to-man defense is still not what I’d hoped it would be, but we score the ball and we do that pretty well, so that’s kind of been what we

hang our hat on and hopefully we continue to do that.”

The Hawks (28-4), met the T-Birds at the Rip Griffin Center on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Results will be in Monday’s edition of the *Herald*.

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Dallas school known for controversy wins 1A title

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Dallas Triple A Academy might be the most unpopular basketball team in Texas. After an 80-54 win against previously unbeaten Mumford in the Class 1A Division I boys' basketball final Saturday, though, it's officially the best in its classification.

Triple A Academy has been characterized as a basketball factory that plucks top players from its base in talent-rich southern Dallas. There has been a backlash that the big-city newcomer enjoyed advantages not shared by schools in the state's second-smallest division, usually characterized by hardscrabble, rural-based teams with no club or AAU participation.

Never mind the backlash. Triple A Academy (28-5) still had to get past Mustangs of

Mumford. In doing so, it became the first charter school to win a state title in University Interscholastic League athletics.

It did so impressively, getting 29 points and 10 rebounds from Jeremiah Jefferson and 18 points from Tyler Singleton. The Stallions also forced 20 turnovers by talented-but-overwhelmed Mumford. Triple A Academy outrebounded Mumford 40-26, with 23 of those on the offensive end, and scored 23 second-chance points.

"We had heard all season that if we played Mumford that it would be a close game," said Jefferson, who had a combined 66 points in his two games at the state tournament. "We won by 26 points. That makes a statement about who's the best team."

The championship game produced another first for the state tournament — boos raining down on the winning team during the game and after the final horn.

"We didn't worry about the boos. We just use them for motivation," Triple A Academy coach Timothy Singleton said. "These kids won the championship on the court, by doing the things they had to do to. That's the bottom line."

Mumford (39-1), which lost in the finals for the second consecutive year, was led by LaKendric Hyson's 22 points and 10 rebounds. Aubrie King added 13 points for the Mustangs.

"I consider us to be the public school champion of Texas, and I have no reservations in claiming that," Mumford coach Chris Sodek said.

Lillard leads Blazers in 136-106 rout of Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers handed the San Antonio Spurs their worst loss in the Tim Duncan era, winning by such a large margin that it stunned them almost as much as the Western Conference's top team.

Damian Lillard had 35 points and nine assists and Portland routed San Antonio 136-106 on Friday night to set a record for the most points by an opponent at the AT&T Center and hand the Spurs their second-worst home loss ever.

"To come in here and win is hard enough," Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "To do it in that fashion is pretty remarkable."

LaMarcus Aldridge added 26 points and J.J. Hickson had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Portland. Eric Maynor added 20 points off

the bench and Wesley Matthews had 15 points.

Tim Duncan had 18 points to lead the Spurs, who were playing their third straight game without Tony Parker. The Spurs' All-Star point guard is expected to miss four weeks with a Grade 2 left ankle sprain.

Lillard had 29 points, seven rebounds and six assists in Portland's 98-90 win over Parker and the Spurs on Dec. 13 and he followed it with a similar performance Friday.

Lillard was 12 for 20 from the field and 3 for 4 on 3s while handing out six assists with no turnovers in 40 minutes.

"He was pretty special," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He just bid his time in the first half. Aldridge was playing so well (in the first half)."



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with 608 and has helped the Yankees win five World Series titles. He is regarded as the greatest closer of all time, whether he's throwing his cut fastball in the regular season or postseason.

"We just have a special relationship," Pettitte said. "I don't know how to explain it. Obviously, when you spent as much time together after as many years as we've been together, you just kind of grow a little closer to one another than you would with other teammates. He's always been there for me."

Rivera missed most of last year after tearing his right knee while shagging flyballs during batting practice in early May. Rivera

said he would have retired at the end of last season if he had not gotten hurt.

"I didn't want to leave like that," he said. "I felt like I wanted to give everything."

He also said he wanted to give Yankees fans around the major leagues a chance to see him one more time, knowing this will be the end.

"I'm actually appreciative that we get to enjoy him for one more year," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "I think he's prepared to go 100 percent. I think he'll have a good year. It's been a real treat for me. I was relaxed when he came into the game as a catcher, and I'm relaxed when he comes into the game as a manager, so that's probably about the highest compliment you can pay a closer."

Rivera's wife and two children

were by his side for the news conference. He began by playfully thanking the Yankees for giving him a new contract for two additional years through 2015 — which would break a team policy of not negotiating new deals before the old ones expire.

"It's not too easy when you come to a decision like this," Rivera said, turning serious. "After this year, I will be retired. ... Now you're hearing it from me. It's official now."

While others have proclaimed him the best closer in baseball history, Rivera wouldn't put that label on himself.

"I don't feel myself, the greatest of all time. I'm a team player," he said.

"I would love to be remembered as a player who was always there for others."

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rebounds for Detroit.

Middleton, a rookie who

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was taken in the second round of last year's draft, scored a season-high 14 points. He'd scored 37 all season prior to the game.

"Everyone wants to play in the fourth quarter, because that's money time," Middleton said. "I have confidence in my shot, and so do my teammates, so I was going to take it when I got an open look. That's my job."

Dallas led 76-71 after three quarters, then started the fourth on a 12-2 run capped by two 3-pointers by Vince

Carter. Knight then missed a layup while alone on a fast break, and it looked as though the Mavericks would have little trouble closing out the game.

It turned out Detroit had one more run left, but the Pistons still lost for the seventh time in eight games.

"They are a resilient team," Carlisle said. "They have young guys that have turned into fighters. Lawrence and Brian Hill have done a great job with them and they are going to get better and better."



