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## Council decides not to 'stir the pot'

*Will hold off on landfill resolution until a later date*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council put the brakes on final reading of an inter-local agreement with Howard County for funding the construction and permitting of a new municipal landfill, opting to postpone the vote until after a committee meeting involving the two governments today.

The inter-local agreement — which was approved unanimously on its first reading March 26 by the city council

— calls for the city to pay two-thirds of the cost of the project, with Howard County picking up the bill for one-third, estimated at \$1.6 million.

According to Mayor Tommy Duncan, the decision to postpone the vote was made in an effort not to “stir the pot” on the issue, which has caused tempers to flare between the two government entities during past meetings.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The Big Spring City Council tabled final reading of an inter-local agreement concerning

## Help for health-conscious available at Chamber fair

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor

Something for kids and adults alike is what Crossroads area folks will find at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, set from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

“There are so many health services right here in Big Spring and the health fair is one way we can showcase that,” said Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director.

Admission to the health fair is free. Among the highlights:

- KBST Radio, which will broadcast live from the fair, will have a driving simulator set up for persons to attempt to text while driving. KBST has a goal of 2013 people to take the pledge not to text and drive. The first 100 people at the health fair to take the pledge will receive a free T-shirt.
- The Big Spring Fire Marshal’s Fire Safety Trailer will be on exhibit to teach youth about fire safety. The 41-foot mobile travel trailer is filled with many special effects and technology to teach these lessons in safe and controlled conditions. Among other tasks, students walk through the kitchen, living room and bedroom, locating potential fire hazards.



File photo

**Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde says this year’s Health Fair will feature a wide variety of screenings, information and give-aways. The fair will run from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday in Garrett Coliseum.**

- Also for the youth, the fair will host a bicycle obstacle course. The first 20 children (10 boys, 10 girls) to participate will receive a free helmet from Wal-Mart.
- Walker Nutrition will provide ideas for families cooking healthy from scratch as well as school nutrition.
- The United Blood Mobile will be taking blood.
- The Dance Gallery will conduct a dance demonstration and the YMCA will introduce the public to the Zumba and Spin.
- Senior Circle will acquaint the public with its services

and walk around the coliseum concourse.

• The Humane Society will conduct a food drive. Anyone wishing to donate dry cat or dog food should bring it to the coliseum.

As usual, the fair will also include local health providers, demonstrations and screening opportunities.

“We are very fortunate to have such wonderful entities that provide health/medical services to our Howard County residents,” ValVerde said. “Our goal with this health

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## Mayor proclaims Sunday as day of prayer for rain

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan has proclaimed Sunday as a community wide day of prayer for rain, and encourages everyone to participate in their homes or church of their choice.

□ See proclamation, Page 3.

The proclamation comes at the request of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, which takes in 29 counties in West Texas.

In March, Bishop Pfeifer asked the mayors “of all the major of cities and towns within the geographical area of the diocese, to proclaim Sunday, April 14, as a Day of Prayer for Rain in all the churches and places of worship.”

“We are told by Christ that if we ask our Heavenly Father for any good thing in Christ’s name, that we will receive it,” Bishop Pfeifer said. “The precious gift of rain is so much needed to provide water for people, for all animals and for nature, and to reduce the danger of fires. Our humble recognition of God’s help for rain is already a prayer and we trust our Heavenly Father will send rain as we already begin our prayers leading into the big day of prayer.”

## Trustees to discuss further Memorial Stadium upgrades

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees will discuss further renovations to Memorial Stadium when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Officials have already spent almost \$800,000 updating the stadium, including the installation of artificial turf and the renovation of the field house and press box areas, but more work remains to bring the facility up to date, they said.

Memorial was built in the early 1950s and suffered from several issues relating to its age. The new turf and renovations to the field house and press boxes completed the first phase of those repairs. Work on the field house and press boxes cost \$30,000, while the new playing surface brought a \$750,000 price tag.

Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell said administrators will discuss the second phase of renovations, which includes work on the concession stands and restrooms, neither which have been extensively repaired since the stadium was built.

No estimated price tag for these renovations has been set

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## Obituaries

## Cody Ross Welch



Cody Ross Welch, 39, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 7, 2013, in Howard County. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1974, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from high school in 1992 in Morgan City, La. Following graduation, he went into the United States Marine Corps. He was very proud to be a Marine — once a Marine, always a Marine.

Survivors include a daughter, Tuesday Kaitlyn; his parents, Randy and Sonia Welch of Big Spring; two sisters, Christie Welch and husband Brad Everett of Big Spring and Cindy Welch Davis and husband Doug of Midland; his grandmother, Winona

Welch of Big Spring; three aunts, Renae Garner and husband Charles of Cartwright, Okla., Roylyn Welch and Cherrie Rainey and husband Kent, all of Big Spring; his uncle, Wylie Oliver and wife Brenda of Ira; an aunt, Lana Gray and husband Ron of Panama City, Fla.; a great aunt, Juanita Wood of Tucson, Ariz.; a great uncle, Bill Cartwright and wife June of Paducah; his nieces, Cassidy Everette, Samantha Everett, Casey Davis, April Davis and Brittney Davis; his nephews, Russell Welch and Cody Lane Davis; and a host of very special cousins and special friends, Read White, Scott Roman and Kevin Arceneaux.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Cecil Welch and grandparents, Joe and Donna Oliver.

Semper Fi

The family suggests memorials be made to a Surviving Veterans Foundation of the donor's choice.

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*

## Mandy Marie Garza



Mandy Marie Franklin Garza of Midland died April 8, 2013, at a local hospital. Mandy was born Sept. 24, 1970, in Big Spring, Texas, to Randy Franklin and Janice Pitts. Mandy married Rolando Garza Jr. on July 8, 1989. She worked as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Home Health.

Mandy is preceded in death by her parents and brother Buster Franklin.

Mandy leaves behind her husband, Rolando; children, Jacob and Kathryn; brother, John Franklin of Sand Springs, Texas; step-father, J.T. Pitts of Pecos, Texas; and numerous, aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Services will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 10 a.m. at Belview Church of Christ in Stanton. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

## Reginald Dawson

Reginald Dawson, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- MICHAEL DAVID BOOTH, 24, of 1408 Robin St., was arrested Tuesday on multiple warrants.
- TERRELL HOUSTON, 21, of 2609 Hunter Dr., was arrested Tuesday on multiple warrants.
- RANDALL WADE BRIDGES, 28, of 904 Trumbly Rd., Pawhuska, OK, was arrested Tuesday for theft less than \$50.
- DONNETTA CHARMAINE LEWIS, 28, of 1008 E. 15th St., was arrested Tuesday for three counts of failure to appear, driving while license invalid, and disregarding red light.
- ELIJAH SEAN PETERS, 29, of 4101 Parkway, was arrested Tuesday for theft greater than or equal to \$500 but no greater than \$1500.
- MELINDA MACHADO GAMBOA, 36, of 1200 Dixie Ave., was arrested Wednesday for warrant — other agency.
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 28, of 608 Caylor Dr., was arrested Wednesday for fleeing or attempting to elude police officer.
- WILLIAM JOSEPH BARBER, 48, of 608 Caylor Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving without being secured by a safety belt.
- DEVYN ELYSE JACKMAN, 23, of 2505 Larry Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION reported in the 400 block of Westover.
- ASSAULT reported in the area of Hunter and Randolph.
- MINOR ACCIDENT reported in the area of Navajo and Wasson.
- DISTURBANCE reported in the 200 block of

West FM 700.

- HIT AND RUN reported in the 700 block of East 14th St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the ABC Park.

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

Note — the HCSO reported 82 inmates in the county jail.

- WILLIAM JOSEPH BARBER, 48, of 608 Caylor Dr., was booked by the HCSO Tuesday for driving without being secured by a safety belt and violate promise to appear.
- PILAR ANN HILARIO, 33, was booked Tuesday by the HCSO for delivery of a controlled substance.
- CHARLES RENE LANDRY, 21, was booked Tuesday by the HCSO for possession of controlled substance.
- DEVYN ELYSE JACKMAN, 23, was booked Tuesday by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- TERRELL DEVON HOUSTON, 21, was booked by the BSPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL BOOTH, 24, was booked by the BSPD for speeding — 87 mph in a 70 mph zone, driving while license invalid and violate promise to ap-

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**COUNCIL**

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"I'm sure all of the council members are aware some concerns have been expressed and some different statements made regarding this," Duncan said. "I don't think we want to stir the pot up. It looks like right now we have the opportunity to negotiate with the county. We have a meeting set up for tomorrow (Wednesday), so what I'm proposing we do is to not discuss the details of this and give more fodder for the flames — to stir it up — but to postpone the vote (on the inter-local agreement) until our next meeting in April."

Since the matter was brought into the public eye several weeks ago, Duncan has said the city is out of time to wait for negotiations between the two governments, while Howard County officials claim since De-

ember no negotiations have been offered, only an ultimatum that if the county did not pay the \$1.6 million, county residents would not be allowed to use the new municipal landfill.

In the past several weeks, county officials have claimed their decision-making process was at a standstill, as commissioners waited for Big Spring officials to provide them with costs and statistics from the existing landfill and projected numbers for the proposed facility.

According to Interim City Manager Todd Darden, he will be delivering pertinent information to county officials during today's meeting.

"What we're trying to put together is the information we felt best fit the negotiations of the one-third and two thirds share," Darden said. "The last negotiations which were done in 2004, I don't think they were any different than what we're going

into these negotiations. Last time, the settlement was a fee increase which never became equitable in that sharing. I feel like we have all the information we used in the basis of our decisions we've made during the past several budget sessions.

"I feel like both sides will have their viewpoints and we'll be able to bring those out and talk about them and come up with a solution that's equitable for both the county and the citizens of Howard County. A landfill is just one of those necessities and it's part of those major utilities provided to the community. It's just like water, sewer and electricity. We have to try to distribute the cost of that utility equally."

When asked if the city is prepared to move forward in a scenario where county officials decide not to participate in the funding of the future landfill, Darden said he's hoping nego-

tiations will get both government bodies to where they need to be to serve the greater good of Big Spring and Howard County residents.

"We have to move forward. Our decisions are to provide trash service to the citizens of Big Spring," he said. "At this point, we're hoping for the other scenario. It's a partnership we joined together for in the 1970s and how that works out financially, you show them the numbers and hopefully you come to a resolution."

According to county officials, any agreement for funding will have to wait until the 2013-2014 budget is cinched later this year, and with a \$1.6 million price tag, the county's woes could multiply exponentially.

"To cover the \$1.6 million — plus the increase the city is asking us to make for ambulance service — we'd have to go up more than 4 cents

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**Pray for Rain Proclamation**

**Whereas** there is a desperate and critical need for rain in Big Spring and the surrounding areas of West Texas; and

**Whereas** agriculture is one of our largest local industries and is dependent on sufficient rainfall; and

**Whereas** the danger of fire continues to threaten our community homes and surrounding areas and can only be alleviated through the blessing of rain; and

**Whereas** we know that by placing our confidence in Christ, who told us to ask for every good gift and that when we ask in His name, it will be granted; and

**Whereas** we ask our kind and loving Heavenly Father, and Creator to bless us with the special gift of this much needed rain to fill our lakes, streams, reservoirs and aquifers;

**Now, Therefore, I, Tommy Duncan,** mayor of the city of Big Spring, Texas, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 14, 2013, as:

**"Community-Wide Day of Prayer for Rain"** in Big Spring, Texas, and urge all citizens of Big Spring and surrounding communities to raise their voices in prayer in their churches and in their homes for this beautiful and heavenly gift so that our humble and heartfelt request may be granted through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Given under my hand and seal of the city of Big Spring this 14th day of April, 2013, signed Tommy Duncan,** Mayor.

**FAIR**

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fair, as it is each year, is to gather all that information in one place and make it easily accessible to our community."

In addition to the health fair itself, there are a couple of associated activities going on Saturday. First, Healthy Woman will also be hosting its monthly event in

the Howard College Cactus Room at noon, near the coliseum. The presentation will feature Dr. Robert Hayes, orthopedic surgeon. The program is free to the public.

Then at 1 p.m., the annual Master the Mountain 5k and 10k walks and runs will be held at Big Spring State Park. Entry fee for the run — registration is from 10 a.m. until noon — is \$20

before Saturday and \$25 the day of the event, and includes a commemorative T-shirt for participants.

"Each year Master the Mountain and the health fair take place on the same day, but they are normally happening at the same time and people have to choose which one they want to go to," ValVerde said. "This year, they will be able to take advantage

of both."

For more information on the health fair, call the chamber at 432-263-7641. For information about Master the Mountain, contact Ron Alton, park manager, at 432-263-4931. To register online for the run/walk, visit [www.permianbasinevents.com](http://www.permianbasinevents.com)

Contact Bill McClellan at [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).

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and Ferrell said the topic will be a discussion item only — no action will be taken Thursday. If the next round of work is approved, money will come from district cash reserves, Ferrell added.

Also during the meeting, trustees will hear a report on plans to replace seating at the high school auditorium. The proposal calls for replacing the wood-back seats which have been in place since the auditorium was constructed in the late 1960s with wider, cushioned-back seats, Business Manager Debbie Green said.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- A proposal to pave the high school parking lots.
- The calendar for the coming school year.

- A credit card agreement with Chase Bank.
- Personnel matters.

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# Somebody's going to learn the truth

I recently read one of the most ridiculous, albeit entertaining, articles I have ever optically ingested. I somewhat wrestled with guilt after reading it because I felt as if I had squandered priceless minutes of my life in an embarrassing and inexcusable manner. The article published by LiveScience was titled, "Monkeys' lip-smacking sounds hint at genesis of human speech." It was based on research by a fellow named Thore Bergman and I sensed the author, Tanya Lewis, actually wanted me to take it seriously. A hairy anthropoid smacking his lips together has this guy excited that human speech may have originated like that? I'm thinking he needs a good hobby. He is spending too much time in a stuffy lab somewhere.

As an example of the absurdity of the theories proffered in the article it says, "The lip-smacking vocalizations gelada monkeys make are surprisingly similar to human speech, a new study finds."

"Our finding provides support for the lip-smacking origins of speech because it shows that this evolutionary pathway is at least plausible," Bergman of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, author of the study published Monday in the journal *Current Biology*, said in a statement. "It demonstrates that non-human primates can vocalize while lip-smacking to produce speechlike sounds."

Now, I have no interest in dismantling anyone's beliefs. If you want to believe that your ancestors were primates, have at it. But I didn't come from a monkey. My most distant kin were not tree-climbing, flea-picking, stinky, hairy apes. And when I read things like this I am nothing short of amused by the whole notion.

Jeanna Bryner, LiveScience managing editor, wrote a piece entitled "8 Humanlike Behaviors of Primates" and in her introduction said, "Researchers have found a startling number of humanlike behaviors practiced by our ape ancestors." Her article was an amazing, profound, and stunning revelation of facts that unmistakably connect us humans to the ape with actions

like, "understanding No," "begging for food," "laughing out loud" and "recognizing faces." I trust you are an astute reader and was able to detect my causticness in the previous statement, because it was certainly present.