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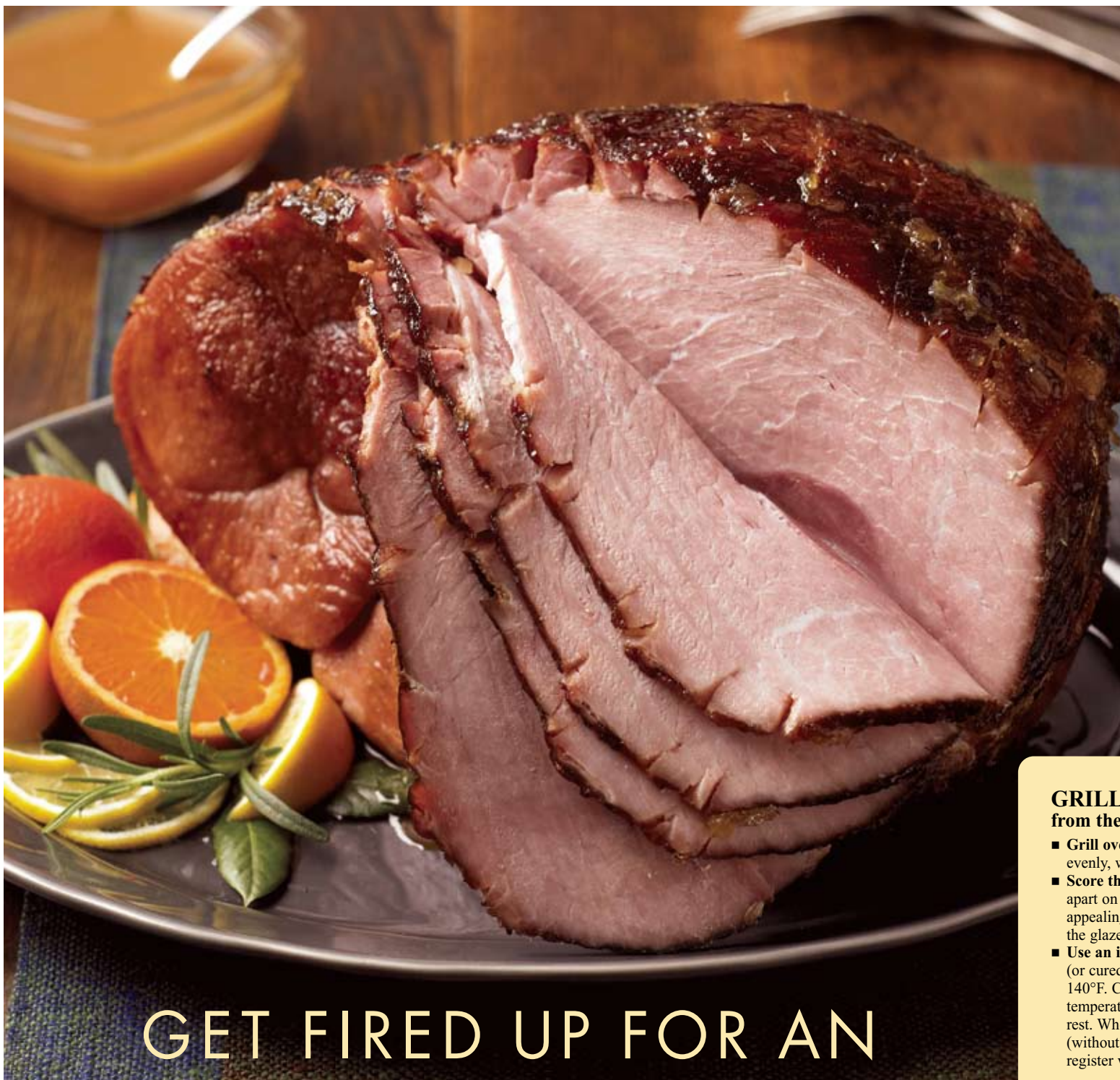
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Spiced Grilled Ham with Citrus Glaze

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 1 1/2 to 2 hours
Yield: 12 to 14 (4-ounce) servings

- 6 to 7-pound fully-cooked bone-in ham, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon ground paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 cup lemon marmalade (or other citrus marmalade)
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

Preheat gas or charcoal grill to medium-hot (375°F to 425°F). Prepare grill for indirect cooking: For gas grill, turn off center burner; for charcoal grill, bank coals on either side; place a drip pan under grate between heat sources.

Score a diamond pattern into ham, about 1/8 inch deep into any fat. In small bowl, combine coriander, paprika, cumin, cinnamon and cloves. Rub spice mixture over all sides of ham. Place ham, flat side down, in center of grill over drip pan. Cover and cook, adding briquettes as necessary to maintain heat, until internal temperature of ham reaches 140°F, 1 1/2 to 2 hours or 15 to 18 minutes per pound.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine marmalade, orange juice and sugar.

Brush marmalade mixture over ham. Cover and grill 5 minutes, until glaze is lightly caramelized. Remove ham from grill, transfer to cutting board, and let rest 15 to 30 minutes.

(Oven-roasting instructions can be found at www.porkbeinspired.com.)

GRILLING TIPS from the National Pork Board

- **Grill over indirect heat.** This allows the ham to heat evenly, without burning.
- **Score the ham.** Scoring (diagonal cuts about 1 inch apart on the surface of the ham) not only looks more appealing, but it allows both the natural juices and the glaze to penetrate and flavor the meat.
- **Use an instant-read thermometer.** Heat pre-cooked (or cured) ham until the internal temperature reaches 140°F. Cook fresh uncooked ham until the internal temperature reaches 145°F, followed by a 3-minute rest. When inserted into the thickest part of the meat (without touching any bone), the temperature should register within a few seconds.

FAMILY FEATURES

Looking to put a delicious twist on your Easter meal? Try cooking ham on the grill.

It's easy to fire up your feast with this Spiced Grilled Ham with Citrus Glaze recipe. A flavor powerhouse, ham can be prepared in multiple ways, complementing a variety of dishes and flavors that fit into any Easter celebration and beyond. Surround it with savory sides like Roasted Potatoes with Bacon and Goat Cheese or Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon for a truly mouthwatering meal. And, don't turn that grill off just yet, because no fired-up Easter feast would be complete without a sweet and smoky dessert that's also fresh off the grill — Caramel Frozen Yogurt Pie with Grilled Peaches.

You can find more Easter recipes, helpful tips and nutrition information at www.porkbeinspired.com.

Roasted Potatoes with Bacon and Goat Cheese

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 40 minutes
Yield: 6 servings

- 1/2 pound bacon, sliced
- 12 small red potatoes, halved
- Olive oil
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup goat cheese, plain
- 4 tablespoons green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 3 tablespoons dill, snipped, plus dill for garnish
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 450°F.

In large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat, turning to brown evenly, until crisp. Blot bacon on paper towels, mince and set aside.

Brush cut surfaces of potatoes lightly with olive oil. Place potato halves cut side up on a shallow rimmed baking pan; bake until potatoes are tender and faces of potatoes are lightly browned, about 20 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl mash together sour cream and goat cheese, stir in minced bacon, onion, Parmesan, dill, salt and pepper.

Top each potato with a spoonful, about 2 teaspoons, of sour cream mixture. Serve warm.

Make-Ahead Tip: Roast potatoes before guests arrive; keep warm in the oven. Top with cheese mixture before serving.

Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon

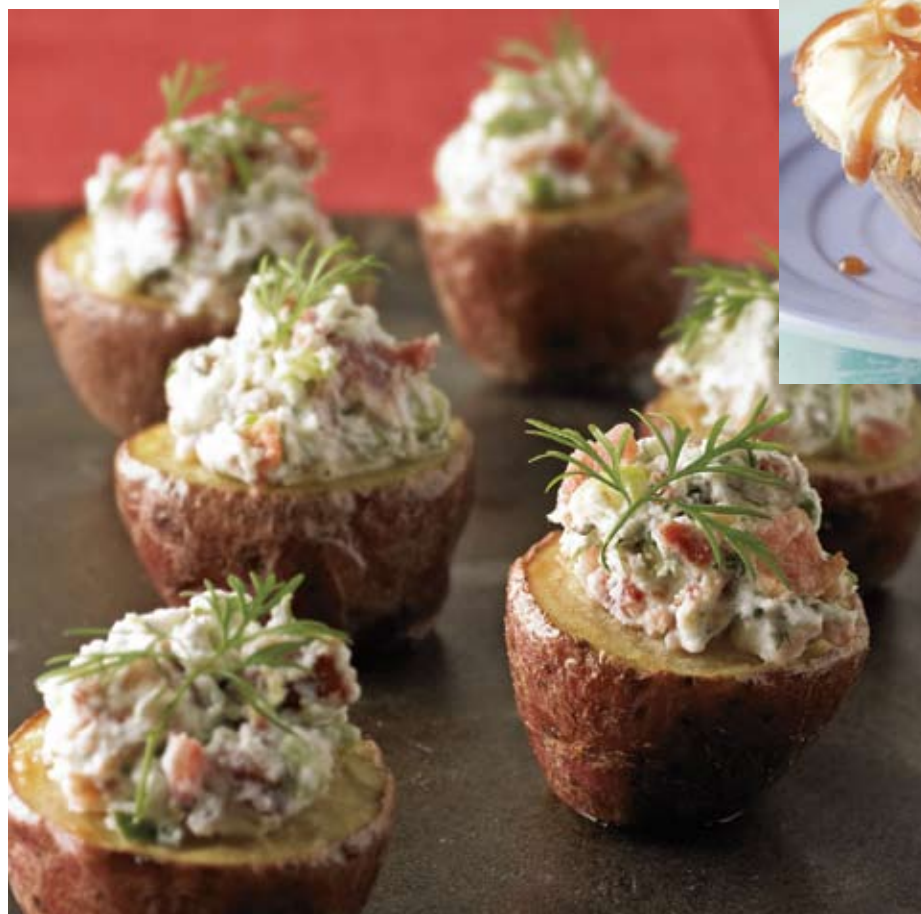
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 4 ounces cooked ham, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 3 cups peas, fresh or frozen
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick) cut into 4 to 6 pieces
- 1/4 cup fresh mint, coarsely chopped, plus sprigs for garnish
- 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, coarsely chopped, plus sprigs for garnish
- Salt and pepper to taste

Bring medium saucepan of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add peas and cook until tender, 3 to 8 minutes depending on size of peas.

Drain peas, reserving 2 tablespoons cooking water. Return peas and cooking water to saucepan. Add ham, butter, mint, and tarragon, stirring until butter melts. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer to bowl, garnish with mint and tarragon sprigs, and serve.



Caramel Frozen Yogurt Pie with Grilled Peaches

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- 2 pints premium vanilla frozen yogurt
- 1 9-inch prepared graham cracker pie crust, or 8 individual graham cracker pie crusts
- 1 1/4 cups caramel sauce, store-bought
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 6 ripe medium sized peaches, halved and pitted

Transfer 1 pint of frozen yogurt from freezer to refrigerator to soften for 30 to 40 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Bake pie crust until lightly browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

To assemble pie, spread softened yogurt evenly over pie crust. Place in freezer and chill about 1 hour. When firm spread about 3/4 cup caramel evenly over frozen yogurt.

Return pie to the freezer, and transfer second pint of frozen yogurt to refrigerator. Allow pint to soften for 30 to 40 minutes.

Spread second pint of yogurt evenly over caramel, making decorative swirls, if possible. Freeze until firm. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

To grill peaches, prepare medium fire in a charcoal grill or preheat gas grill on medium. Melt butter and stir in brown sugar until dissolved. Toss peaches with butter mixture until well coated.

Grill peaches directly over medium fire, cut-side up, until grill marks are visible, about 5 minutes. Turn peaches over and grill until grill marks show and peaches are tender, about 4 minutes longer. Set aside to cool. When cool, cut peaches into thick wedges.

When ready to serve, cut pie into wedges and serve with peaches on the side. Drizzle a little of remaining caramel sauce over top.

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Judge dismisses suit against town, airport

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed against Charlotte, its airport and an airline by the family of a teen who apparently fell to his death from the wheel well of a jet approaching Boston.

Superior Court Judge Hugh Lewis ruled Tuesday that 16-year-old Delvonte Tisdale of Charlotte was negligent in his actions and the city is not responsible for people who breach security.

Tisdale's body was found Nov. 15, 2010, a day after he left his home in Charlotte. The body was so badly damaged that Massachusetts authorities could not identify the remains. Tisdale's body was identified from a hall pass with his name on it.

An autopsy sus bir determine cause of death. Authorities said Tisdale probably sneaked onto the tarmac of Charlotte Douglas International Airport and climbed into the wheel well of US Airways Flight 1176, bound for Boston.

The lawsuit by Tisdale's family in November said the city, the airport and the airline should have done more to prevent Tisdale from getting onto the tarmac and into the plane's wheel well.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster talk about a program which relocated more than 250,000 orphans and unwanted children from New York to Texas and the Midwest during their "Riders on the Orphan Train" event at Heritage Museum Thursday evening.

France wants more dads to take time off for babies

PARIS (AP) — French President Francois Hollande wants more dads to stay home with their babies and more moms to get back to work faster.

On Friday, International Women's Day, Hollande, a never-married father of four, proposed legislation to encourage more men to take long-term paternity leave. The Socialist leader has made a point of promoting women's rights since his election last year, naming an equal rights minister and ensuring that women make up half of his Cabinet.

While most French mothers work, their salaries, pensions and career prospects can suffer from taking long maternity leave. Giving fathers more flexibility with parental leave could help make it easier for mothers to return to their jobs.

Hollande's proposal would allow fathers to take up to six months of paid leave after the birth of a child and ex-

tend other long-term parental leave benefits to fathers. Speaking at an equality conference Thursday night, the French president promised to get the idea written into a draft law by May.

French law currently allows fathers up to two weeks of paid paternity leave right after a baby is born. Mothers are allowed several weeks of maternity leave paid for by the employer.

Then, a parent can take further time off to take care of a child while receiving about €600 a month from the government family agency. With a first child, that parental leave is capped at six months; with two or more children, the leave can go up to three years. The family agency says just 3.5 percent of recipients of this parental leave subsidy are fathers.

Hollande's government is hoping to shrink the length of time the subsidy can go to mothers to encourage fathers

to also put in for the leave. The legislation would also provide more state aid for single parents whose partners fail to pay child support.

The government is considering reducing the total amount of parental leave allowed from three years to two-and-a-half years, in order finance some extra six-month leaves for fathers — a move aimed at keeping costs down for a government struggling to trim spending.

The government also argues that the measure could keep women in the work force and theoretically boost the economy.

"You have to view this reform as part of a larger whole," the minister for equal rights, Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, told RTL radio Friday. The aim, she said, is to "make it so that the employee, whether female or male, can better reconcile their personal life and their professional life."

French governments of left

and right have long championed family-friendly policies, including public pre-schools and day care and child subsidies. That has helped keep women in the work force and the French birthrate steady — at about two children per woman — while other European countries have seen sharp declines in recent decades.