Again, I don't mean to be rude to my Darwinian readers, but it's going to take a lot more than observing a monkey smacking his lips together and begging for food when hungry to get my attention if you're going to try to sway my beliefs about the origin of man or the evolution of the species.

Some would argue that human evolution, in the Darwinian sense, is scientific. Really? Let's take a look at that.

Evolution is not observable, it is not measurable and it is not repeatable — three absolutely necessary ingredients for any theory to be deemed scientific. To be scientific, evolution must be based on theories that are falsifiable, which means that such theories can be repeated and disproved (if false) by others. The assumptions for any experiment cannot be rigged to lead only to the conclusion that the theory is true (which evolutionists have done). It has to allow the scientist the option of concluding that the theory is false.

The scientific method has four steps: 1. Observation and description of a phenomenon or group of phenomena. 2. Formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomenon. 3. Use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, or to predict quantitatively the results of new observations. 4. Performance of experimental tests of the predictions by several independent experimenters and properly performed experiments.

If the experiments bear out the hypothesis, it may come to be regarded as a theory or law of nature. It is often said in science that theories can never be proved, only disproved.

What makes evolution unscientific is that it cannot be tested. Some may object to this statement by saying that we can observe evolution by looking at the rocks and fossils in the Grand Canyon and many other places. The problem with that objection is that evolution, as it is defined, is not rocks and fossils, it is a process of the mutation of one species into another that supposedly continues to this day.

However, evolutionists are not

even looking at the process of evolution. They are looking at what they assume are the results of some hitherto unobserved process that they call organic evolution. They assume the results of that process are recorded in the fossil record. Their theory is based on two mutually supportive, and faulty, assumptions: that the fossils date the rocks, and the rocks, in turn, date the fossils. It cannot be both. You have to pick one or the other and test it.

Evolutionists try to convince the public that God is not the Creator of all things, and that man really is the final answer to all moral and spiritual questions.

One of the problems with evolution that remains totally unexplainable is how our world, once full of nothing but dead matter (at least according to evolutionary thought) came to produce all the rich variety of life that we see all around us. Nowhere do we see this taking place, yet evolutionists tell us that it happened not just once, but an almost infinite number of times. Nonetheless, like micro evolution, we cannot go to any spot on earth to observe it for ourselves. I read one evolutionist's defense of his theory and he simply stated we don't see it because it doesn't happen in our lifetime. No kidding.

I realize that many Christians are intimidated by scientists and the mass of data they display in favor of evolution. What is seldom publicized is that in all fields of science, there is very little agreement on how evolution supposedly took place and we evolutionary skeptics are constantly told that we are more than foolish if we do not believe their story of our origins. I have to wonder who is really foolish. Those who see there is no evidence for evolution or those who have wasted their lives pursuing the fool's gold of a world full of dreams, myths and vapors that has no originator and no source of life?

I'll read my Bible and they can watch the monkey's lips flapping. Someday, somebody's going to learn the real truth.

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

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EDDY PRINCE

# Feel-good bills, do-nothing laws

Readers share their ideas. Since the massacre in Newtown, Conn., which left 20 children and six elementary-school staff members dead, readers have passed on a host of so-called remedies. Let's make gun owners be licensed and pass a test, some have suggested. So the problem is, I ask them, that these mass killers aren't good shots?

A tax on ammunition, others chime in. So, I counter, you don't want gun owners practicing at shooting ranges?

Basically, the gun haters are angry about Newtown. They blame lawful gun owners for the behavior of criminals, so they support nuisance laws that restrict the behavior of people who are not like them. Their instinct is not to identify a problem and then figure out how best to solve it, if possible, but to punish and marginalize people who want to take control of their own self-defense.

They forget that these gun owners have rights.

The Daily Caller reported Thursday that the American Civil Liberties Union has "se-

rious concerns" about Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's proposed gun legislation. The ACLU's Chris Calabrese is concerned that background check language doesn't explicitly prevent the feds from creating a national gun registry.

"In the universe of how you handle a background check, the gun database background check is fairer and does a better job of protecting privacy than many other background checks," Calabrese told me. But he worries about language in the Reid bill that could change the status quo, noting, "We have often seen that records kept can get turned into databases of records."

Calabrese also has issues with school "tip lines" proposed in the Reid bill, an idea that originated with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "First of all, there's a perfectly good method for reporting when you think a dangerous situation is going on — 911." Starting a less official tip line, he warned, could create "witch hunts" in which "the weird kid gets picked on."

The ACLU isn't exactly setting up house with the National Rifle Association. After the NRA unveiled its proposal, the ACLU's Laura W. Murphy objected to its "potentially radical elements, including getting the federal government in the business of supplying arms to teachers,

without any evidence that doing so would make children safer."

I think the American public understands how feckless blow-back laws can be — that good intentions do not necessarily make children safer. After Newtown, a CBS News poll found that 57 percent of Americans supported stricter gun control laws. Last month, support fell to 47 percent.

The factor that truly saved lives at Sandy Hook School was a fast local police response. Officers made it to the school within three minutes of their being alerted to the shooting. They could hear gunfire when they pulled in to the parking lot. It was their presence that saved children's lives by prompting the gunman to take his own life.

Do I think Washington should not pass any more gun laws? Not necessarily. But before doing so, D.C. pols should ask themselves two questions: Will these proposed laws work? Or will they make work?

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## DAILY PRAYER

Let us rejoice in all the wonders You have given us, Holy Father.

Amen



DEBRA SAUNDERS



# You need to check this out. At the library

Some new audio books on CD have arrived. I think I wrote about Robert Crais' book "Suspect" (F CRA R) earlier in the year. If not, here goes: Both LAPD cops Scott James and Maggie the German shepherd are not doing well. Both are suffering from PTSD — one from seeing his partner Stephanie killed and he was gravely injured; Maggie survived three tours in Afghanistan and lost her handlers to an IED and she was injured by a sniper attack. They are each other's last chance and they are going to find out who killed Stephanie. They will do so.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

Listen to Robert Crais' "Suspect" (AUCD F CRA R) — he is superb writer. The Library has this in print also. Another great writer of thrillers is Alex Berenson. In "The Night Ranger" (AUCD F BER A), John Wells enters new territory when he goes underground in East Africa to track four kidnapped Americans and the Somali bandits who snatched them. (This is also in the fiction section.) Brad Taylor's "Enemy of Mine" (AUCD F TAY B) is Taylor's third Pike Logan thriller and in it, a tentative peace between Israel and Palestine has been brokered by the United States. But the Taskforce gets wind of an assassination attempt on the U.S. envoy sent to solidify the treaty (obviously someone doesn't want the peace to last) and Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill are sent to save his life and prevent an outbreak of

violence. It is a great book, I have read it. Other books on CD are "Gabriel's Inferno" (AUCD F REY S) by Sylvain Reynard; "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" (AUCD F MAT A) by Ayana Mathis; "A Time for War" (AUCD F SAV M) by Michael Savage; and W.E.B. Griffin's "Empire and Honor" (AUCD F GRI W). This is a Brotherhood of War book. From Alan Bradley comes "Speaking From Among the Bones" (AUCD F BRA A); Danielle Steel's "Until the End of Time" is another (AUCD F STE D) and "Odd Interlude" (AUCD F KOO D) from Dean Koontz is top-rated. Many of these, the library also has the print version.