But France is still a society with a strong conservative strain and plenty of sexist attitudes despite a reputation for sexual freedoms.

French officialdom talked about little but women's rights Friday, with the prime minister signing an agreement to give women equal opportunities in public service, the defense ministry urging more "feminization" of the army, and Paris City Hall naming a dozen streets and squares after influential women.

Hollande's push follows a recent move in Britain that

extended paternity leave from two weeks for a new father to include a new option of 26 weeks more — as long as the other partner has returned to the workplace. Mothers can take up to a year of leave, with up to 39 weeks usually paid for by the employer, though not at full pay.

Neighboring Germany offers a complex formula that allows fathers two months of paid parental leave. Either parent can take up to three years off with their job guaranteed upon return, but only part of that time is paid.

Sweden takes things even further. Swedish couples can share 16 months of parental leave, providing that it's split so that one of them — normally the man — takes at least two months. The government pays 80 percent of the home-bound parent's wages, up to a ceiling, and sometimes employers pay more on top of that.

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U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer has introduced a bill to make it easier for farmers and other agricultural producers to safely transport the fuel they need for a day of field work. The bill has received bipartisan support in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Neugebauer co-sponsors bipartisan farm fuel draft

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON, DC — Thursday, Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas) introduced H.R. 1026, a bipartisan bill that will make it easier for farmers, custom harvesters and agricultural producers to safely transport the fuel they need for a day of field work.

Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), ranking member of the House Committee on Agriculture, joined Neugebauer in introducing the bill.

In the Senate, a companion bill was introduced by Sens. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.).

"Farmers know that when it comes time to plant or harvest a crop, every minute matters,"

Neugebauer said. "But current fuel transport restrictions on certain drivers force them to take multiple trips to the fuel station just to fill up their equipment. That adds time and money that they can't afford."

Currently, Class A commercial drivers can only haul up to 118 gallons of fuel unless they have a hazardous materials endorsement, which is costly and time-consuming to obtain. There is already an exemption to these requirements for Class B commercial drivers. H.R. 1026 simply broadens that exemption to Class A drivers, who are more stringently tested.

"This bill is a common sense update that reflects the needs of modern agriculture," Neugebauer said. "It simply broadens

an existing exemption to federal laws so that producers can safely transport up to 1,000 gallons of fuel for their combines, harvesters, and other large equipment.

"This legislation is a safe, responsible solution that reduces federal burdens on the people who feed and clothe America, and I look forward to bipartisan support in Congress," he added.

The bill enjoys support from organizations including the Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Soybean Association, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Corn Growers Association, National Sorghum Producers and U.S. Custom Harvesters Inc.

Fish McBites fail to spark sales

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's new Fish McBites failed to hook enough diners to get the fast-food chain's U.S. sales growing in February.

The world's biggest hamburger chain said Friday that a key sales figure was down 3.3 percent in the U.S. for the month. When excluding the extra day of sales for February of last year, which was a leap year, the company said the figure was flat. That was despite the rollout of the Fish McBites nuggets in three sizes, which were also offered as the first new Happy Meal entree in a decade.

The struggle to grow at home reflects the mounting pressures on McDonald's, which had managed to pull even during the Great Recession.

Now the Oak Brook, Ill.-based



chain is facing a rapidly shifting industry, with chains such as Chipotle and Panera reshaping customers' expectations about fast food. An increase in payroll taxes that took effect in January isn't helping.

Long-term competitors such as Burger King, Taco Bell and Wendy's are also revamping their menus and stepping up advertis-

ing. Making matters worse, McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, who took the helm this summer, has said that he expects overall growth in the industry will continue to be flat to down for some time.

In response, McDonald's is playing up its Dollar Menu to attract budget-conscious diners, a strategy some analysts have questioned because it could hurt profit margins. The chain is also increasing its limited-time offers as a way to keep its menu fresh.

Notably, McDonald's also has a high bar to meet because of its past success; U.S. sales rose 11.1 percent in February of last year and 2.7 percent in 2011.

In light of those tough comparisons, R.W. Baird analyst David See **MCBITES**, Page 4B

Market Watch



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Stock investors rarely like surprises, but they got one when the minutes of the January Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting were released. The initial interpretation by the market was that a significant number of voting committee members are now in favor of altering the pace of the Federal Reserve's bond buying program, which was instituted at the end of last year.

All this strategist can say is, "You have to be kidding me." Keep in mind that the Federal Reserve (Fed), in a major monetary policy move, had decided to replace the expiring "Operation Twist" program with a new strategy. The Fed would begin buying Treasury bonds at a rate of \$45 billion per month, with no expiration date. This was in addition to the \$40 billion of mortgage-backed securities the Fed had already been purchasing.

The program started at the beginning of this year with the goal of trying to "support mortgage markets, and help make broader financial conditions more accommodative." What changed between the Dec. 12 announcement of this new policy and the late January meeting of the FOMC? Not much that we can see.

The unemployment rate is actually higher now than when the announcement was made, the economy contracted in the fourth quarter based on the government's first estimate, and sentiment readings have stumbled from both a business and a consumer perspective. Is that the type of environment in which the Fed would be expected to take its foot off the gas pedal? We do not think so.

Is the Federal Reserve — arguably the most powerful central bank on the planet — really going to shift gears after embarking on a major quantitative easing (QE) strategy, after only a couple of months? Such a sudden change in attitude would likely be considered an erratic decision by many in the global investment community and might negatively impact the Fed's credibility in the financial markets; that is, if the intention of the Fed was to forewarn investors that the new QE strategy was about to change.

But, in our opinion, that is not the case. The market simply misread the FOMC statement.

A big part of Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's job during his semi-annual testimony to the Senate banking committee was to let the financial markets know that the Fed intends to keep monetary policy very easy for a long time (emphasis on very easy).

The last thing the Fed wants is for markets to get spooked because investors start to sense that the central-bank-provided tailwind for stocks is coming to an end or will not be blowing as hard.

It appears that Chairman Bernanke was successful in completing his main task. The markets have responded in a positive fashion. The head of the most powerful central bank in the world basically assured investors that the accelerator is pushed to the floor and will be for quite a while.

So, do not sweat the FOMC minutes. They may have caused uncertainty for a couple of trading sessions, but Chairman Bernanke knew he had to get a handle on the situation and clarify the Fed's stance.

Bottom line, the Fed does indeed still have the market's back.

Past Performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Feb. 27, 2013 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors Senior Equity Strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, Managing Director - Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at (432) 684-7335.

U.S. adds 236K jobs, unemployment falls to 7.7 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A burst of hiring last month added 236,000 U.S. jobs and reduced the unemployment rate to 7.7 percent from 7.9 percent in January. The robust gains suggested that the economy can strengthen further despite higher taxes and government spending cuts.