You can't read Joanne Fluke's mysteries without getting hungry! Her latest is "Red Velvet Cupcake Murder" (M FLU J). The summer in Lake Eden, Minn., has been hotter than usual. Andrea, Hannah's sister, is the realtor of record, showing the condos in the restored Albion Hotel when a body lands in the flowerbeds. The victim is sheriff's secretary Barbara Donnelly and she is barely clinging to life. Adding to the investigation is Dr. Bev, a Lake Eden legend who left town when she twotimed her fiance one too many times. As usual, Hannah and her family are in the middle of the investigation, even though Mike, the sheriff's investigator, warns her off.

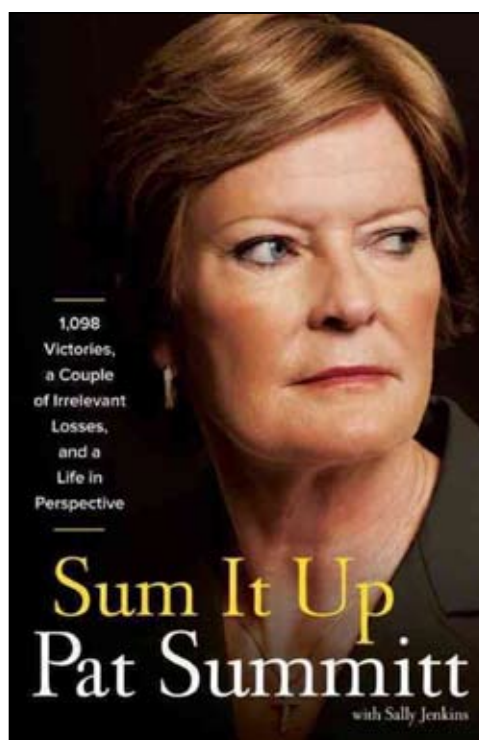
Maeve Binchy's "A Week in Winter" (F BIN M) is full of Binchy's trademark Irish charm. Stoneybridge is a small Irish village on the west coast of Ireland, home to an old, decaying mansion. When Chicky Starr decides to turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea, everyone thinks she is

crazy. Helped by Rigger, a local bad boy turned good around the house — and her niece Orla, a business whiz — Chicky is finally ready to welcome guests to Stone House. Welcomed by a big warm kitchen, log fires and elegant bedrooms, a quite varied list of guest arrive. They include an American movie star, incognito; a weary husband and wife team, troubled by seeing too much death practicing medicine; the Walls, disappointed to win the second prize holiday, when first prize was Paris; and Freda, the librarian, who is afraid of her own psychic visions. Sharing a week together with this unlikely cast of characters, Binchy turns it into a grand story, worth the telling.

Pat Summitt, coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers for over 40 years, had to cut short her coaching career when diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. In "Sum It Up" (B SUM P) co-written with Sally Jenkins, Pat has written of her life as a Tennessee country girl from Henrietta, who at the age of 22, became the coach at the University of Tennessee.

This is a tremendous book about a woman who grew up driving fast, playing hard, and a ruthless competitor, a non-conformist daughter of the South and a coach that set all-time records for victories. Pat forever altered the possibilities for women in an era when they were still being told to walk, not to run.

You probably have heard that Valerie



Harper, who played Rhoda on the "Mary Tyler Moore Show," has terminal brain cancer. She learned, Don't go to the funeral until the day of the funeral. Live this day, Harper said today on "Good Morning America, summarizing the outlook she's adopted since learning Jan. 15 that she has leptomenigeal carcinomatosis, a rare condition that occurs when cancer cells spread into the fluid-filled membrane surrounding the brain. Before her diagnosis, she had written her autobiography titled "I Rhoda" (B HAR V).

Valerie's showbiz journey has taken her from Broadway to television and then back to Broadway. In between, she has fought for women's rights alongside Bella Abzug and Gloria Steinem.

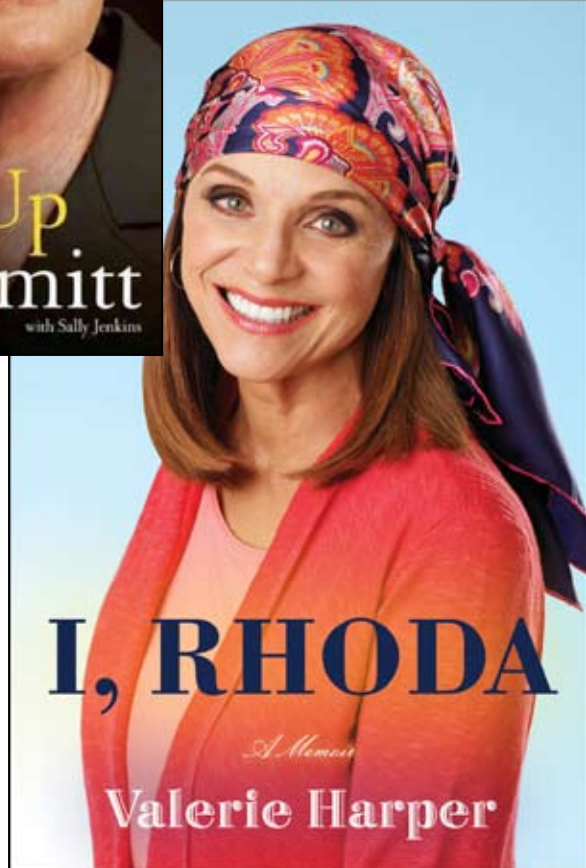
who gave up the lead role in the national tour of "Looped" after her diagnosis, says she is also buoyed by the outpouring of support she has received from fans and her former co-stars.

"I want to tell them how supportive and loving and exciting it is to feel this in the here and now and that's it," Harper said. "This is the joy of this. If I was gone you'd be having memorials. This way we can share back and forth."


Harper, well-known for the optimistic attitude that got her through lung cancer and decades in show business, is also not giving up hope.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



Doctors have told Harper she may have just three months to live but the Emmy-award winning actress — who battled lung cancer in 2009 — says she is moving forward with her life, continuing to promote her recently released memoir, "I, Rhoda," and even considering new jobs. The actress,



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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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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.

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: 1, 9, 7, 5, 3, 4; Row 2: 7; Row 3: 4, 9, 7; Row 4: 4, 8, 9; Row 5: 6, 7, 1, 4, 8; Row 6: 5, 6, 3, 1; Row 7: 1; Row 8: 8, 3, 1, 5, 4; Row 9: 5, 7, 6.

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

News in brief

Obama sending Congress budget seeking elusive grand bargain on taxes and spending Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Wednesday is sending Congress his 2014 budget, an effort to achieve an elusive "grand bargain" to tame runaway deficits that have soared above \$1 trillion for each of the past four years.

Obama's spending blueprint for the 2014 budget year would accomplish the deficit cuts through a combination of further tax increases, further reductions in the growth of the government's biggest benefit programs, Social Security and Medicare.

But instead of moving Congress nearer a grand bargain, the Obama's proposals so far have managed to anger Republicans and Democrats alike.

Obama's Democratic allies have attacked him for pursuing cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

Despite talk of imminent missile launch, North Korean's capital shows sense of calm, not panic

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The prospect of a North Korean missile launch is "considerably high," South Korea's foreign minister told lawmakers Wednesday as Pyongyang prepared to mark the April 15 birthday of its founder, historically a time when it seeks to draw the world's attention with dramatic displays of military power.

The missile is expected to be a medium-range Musudan missile with a range of 3,500 kilometers

(2,180 miles) capable of flying over Japan, Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se told lawmakers in Seoul. Earlier a Defense Ministry official said preparations appeared to be complete, and that the launch could take place at any time.

North Korean officials have not announced plans to launch a missile, but have told foreign diplomats in Pyongyang that it will not be able to guarantee their safety starting Wednesday. It has also urged tourists in South Korea to take cover, warning a nuclear war was imminent. Still, most diplomats and foreign residents appeared to be staying put.

14 hurt in bloody Texas community college stabbing, 1 suspect arrested running from building

CYPRESS, Texas (AP) — Dylan Quick was a shy young man who took out the trash and gardened with his parents, neighbors thought. That image was shattered Tuesday when police accused the 20-year-old of going on a rampage with a knife at a suburban Houston community college and said he later told them he had fantasized for years about stabbing people to death.

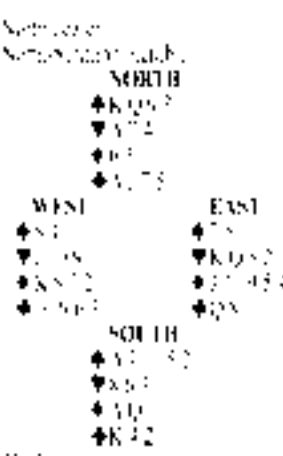
The Harris County Sheriff's Office said that about 11:20 a.m. Quick began a building-to-building rampage with a razor-like knife at the Lone Star Community College System in Cypress. He wounded at least 14 people, two critically.

"I can't imagine what would have happened to that young man to make him do something like this. He is very normal," said Magdalena Lopez, 48, who has lived across the street from Quick.



By Steve Becker

The Best Method of Play



Let us help the dominant hand... It is better to take a small... In the actual case, the play... In the actual case, the play...

Personnel: ...

COUNCIL

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on the tax rate," County Judge Mark Barr said. "If things go the way we believe they will with the tax rate, that would put us at least 2 cents over the rollback rate."

"Raising the tax rate is bad enough, however, if we go above the tax rate and a petition gets started and is successful, the tax rate will get pushed back to the effective rate, which will mean a huge loss in tax revenue for the county. Not only would we be unable to help with the landfill, we wouldn't be able to make repairs to county roads or give any kind of employee raises. It's a huge risk."

Also during Tuesday's

meeting, the city approved final reading of a zone change from Single Family-2 (SF-2) to Neighborhood Service (NS) for the property located north of the Connally and Wasson intersection, described as Tract 6, Kennebeck Heights, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

The council also approved final reading of a specific use permit without term to Reliable Self Storage UC for construction and operation of a mini storage warehouse facility at the location. Both measures were approved on a 4-2 vote, with Duncan and District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez voting against them.

"My concern is that if a person moves into the community and buys

property which is zoned for single family and they oppose a change in that zoning, unless there are extraordinary circumstances I can not, in good conscience, change that zoning," Duncan said. "I can not support this."

District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald said he was willing to support the zoning change because much of the area around the property has already been approved for commercial use.

"Even going back to the 1950s, there was an area out there, right out across the street from it and was designed even before the multi-family (dwellings) were built," McDonald said. "So it is unusual circumstances. It's right across the street from the school

and that bothered me some, however, it is across the street and this is a thoroughfare. The area has such a background of going commercial, housing would have probably been better off not to be built up to it."

According to city officials, the permit includes requirements to protect the neighboring homes, including lighting that does not intrude on the properties and other measures.

District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting due to health concerns.

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POLICE

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pear.

- RANDALL WADE BRIDGES, 28, was booked by the BSPD for theft less than \$50.
• DONETTAC. SCOTT,

27, was booked by the BSPD for three counts of failure to appear, driving while license invalid, and disregard flashing red signal.

- ELIJAH SEAN PEETERS, 28, was booked by the BSPD Wednesday, for theft of property less than or equal to \$500 not greater than \$1500.
• MELINDA MACHADO GAMBOA, 36, was booked by the BSPD for parent contributing to

non-attendance.

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

- MEDICAL reported at the 2700 block of Lynn. One person transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL reported at the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.

- PUBLIC SERVICE at the 2000 block of N. Monticello.

- MEDICAL reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person transported to SMMC.
• FALSE CALL reported at the 800 block of Runnels.
• FALSE CALL reported at the 1600 block of 1st St.
• GRASS FIRE reported at the 300 block of W. 15th. Extinguished.

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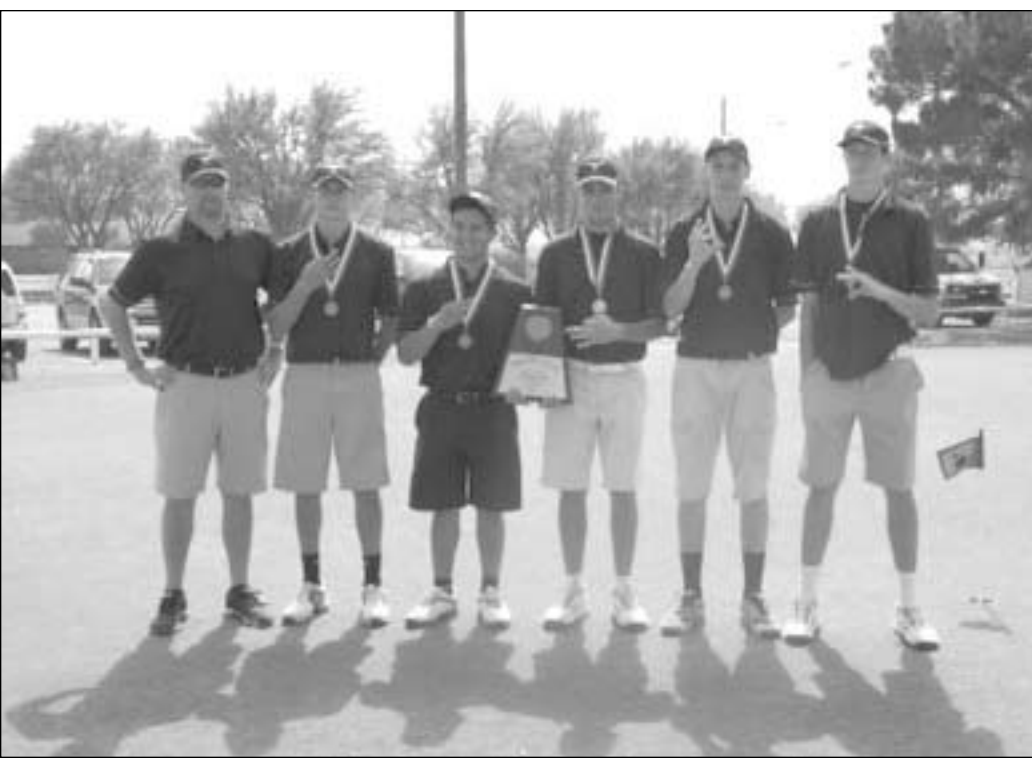
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# Steers win district golf title



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The big Spring boys golf team won the District 4-3A golf title for the third straight year Tuesday in Monahans. The Steers are (from left): Coach Chris Joslin, Devin Roberson, Jason Guevara, Ryan Pollard, Tyler Bryan and Tate Kennedy. They advance to regional play in Lubbock next week.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MONAHANS — If Wylie was going to steal the District 4-3A golf championship out from underneath Big Spring, it would only come as a result of a monumental meltdown on the part of the Steers. And despite optimal conditions for such a thing to happen — with winds gusting at up to 40 miles per hour and dust filling the air — BSHS won its third straight district title Tuesday, shooting a 309 at Ward Country Club.

Totaling 905 through three rounds (301-295-309), the Steers finished 12 strokes ahead of second place Wylie (917). Wylie's Taylor Grant (213) won the individual race and shot an amazing two-under par into the wind.

But as a team, Big Spring was dominant throughout the season and all five golfers finished in the top 10.