The February jobs report issued Friday provided encouraging details: The unemploy-

ment rate is at its lowest level in four years. Job growth has averaged more than 200,000 a month since November. Wages rose. And the job gains were broad-based, led by the most construction hiring in six years.

The unemployment rate, which had been stuck at 7.8 percent or above since September, declined mostly because more people found work. Another factor was that

130,000 people without jobs stopped looking for work last month. The government doesn't count them as unemployed.

The unemployment rate is calculated from a survey of households. The job gains are derived from a separate survey of employers.

The 236,000 jobs that were added in February is a historically solid total. And it would have been higher if govern-

ments were contributing to job growth, rather than subtracting from it as they have for nearly four years. Governments cut 10,000 jobs in February.

If federal, state and local governments were adding their long-term combined average of 20,000 to 25,000 jobs a month, February's total job gains would have been around 260,000.

Hiring has accelerated since summer. Em-

ployers have added an average of 191,000 jobs a month from December through February. They had averaged 181,000 gains from September through November and 135,000 from June through August.

Stock prices rose modestly Friday morning after the report was released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time. Another day of stock gains would give the Dow Jones industrial average its fourth

straight record close.

The government said employers added slightly fewer jobs in January than the government had first estimated. Job gains were lowered to 119,000 from an initially estimated 157,000. Still, December hiring was a little stronger than first thought, with 219,000 jobs added instead of 191,000.

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Judgment and Sentence: Guy James Peterson, criminal trespass, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: April Lynn Martinez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Blake Michael Gee, driving while intoxicated, \$100 fine, \$457 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Stephanie Marie Nieto, criminal mischief - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Reyes Ramirez III, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Reyes Ramirez III, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Reyes Ramirez III, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Johnny Reyes, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Richard Elisha Nelson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Darryl Lee Miller, theft of service - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Reyes Ramirez III, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mario Ildefonso Salazar, assault causing bodily injury, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Daryl Lee Miller, theft of service - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
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Judgment and Sentence: Mario Ildefonso Salazar, assault causing bodily injury, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Glen Detrick Lottman II, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mario Ildefonso Salazar, assault causing bodily injury, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Sophia Conception Marmolejo, criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time sus-

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Judgment and Sentence: Lorenzo Torres Ramirez, driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Latasha Woodson, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$250 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: David Joe Villareal Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mario Ildefonso Salazar, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Billy Bob Alvarado, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500.
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Probated Judgment: Jacob Ray Albarado, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Leslye Rogers, possession of a controlled substance, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
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Probated Judgment: Antonio Garcia Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
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Judgment and Sentence: Brandon C. Hamner, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, five days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Heath Allen Richardson, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: John F. Daricek, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457

court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Glen D. Lottman, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Tony Anthony Arrendondo, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
District Court Filings:
In Re Jeremiah Thomas Segundo, family.
In Re Brandon Lee Canales, family.
Concepcion Galvan vs. Arnoldo B. Galvan, divorce.
Barbara Enos vs. RoJay LLC, injury or damages.
State of Texas vs. Dakota Anguiano, seizure.
Marie Young vs. Christine Michelle Beam, family.
Capital One Bank USA vs. James D. Rider, accounts, notes and contracts.
Steven Savell vs. Kimberly Savell, divorce.
Courtney Randall vs. Billy Joe Randall, divorce.
Danielle DeShay Boyles vs. Ian Boyles, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
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a steady housing recovery are spurring more hiring, which could trigger more consumer spending and stronger economic growth. The construction industry

added 48,000 in February; it's added a solid 151,000 since September. Manufacturing gained 14,000 jobs last month and 39,000 since November.

Retailers added 24,000 jobs, a sign that they anticipate healthy con-

sumer spending in the coming months. Education and health services gained 24,000.

And the information industry, which includes publishing, telecommunications and film, added 20,000, mostly in the movie industry.

The economy is generating more higher-paying jobs in industries like accounting, engineering and information technology.

That's raising average pay, which will help offset the hit that Americans took from higher Social Security taxes

and gas prices, analysts said.

Hourly wages rose 4 cents to \$23.82 last month.

Wages have risen 2.1 percent over the past year, slightly ahead of inflation. Higher pay is vital to the economy because consumer spend-

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Tarantino said McDonald's U.S. results were "respectable." He also noted that the broader industry remains pressured by other factors, such as higher payroll taxes and gas prices.

Results in other parts of the world were mixed. Globally, McDonald's said sales at established restaurants fell 1.5 percent for the month. When excluding the impact of the extra day, the company said sales rose 1.7 percent.

Over in Europe, McDonald's said sales were down 0.5 percent or up 2.7 percent when factoring out the extra day

from a year ago. The company has been focusing on expanding its breakfast menu and restaurant hours throughout the region, which represents its biggest market by sales.

In the region including Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa, the sales figure was down 1.6 percent, or up 1.5 percent when excluding the impact of the calendar shift. Although sales in China and Australia were positive, McDonald's continued to struggle in Japan, where sank 12 percent at restaurants open at least 13 months.

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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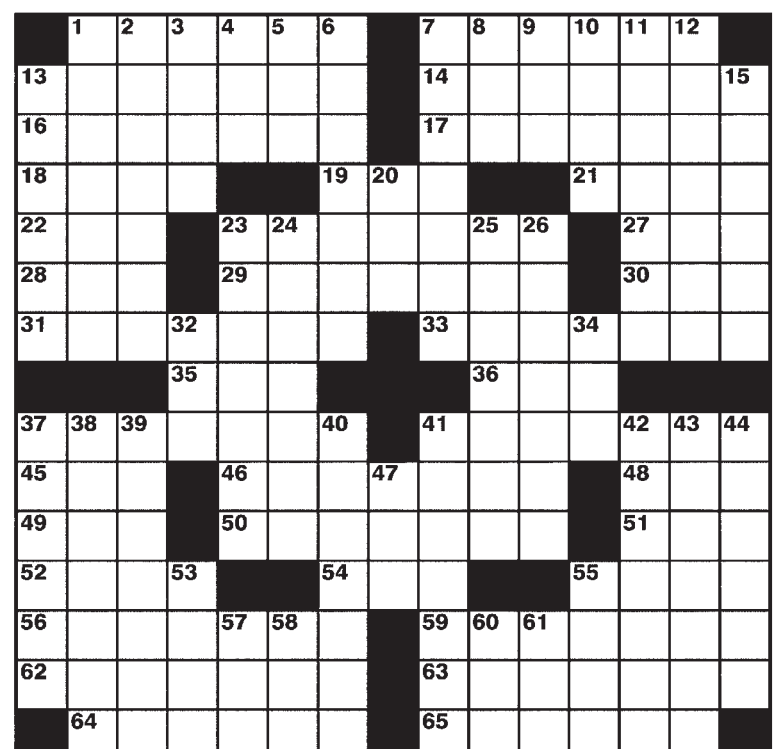
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Makes into bread
- 7 Where Michael J. Fox is from
- 13 Nest-egg option
- 14 Trickster's activity
- 16 Breadmaker, perhaps
- 17 Where Michael J. Fox is from
- 18 Milling by-product
- 19 Memo header, maybe
- 21 Move around
- 22 Front of overalls
- 23 Square one, so to speak
- 27 Fire starter
- 28 "Yes"
- 29 It may be over your head
- 30 Pass easily
- 31 Server's suggestion
- 33 Late
- 35 Hard to see
- 36 What Freud called *das Ich*
- 37 Rug rats
- 41 Filled (with)
- 45 Essence of many a punch line
- 46 Comparatively lively
- 48 __ *minérale*
- 49 Distress
- 50 Baby Ruth sister brand
- 51 Soothe, perhaps
- 52 Mogul
- 54 Anagram of 35 Across
- 55 Word after country or sea
- 56 Decoy
- 59 Ancient angler
- 62 Commiserative comment
- 63 Buyout hopefuls
- 64 Paper
- 65 Boots
- DOWN**
- 1 Place to say "Olé!"
- 2 "Olé!"
- 3 Area a guard might cover
- 4 __ Way (Sinatra biography)
- 5 Golden __
- 6 Wells Fargo's HQ
- 7 Drink with ginger
- 8 MapQuest owner
- 9 Apprehend
- 10 Ground things
- 11 Sleaze
- 12 Ohio college
- 13 Some wedding officials
- 15 January birthstone
- 20 Squawk
- 23 Pastoral Symphony movement
- 24 It can go 0-to-60 in three seconds
- 25 Host's hire
- 26 Rubik's homeland
- 32 When e.e. cummings was interned
- 34 Marker
- 37 Plenty of nothing
- 38 Subway alternative
- 39 Open
- 40 Mercury and Saturn
- 41 Great delicacy
- 42 Quiz Show sponsor
- 43 Trucking companies
- 44 White truffles, for example
- 47 Backed bench
- 53 Inflammation
- 55 Dispense, with "out"
- 57 Runner who ran the 2012 Olympics
- 58 It means "most"
- 60 Party dress
- 61 Dickensian narrator

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Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 13th day of February, 2013
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TO: Antonia Salinas if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 5 & 6, Bk 4, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$364.59, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANTONIA SALINAS, JUAN FLORES AND ELIZABETH FLORES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 31, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANTONIA SALINAS, JUAN FLORES AND ELIZABETH FLORES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6005 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of March, A.D. 2013.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7688 March 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Faustino Rios, deceased
Cresencia R. Rios, deceased
Robert Rios, Sr., Alfred Rios, Betty Jane, Anestacia Rios, Senaida Johnson

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 12, Blk 26, Governments Height to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,774.96, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ROBERT RIOS, SR., ALFRED RIOS, BETTY JANE RIOS, ANESTACIA RIOS, SENaida JOHNSON, VALERIE RIOS AND JEREMY JOHN RIOS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on August 30, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROBERT RIOS, SR., ALFRED RIOS, BETTY JANE RIOS, ANESTACIA RIOS, SENaida JOHNSON, VALERIE RIOS AND JEREMY JOHN RIOS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5198 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7685 March 10 & 17, 2013

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 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 Saturday, March 16th, 2013, at 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:

Tenant: Tina Junkin
Consisting of: HHG
#7674 March 3 & 10, 2013

NOBODY ASKS FOR IT
Help STOP Sexual Assaults
Call 263-3312
Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Dolores Gonzales aka Dolores Maria Gonzales

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 28, of the Balch Subdivision No. 7, out of the South part of Sc. 32, Bk 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,007.98, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DOLORES GONZALES AKA DOLORES MARIA GONZALES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 24, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DOLORES GONZALES AKA DOLORES MARIA GONZALES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5953 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7686 March 10 & 17, 2013

"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 46, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$624.16, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 28, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6027 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described,

not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7687 March 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Billie Marie Knoop

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc 5, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,225.07, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JACOB P. VALENZUELA AND BILLIE MARIE KNOOP and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 25, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JACOB P. VALENZUELA AND BILLIE MARIE KNOOP, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6066 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7684 March 10 & 17, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

New Moon Eve
What project would you like to see blossom over the next two weeks? Even improbable, outrageous or wacky endeavors seem doable. Whatever venture you take on, the waxing moon on March 11th through the 26th will compound your efforts. That's why today — on the eve of the Pisces new moon — is the ideal time to get your ducks in a row.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a lot easier to have a positive attitude when you're actually happy. And right now, you're relatively easy to please. So go on and do the things that might make you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The little guy "can" win. You've seen it happen, and you've made it happen. The odds may appear to be stacked



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against you, but that won't deter you now. You'll take on the challenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life is just more interesting to the person who has a curious mind. Because you are naturally curious, you often find yourself in a fascinating place among absorbing people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's important to you that the people around you are honest in the way they present information. You enjoy fiction, and you don't mind taking a fanciful journey as long as it's not masquerading as reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One-sided relationships are too much work, and they usually don't last. Find out what the other person wants. Take care to do or request the things that will make a relationship balanced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find something

to learn from everyone. Today the messenger will be far less appealing than the message. But if you can get past the delivery system, you'll receive golden knowledge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're multifaceted and will think differently at different points of the day. The mixed bag of positive and negative thoughts will balance into a rather realistic view of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you are operating at levels that are much deeper than the material world, you'll still take the time to look good. Because you pay attention to detail and dress appropriately, you'll be offered a special opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll sense that you are feeling the same way as another person, so mention it. Take advantage of this bonding opportunity. It

will be nice to know that you're not so different from anyone else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Is entertainment relaxing you or enslaving you? When the show is over, do you feel energized and inspired, or exhausted? Make the choices that will contribute to your happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Complicated characters may be infringing on your peace. Though you can't always choose your company, you can arrange to spend more time around people who are funny, easy-going and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Look out, world, here you come! Your energy is strong, and you know just what you have to do. True, this task is not exactly how you love to spend your time, but it needs doing just the same.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10). Sure, you have competitors and colleagues. Still, no one can do what you do the way you do it. That's why you'll be honored this month, and you'll receive bonus money, too. April brings the end of a task and a new adventure. June is your shot at a prize. July is one long love song. Capricorn and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 38 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:
Whatever you wish to grow stronger in your life, it's likely that the traditional methods will not be the best at this time. The Pisces new moon in the beginning of the week wants to open our minds and souls to different possibilities. You may find out that things you didn't believe

had anything to do with one another are in fact connected in magical ways. Even though Pisces is the old soul of the zodiac, it is also the sign of new inner worlds. Creativity, healing and spirituality will be the focus tomorrow and during the two weeks that follow.