Ryan Pollard (77-72-79) tied for third place with a score of 228; Tyler Bryan (79-74-76) tied for fifth place along with teammate Jason Guevara

(79-74-76), with both shooting 229; Devin Roberson (73-73-84) tied for seventh with a score of 230 and Tate Kennedy finished in eighth place with a 231.

"The wind hit real bad on the third hole and it was bad on the back nine," said BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin. "But they stayed focused. They're real confident and we feel we're playing our best and that's what you want to do — peak around district and regionals."

Regionals will be held at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock, with the boys playing next Wednesday and Thursday.

"It's a tough district we play in," Joslin said. "It's a pretty big feat to have all five guys place in the top 10. All five of them can compete, we don't rely on one player. They compete well all year, I'm proud of them."

As for the Lady Steers, junior Kelsie Guinn finished third overall after shooting a total of 244. Guinn

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# Big Spring shuts down Snyder, Buffs top Blizzards, Hawks shelled by Chaps

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

**Big Spring**

For the second time this year, Big Spring defeated Snyder by a score of 2-0, but this time the win meant even more, as it puts the Steers (4-2) in prime position to earn a playoff berth in District 4-3A baseball action.

With the wind whipping through Steer Park on Tuesday, Gunnar Kennedy pitched his way out of two bases loaded jams to keep the Tigers off the board. The first time was in the top of the second and the second came in the top of the fourth.

After getting the first two batters out, Kennedy issued a pair of walks before an errant throw to home allowed a Snyder base runner to reach first after making weak contact. The next batter was thrown out at second to end the inning.

The Steers' two runs came in the bottom of the second.

Jarred DoPorto took a base on balls, Brett Bromman singled, then Hunter Hill ripped a two-RBI single, scoring both DoPorto and Bromman.

Snyder threatened to score once again when it managed to load the bases in the top of the sixth inning. Kennedy walked two batters and beamed another, but with no outs, Cody Osborn — who was acting as head coach in place of Bert Otto — replaced Kennedy and replaced him with Adam Franco.

Franco retired the next three batters with a little help from the infield. Two Tigers were picked off at home and the final out came when a sharp chopper was hit to Franco and he threw the runner out at first.

Franco retired the next three batters in order to close out the game in the seventh inning, striking out the final two hitters.

Snyder left 12 base runners stranded during the outing.

"We had some adversity with Coach Otto being out," Osborn said. "We got those two runs in the second and Gunnar had some control problems at times, but he pitched the best game he's had all year against a quality opponent. Of course, Franco was able to step in and get the huge save for us. I'm proud of how they played, it was a big game for us."

Next up for the Steers will be a trek to Sweetwater on Tuesday. Sweetwater won the first meeting of the season 12-0.

**Howard College**

It was a rough day for Howard College (12-8) as Midland came to town and roughed up the Hawks 14-3.

A seven-run second inning by Midland put the Hawks in a hole for the duration of the game.

The Chaparrals ran the score up to 14 before HC finally got on the board in the bottom of

the seventh.

Starting pitcher Scott Walton recorded the loss, but at least 10 Hawk hurlers took part in the debacle.

It was a nonconference outing, so it doesn't affect the Hawks in the standings.

Resuming Western Junior College Athletic Conference action, HC will welcome El Paso Community College to Jack Barber Field for a four-game series slated to begin with a doubleheader Friday at noon, with a second staring at noon Saturday.

**Forsan**

WINTERS — Forsan Head Baseball Coach Jason Phillips is chancing to win a district title. The Buffaloes came out on top their meeting with the Blizzards on Tuesday, 7-2, improving to a 4-2 record.

Clayton Galloway pitched a complete game, striking out seven Winters batters and walking only one. He allowed eight hits, but just two runs.

Trevor Burchett scores three runs on four hits and recorded three RBI and Galloway had three RBI on two hits. Marcus Cervantes pitched up an RBI as well as three hits.

"It was a big win, especially as far as the playoffs," Phillips said. "It puts us in second place with three games left. If

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Big Spring's Karsten Knudson is safe at second base during Tuesday's 2-0 victory over Snyder at Steer park.

Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Kie Jones competes at the district 4-3A tennis meet over the weekend. Jones earned a bid to regionals in Lubbock starting Wednesday.



# BSHS tennis wraps up, Jones earns regional bid

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

In a region dominated by Wylie, the Big Spring tennis team had a strong showing at the district tournament over the weekend.

Kie Jones advanced to the regional tournament after defeating Wylie's Max Tadvick (6-2, 6-2) before losing to defending state champion Rayce Roberson, also of Wylie.

Alex Byrd and Connor Furqueron lost a close match against Wylie's Wyatt Newcomb and Brendan Thompson (7-5, 4-6, 6-1), eliminating them from contention in the boys doubles bracket. The duo won their first match against Snyder handily (6-0, 6-2).

In mixed doubles, Jennifer Campos and Jacob Rangel lost to eventual champions Whitney Frazier and Weston Ueckert of Wylie in the semifinals.

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# Pet Talk: Bringing home your first rodent



continuously growing cheek teeth. This hay helps keep the teeth from overgrowing. Additionally, guinea pigs need vitamin C daily. All rodents can have a small amount of fruits and vegetables for treats.

Chinchillas also need daily dust baths, and they and guinea pigs are very sensitive to heat and humidity. Both are susceptible to heatstroke in temperatures as low as 80-85 degrees, especially if the humidity is higher than 40%.

"Pet rodents do not need vaccinations," said Hoppes. "There are few diseases to be concerned with, and while salmonella infection has been documented, it is rare. Rat bite fever, caused by a bacterial infection, may occur after a rat bite. This can be prevented by immediately disinfecting any bite wound from a rat."

While diseases are uncommon in rodents, rats are prone to mammary tumors and hamsters often have diarrhea (wet tail). Many rodents are also prone to respiratory disease.

It is important to keep pet rats away from wild ones and to wash your hands after handling any small mammal. Guinea pigs and chinchillas are susceptible to ring worm so any hair loss or patchy areas on the skin should be seen by a veterinarian for treatment immediately.

The life span of pet rodents varies. Mice and hamsters generally live one to two years, rats two to three years, gerbils three to five years, guinea pigs five to seven years, and chinchillas live eight to 12 years or longer.

"Small rodents should not be pets for small children," said Hoppes. "Children less than 10 years old should be supervised closely when handling small rodents. The care and monitoring of any pet is ultimately the parent's responsibility."

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Gerbils are unlikely to bite, if handled gently. They have few health problems and are the cleanest of all the commonly kept pet rodents.

If you are more interested in observing your pet and don't have as much time, a gerbil, hamster, or mouse is an option as they are happy living in their cage.

"If you want a socially active pet that needs lots of attention and activity, a rat, chinchilla, or guinea pig is a great pet," said Hoppes. "Rats are so social that they should not be housed alone. If you are a night owl, then hamsters may be best since they tend to sleep all day and run in their wheel all night."

One important aspect of keeping a pet rodent is that their cage needs to be cleaned one to two times a week to keep ammonia levels down. Also, keeping the cage clean will help decrease the incidence of a respiratory disease.

"Rodents are animals and therefore require care," said Hoppes. "All pet rodents need a clean large cage, chew toys, ladders, plastic or PVC pipe, and daily interaction. Beddings such as Paper, aspen, or walnut shavings are best, while corncob, pine, and cedar shavings should be avoided."

Rodents need fresh water and food constantly. Guinea pigs and chinchillas have a special need for timothy hay since they have

While many may not find a rodent as a first choice for a pet, with some insight and guidance you may be more receptive to the idea of a small hamster or rat becoming a suitable pet for your family.

"Rats are probably the most social and interactive of the small rodents," said Dr. Sharman Hoppes, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Rats are gentle, seldom bite, and are active during the day and are fairly easy to take care of. Rats do not have special dietary needs or sensitive stomachs, although they do need a good quality rodent block or pellet. The seed mix diets are not a nutritionally adequate diet."

To determine which pet may be best for you, you need to evaluate your expectations.

"When picking out a pet rodent, you should select an active, social rodent with clean eyes, clean nose, and normal teeth. The skin should be well groomed and clean. There should be no lumps or bumps on their skin," said Hoppes.

Small rodents, such as mice and hamsters, can bite more and tend to be more active at night.

Guinea pigs and chinchillas are a bit bigger and are gentle pets, but they have special dietary needs and their teeth continuously grow.

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Dennis" for eight years. Early on, Dennis couldn't do enough for me. Now, if my car won't start, he yells at me and says to call a tow truck. If I ask him to spend time with me, he always has other things to do.

On the rare occasion when we attend a social event together, he abandons me so he can "work the room" and have a great time with everyone else. We arrive together and leave together, and the rest of the time, I sit alone, miserable and forgotten.

Dennis will go above and beyond for others. It doesn't matter if it's the middle of the night, raining, snowing, spending money we don't have, missing meals, birthdays, holidays and our daughter's school programs. If it's a chance to make himself look good, he's there with a smile and compassion.

I get the repairman to take care of me with a handshake and a bill. But when I ask Dennis to treat his family with the same enthusiasm, he calls me a selfish nag.

Yes, I resent all the people he helps, because they get the side of my husband that belongs to me. I'm told to take care of myself because he's too busy helping others and inflating his ego. I get whatever is leftover. I love Dennis, but I'm starting to feel that he only gave me his adoration and helpfulness because he was trying to win my heart. How do I deal with this? — *Wife of the Plumber with Leaky Pipes at Home*

**Dear Wife:** Some people put on a good show for others, but at home, they let down the facade. We recommend counseling, preferably with Dennis, but without him if necessary. We also suggest you stop relying on your husband to provide your social life. Instead of sitting "miserable and forgotten," develop your conversational skills. Get involved in some local activities that interest you so you are less dependent on Dennis's availability. You need to take better care of yourself.

**Dear Annie:** I am a retired schoolteacher and would like to request that you stop recommending that high school students see their guidance counselors for any problems other than recommended course requirements for graduation.

While it may be widely thought that they are there for guidance on many personal issues, most of them, in my experience, are the last person I would recommend a student speak to about family or emotional issues.

This may sound harsh, but they are not compassionate and caring individuals. Perhaps they are in elementary and middle schools, but not in high schools. Their time is taken up with increasing state requirements for graduation and dealing with failing students who need course recovery classes. Their general attitude is that they have no time for anything else. — *Retired Teacher*

**Dear Teacher:** We know that high school guidance counselors are primarily there to help students navigate their future academic lives. But we are certain most would take issue with your comment that they are not compassionate and caring. Perhaps that was the case in your school, but there are many students whose lives have been changed by kind and concerned guidance counselors who understand that a student's personal life can interfere with his or her academic success.

**Dear Annie:** Please tell "Still Healing" that it is imperative she inform her stepbrother's wife about the painful sexual abuse she suffered at his hands.

My granddaughters have been through hell because their father sexually abused them. It might have been averted if his half-sister had reported the earlier sexual abuse and rape. When she learned what he had done to his daughters, she finally came forward, but it was too late. Thankfully, he is in prison now, and the girls are getting counseling, but they will suffer for many years. -- *Sad Grandmother*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### New Aries Moon

The new Aries moon wants your wishes, and he's in a generous mood, too. You don't only get three; you get as many as you can think of. They won't all come true, but they have a much better chance than those wishes you never make. Late at night, the moon shifts to plant your wishes right into the ground of earthy Taurus.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you want the work to go quickly, it seems to thicken on purpose, requiring that you trudge through it. Once the work sees that you're willing to slog it out, it will take pity on you and let up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll get an interesting quality of attention as you present yourself in a way that is slightly different from what you would normally choose. This is only the beginning of your next evolution.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be challenged to articulate your needs and wants in a way that someone very different from you can understand. It won't be easy, but if anyone can do it, Gemini, the sign of communication, can.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The best thing you could do in a tense sit-

uation is relax. Others will breathe easier when they sense that you are doing the same. If you can't relax, at least smile, take normal breaths and pretend that you're relaxed.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your intellectual gifts will be featured, and you'll stretch your broad mind into the areas that you've been curious about lately. New information, books and teachers will all be available to you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are trustworthy, loyal and resourceful. You know this about yourself and take it for granted. You may even consider these strengths to be boring. But they are not -- not in the spunky way you present them.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You cannot empower another person, because it's really up to him or her to step into the position. You can, however, provide a smooth ramp to the power spot or, better yet, a ramp covered with a red carpet.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will try to connect with you by throwing out interesting things for you to latch on to. But the lures don't have the right bait on them, or you're not hungry enough, or you're not in the mood to be reeled in.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may feel as though you have to be someone else in order to plug into a certain scene. If only you were free to express your unique perspective.

Wait! You are!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your style is changing. The in-between times when you know you can't stay where you are but you don't yet know where to go are the most awkward. They're also the most exciting.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's nice when you get recognized by someone you admire even if that recognition comes in the form of a simple greeting. Such a greeting may bring you back to that schoolgirl/schoolboy crush kind of feeling today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). They won't understand you -- and so what? Thankfully, the rules that govern your self-esteem do not mandate that you must be understood at all times.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 10). You are passionate, creative and committed to what you believe in. These qualities lead you to surprising connections, and you'll get to see parts of the world that few people have witnessed. June features strange occurrences that will go down in your personal history. In August, you'll shine in a public forum. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 33, 25 and 13.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** I usually have strict rules for dating, things that impress me, milestones along the way that I must hit before

I'll move things to the next level. But somehow this Aries caught me off guard. I don't even think he took me out to dinner once. One minute, we were strangers, and then we met, and it was instantly like we were meant to be together nonstop. I saw him as often as I could for three weeks. Then, just as suddenly as it was on, it was off. I'm devastated. I know I'll never meet anyone like him again. — *Forlorn Virgo*.

Welcome to the fire-sign version of dating. Dates may or may not be included. This sign is in a hurry to make a connection. Fire cannot exist without devouring what it touches. That's the way of passion, and it's a fire-sign strength. They need connection more than anything else in relationships. The good news is that fire signs mellow with experience. Once they burn through a few relationships, they will see the merit in one true love. Maybe. Luckily, Virgos are smart and reasonable, and you'll get over this one in half the time it took to develop the relationship.