Also, in the early week, Mars changes stations. When the red planet comes home to Aries, the sign it rules, Mars becomes even more powerful. In some ways, this passage is like Dr. Robert Bruce Banner turning into The Hulk. Even though he may cause the occasional random destruction of property, the nature of this powerful green guy is basically good. His wild outbursts may be scary, but he is usually only acting in his own defense or in the defense of others. Mars in Aries, a passage that lasts until April 20th, may be all bulked-up muscles and raw testosterone, but the intent is to do some good in the world.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Record-breaking "American Idol" superstar Carrie Underwood is set to star as Maria von Trapp in NBC's live broadcast of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "The Sound of Music." Underwood's natal chart shows that the wholesome superstar also has a sassy side, with her moon in sensuous Scorpio and Venus and Mars in red-hot Aries.

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TO: BILLIE MARIE KNOOP MICHELLE BOLDING

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sec. 5, Blk 32, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "B": Assessed Value- \$1,612.00 Amt. due-\$1,171.71

A tract of land out of Sec. 5, Blk 32, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "C": Assessed Value- \$5,636.00 Amt. due-\$4,096.70

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,268.41, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against R.R. McNEW, GARY WAYNE McNEW, LINDA M. WHITEFIELD, BILLIE MARIE KNOOP AND MICHELLE BOLDING and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. R.R. McNEW, GARY WAYNE McNEW, LINDA M. WHITEFIELD, BILLIE MARIE KNOOP AND MICHELLE BOLDING, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5391 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7689 March 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Clarence E. Williams Judith P. Williams

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Its 12-15, Bk 40, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; SAVE AND EXCEPT the W/5' of Lot 15

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,613.49, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against RONDA RE'NA WILLIAMS, CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS AND JUDITH P. WILLIAMS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 30, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RONDA RE'NA WILLIAMS, CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS AND JUDITH P. WILLIAMS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-6017 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7690 March 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Mike Gressett

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Being a 19.724 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 40, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit, including 14x76 mobile home.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,370.24, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MIKE GRESSETT and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 31, 2012, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MIKE GRESSETT, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6175 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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Howard County, Texas,
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#7683 March 10 & 17, 2013

See Sudoku Answers Page 8B

sudoku

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.

1	5	2						
			8				6	
	7			3		1		
8	2	4		6	3			
	1						9	
		7	1	3	5		6	
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East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 7 6
♥ A Q 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ A 8 7

WEST
♠ —
♥ J 8 6 4
♦ A K 6 5
♣ K J 10 9 5

EAST
♠ K 5 4 3 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ K 9 5
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Dble Redble
Pass Pass 2♣ Pass
Pass 2♣ Pass 3♣
Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Assume you're declarer in four spades and West leads the K-A and another diamond. East ruffs and returns a club, on which you hopefully play the queen, but West covers with the king, and you win with dummy's ace.

You lead a trump and finesse the queen, West discarding a club. Learning that East started with five trumps is enlightening, but while it solves the problem of avoiding a trump loser, it does not solve the problem of avoiding a club loser.

Thus, if you next crossed to the queen of hearts to take a second trump finesse, then led a heart to the ace and took another trump finesse, you'd pick up East's king, but you'd still have to lose a club and go down one.

It can't be right to settle for such an outcome without trying to do something about it. So you start looking for a line of play that offers you a chance for the contract.

The solution is not all that hard to find. At trick six, you lead a low heart and finesse dummy's ten! When the finesse succeeds, you are well on the way to victory.

You take a second trump finesse, lead a heart to the queen and take a third trump finesse. The ace of trumps draws East's king, after which you lead the king of hearts to the ace and deposit your club loser on dummy's jack of diamonds.

It is true that you must take what appears to be a foolish first-round heart finesse to make the contract, but you can easily justify that play by saying that desperate circumstances require desperate measures.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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FAMILY FEATURES

When it comes to adding technology to your home, the bedroom might not be the first place you would consider. But the reality is that high tech is becoming an integral part of every living space — including the bedroom.

A survey by the International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA) looked at what designers expect to see in American homes by the year 2020. The report predicts that:

- Master bedroom suites will get busier, sharing time as a home office, media center or exercise room.
- 97 percent of respondents believe that by 2020 many home furnishings will be activated by means such as voice and sensor. Primary candidates for remote control/motorized operation include lighting, entertainment gear, environmental controls and window treatments.

“High-tech is here to stay,” said Emily Henderson, HGTV “Design Star” winner and designer on “Secrets from a Stylist” on HGTV. “Technology can make your life easier in so many ways. And with so much activity centered in the master suite, it makes sense to add useful tech devices into that living space, too.”

Here are a few of Henderson’s favorite ways to modernize the master bedroom in style:



Emily Henderson

Bed control

“It shouldn’t take a lot of work to get comfortable enough to relax,” said Henderson. “Traditional beds only have one position, and that’s not going to be a good fit for everyone or every activity. That’s why I love Leggett & Platt’s adjustable bed bases. With a wireless remote I can easily change my position to be comfortable no matter what I’m doing.”

Henderson says that today’s adjustable base beds are not only more functional than old models, but they’re more attractive, too. “You can find a style to fit your room and a model that offers the level of technology that you’re comfortable with,” she said. “For example, the Leggett & Platt Designer Series has intuitive digital remotes that let you adjust both the head and the foot of your mattress so you can find exactly the right position. They even have a massage feature for a little stylish pampering and a bed skirt option for a more traditional look.” Learn more at www.lpadjustablebeds.com.

“It’s such a luxury to be able to lie in bed and use a remote to open your curtains or shades in the morning,” said Henderson. “I think it officially means you are a grown up, but in a good way.”

Henderson recommends that you get shades or curtains that have blackout lining, and ideally two settings — one for privacy and light control, which would be lighter and thinner, and one with the blackout lining for that perfect dark room that you can sleep in. Blackout curtains also muffle outside noise. “I’m a big fan of The Shade Store motorized window treatments, which are all custom made. They are super high quality so less likely to break down and are still very attractive.”

You can find motorized shades or shutters with a timer, which lets you program them to open and close whenever you like. Some have wall switches, while others have a remote control so you can operate them from anywhere.

Motorized window treatment control

Remote control TV mount

“Wall mounting your TV isn’t anything new, but being able to lie in bed and control the exact placement (right, left, tilt up, tilt down) is a total luxury,” said Henderson. “Many companies are starting to do this so you don’t have to have the TV across from your bed, instead you can put it on a side wall and have the long extendable arm bring the TV to you — by remote.”

Make sure that your wall mount is compatible with your television.

- Check the weight rating on the mounts and brackets to make sure they can support your TV.
- Some mounts have different shapes to fit different screen sizes. Check the specification on the packaging to be sure.

Hide ugly cables with a cord concealer. You can find low-profile paintable flat screen cord cover kits at your local home improvement stores. Paint them to match your wall and they’ll blend right in.

Heat control

Sleeping at the right temperature is crucial for a wakeless night’s sleep, but finding an attractive thermostat can be tricky. “There are thermostats which you can control with your iPhone even if you are traveling, so that when you are headed home you can make sure it’s warm enough without wasting a lot of energy,” said Henderson.

These thermostats are intended to save you energy and money by automatically learning your patterns and behavior and adjusting itself accordingly.

You can also create your own personal comfort zone within the bedroom with temperature controlled pillows and blankets. And there’s nothing quite like waking up and putting your feet down on heated flooring.

Music control

You want to listen to music on good quality speakers, but you don’t want a huge speaker in your bedroom; nor do you want to have to get up and turn the stereo off. “Also, I don’t always like the music right next to my ear, on the nightstand,” said Henderson, “so instead I recommend a Bluetooth or wireless speaker that plugs into your wall. You can find speakers that are small and attractive with a great sound and can be controlled by your smartphone next to your bed.”

When choosing a speaker, keep a few things in mind:

- Bluetooth reach is limited to about 30 feet. Some speakers use Wi-Fi wireless network technology, which has wider coverage.
- Some models have a dock for smartphones or other devices, as well as additional audio inputs for connecting other devices such as your TV. Make sure the model you choose is compatible with your devices — some only work with iOS or Android systems.
- Some wireless speakers come with remotes or voice recognition controls, but the quality varies. Read user reviews before making your decision.

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Big Spring Senior Center

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Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato chips, carrot coin salad, tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, apple crisp, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Chicken and dumplings, green peas, salad, angel cake with peaches, rolls, milk.

Friday: Chopped barbecue on bun, baked beans, fried okra, coleslaw, banana pudding, milk.

Big Spring ISD Spring Break

Coahoma ISD Spring Break

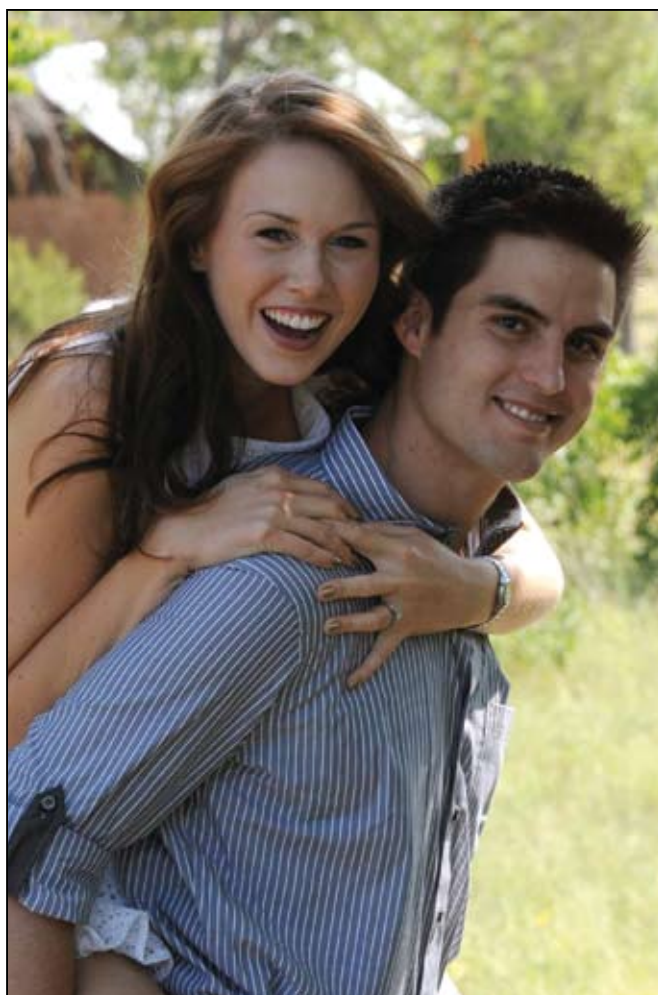
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Julia Hautmann and Adam Thompson

Hautmann and Thompson

Julia Hautmann, a native of Hoernshofen, Germany, and Adam Thompson of Coahoma plan to exchange wedding vows in August.

Julia, who has resided in Alamogordo, N.M., since 1988, is the daughter of John and Susanne Hautmann of Alamogordo. She graduated from Alamogordo High School in 2006 and plans to graduate from the University of New Mexico in May 2013, with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Adam is the son of Eddie Thompson of Tularosa, N.M., and Laura Thompson Wilson of Coahoma.

He attended Coahoma High School until his senior year and graduated high school in Alamogordo in 2005. He graduated New Mexico State University in 2010 and is currently employed as a registered nurse at a large cardiac unit in Albuquerque.

Their wedding has been set for Aug. 7, 2013, at Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque.



Kendal Layne Adams and Casey Graydon Barham

Adams and Barham

Kendal Layne Adams of Big Spring and Casey Graydon Barham of Archer City, Texas, have announced their intention to be wed March 22, 2013.

The bride to be is the daughter of Ricky and Patti Adams of Big Spring.

She graduated from Big Spring High School in 2005 and received her undergraduate degree in 2009 and her master's degree in 2011 from Texas Tech University Health

Sciences Center. She is employed as a speech pathologist at Wisteria Place Skilled Nursing & Rehab.

The prospective groom is the son of Charley and Deniese Barham.

He graduated from Archer City High School in 2006 and from Texas Tech University in 2012.

He is a petroleum engineer with Lewis Operating Company.

The couple plan to wed in Big Spring.



Randi Froman

Bride Elect Of

Billy Darrow

Shower:
March 24

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Wedding:  
**May 18**

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♥ Randi & Billy's selections include Green Chantal Stoneware, 3 Piece Candle Holder Set, Decorative Picture Frames, Wall Decor, Cake Pedestals, Mixing Bowls & Much More.

Included Below Are Our Other Registrees:

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- Randi Froman & Billy Darrow
- Kendal Adams & Casey Barham
- Julie Adams & Nick Gray
- Katie Tompkins & Jared Wilkerson
- Aricka Hart & Kevin Grove

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# Club News

## Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, March 4, in the Howard College Cactus Room.

President Jan Hansen called on Pat Simmons for the invocation and Teresa Darden presented February's minutes. Debbie Wegman brought us up to date on the financials for approval.

Jan reported our entry in state competition has been sent on time. Johnny Womack told us about the national convention and the state meeting, where he was asked to help with judging of entries. Thanks for your time spent in our behalf, Johnny!

Tammy DePauw told about the "Doing Your Part" February award going to the Life Church. Members were asked to notify Tammy or Sandra Rhodes-Bartlett of any suitable candidates for this award.

Pat Simmons brought up several ideas of how we can help the cleanup effort after the July Pops in the Park. This is an ongoing part we play to keep our park clean.

We will have our yearly community appearance index on March 26. The litter committee and the awareness committee set a meeting to

plan the Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off, which will be held Saturday, April 6. We need loads of volunteers for this project.

We welcomed back Loyce Phillips, a long-time acting member, who has had to tend to family matters until recently.

New members Sheila Abusaab and Jennifer Fuller were also applauded.

Terri Telchik will survey possible grants for which we may want to apply. Fundraising efforts are being discussed and will be presented at a later date. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the Trash-off on April 6. We want a huge effort this year, and you can take part.

Our next meeting will be held at noon April 1 in the Cactus Room. Y'all come!

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