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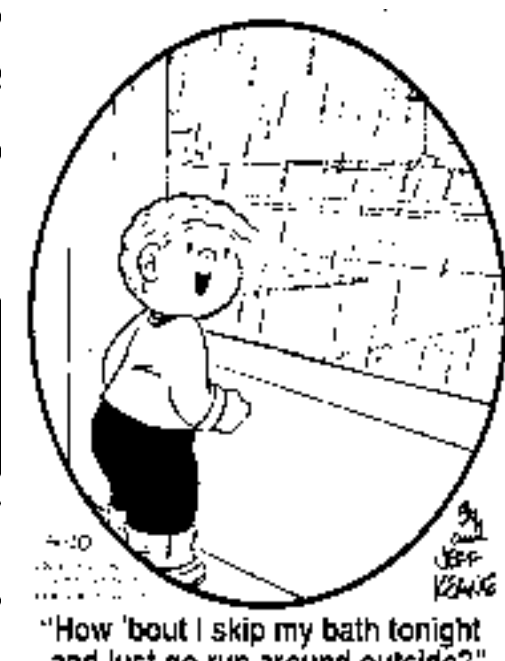


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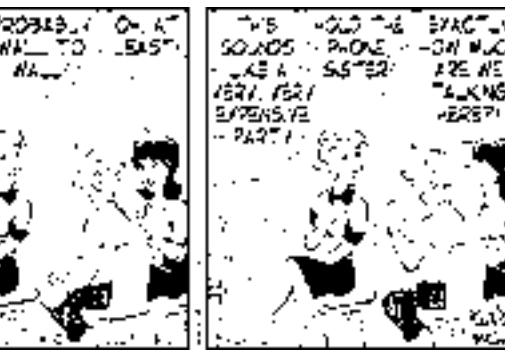
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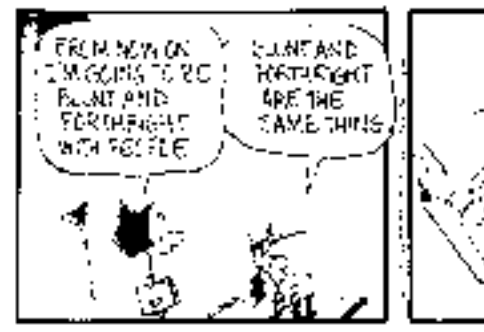
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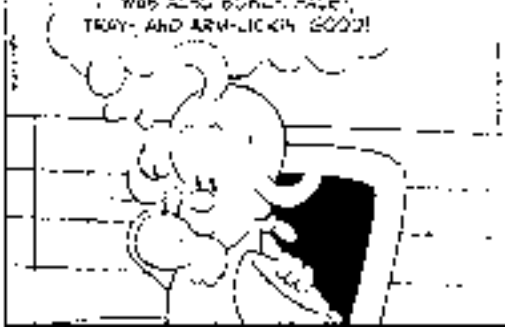
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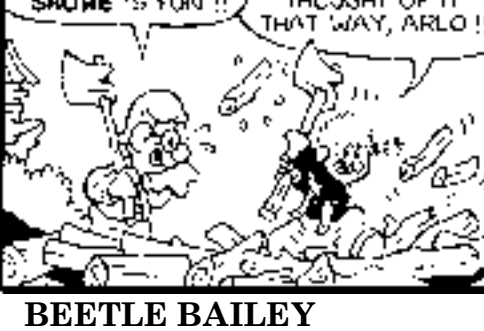
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The Big Spring girls golf team (from left), Briana Cobos, Kelsie Guinn, Mariah McIntosh and Gabby Fair, wrapped up district play recently with Guinn qualifying as a medalist (third place overall) at the regional tourney in Lubbock on Monday.

# Lady Steers fall to Lady Tigers, Forsan slaps Ira

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor  
**Big Spring**

After winning three straight games, the Lady Steers found themselves on the short end of an 8-1 battle against Snyder on Tuesday.

Errors and a lack of offensive production led to Big Spring's breakdown after it played a trio of consecutive relatively mistake-free district outings.

Snyder struck early, putting a run on the board in the top of the first inning when runner stole home while Big Spring's infield defensive play seemed out of focus.

Down by just one in the top of the third, the Lady Tigers had the bases loaded when Logan Yarbar delivered the wrong pitch at the wrong time and paid for it with a grand slam.

Angelina Castillo singled Yarbar home in the bottom of the sixth, but it wasn't enough to keep Snyder at bay.

Big Spring (3-3) will face Sweetwater on the road Friday.

## Forsan

IRA — Now with a record 10-2 and holding second place in district, Forsan run-ruled Ira, 14-2 Tuesday.

Rosie Munoz had an in-the-park home run and Kayla Tilley had two doubles during the rout, but according to FHS Head Softball Coach Shanna Taylor, the hitting was spread out among her roster.

"We hit the ball very well," Taylor said. "We have had some setbacks, but we for the last couple of weeks, we've the ball much better."

Even more importantly, Forsan's defense has improved.

"Our defense has gotten much better," Taylor said. "I was very pleased with our defensive play. We just have to play complete games, play for seven innings. When we have struggled and in the two games we lost, we had one bad inning."

Ali Knight pitched a complete game for the Lady Buffs. She only allowed two hits and recorded five strikeouts.

Next up for Forsan will be a road trip to Ira on Friday.

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# Rookie Tepesch shuts down Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nick Tepesch charged a slow ground-er by Kelly Johnson and couldn't decide what to do once he got to the ball.

The resulting infield single when the right-hander was cruising along with a two-hitter in the eighth inning of his major league debut was about the only mistake he made.

Tepesch held Tampa Bay to a run on four hits in 7 1-3 innings, Lance Berkman had a key two-

run single among three hits and the Texas Rangers beat the Rays 6-1 Tuesday night.

"I should have picked it up and thrown it to first, but the way it spun I for some reason thought it might go foul," Tepesch said. "Just kind of a bad decision, to be honest with you."

A bad decision, perhaps, but one made amid a bunch of good pitches from Tepesch, a 24-year-old in his third pro season out of Missouri who won the No.

5 starter's spot in spring training while the Rangers wait for Colby Lewis to return from elbow surgery.

After a couple of shaky innings early, Tepesch retired 12 straight batters before Johnson's dribbler up the first-base line. When Desmond Jennings followed with his second double, manager Ron Washington visited the mound for a chat that lasted several seconds before he gave Tepesch a pat on the chest and signaled to

the bullpen.

"Tremendous make-up," Washington said. "Trusts his stuff, knows what he's capable of doing. Never gets outside of himself. Those are the traits we saw in spring training."

Roberto Hernandez (0-2) gave up eight hits and six runs — five earned — in 6 2-3 innings.

Berkman put Texas ahead 2-1 in the third on a two-run bloop single that just eluded

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## TENNIS

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but placed third overall.

Representing BSHS in girls doubles were Katie Newton and Cassidi Redlin, who upset the favored Snyder team in the quarterfinals. Playing for third, they lost to Monahans.

Mariah Horvatic and Selena Castillo played in the girls singles division, with Castillo falling to the No. 2 seed and Horvatic falling short against defending state champion Delaney Schroder of Wylie in the semifinals. Horvatic finished fourth overall.

The strong showing, capped with Kie Jones' ticket being punched to regionals, made for a

successful year.

"Getting someone to regionals for the first time since 1989 speaks volumes," said BSHS Tennis Coach Dana Jones. "It's a big deal. Of course, you always wish you could have gotten some more there, but it was a great season. We played pretty well in a district that Wylie has dominated. (Byrd) and (Furqueron) came very

close to making it and Kie played very well. He could be the No. 2 seed in the region."

Kie Jones will begin play next Wednesday on the courts at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

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we win all three, we are district champions. That's what they are trying to do."

District champs of not, Forsan has all but secured a postseason

berth and Phillips is pleased with his squad's progress.

"They have improved," Phillips added. "They have gotten better every day and that's all you can ask for as a coach."

The only team ahead of Forsan in the standings — the one-loss Miles Bulldogs — will be the Buffs' next opponent as they play

host to their new rivals Friday.

"They're the ones we are chasing," Phillips added.

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was the first advancing medalist among her district peers and will compete in regionals — also at

Shadow Hills in Lubbock — beginning Monday.

"It was a tough day out there for her too," Joslin added. "I'm very happy with all the girls, they competed well. The others are just sophomores, so we expect better things out of them

next year. I'm real proud of Kelsie and I think she has a great shot at doing well at regionals."

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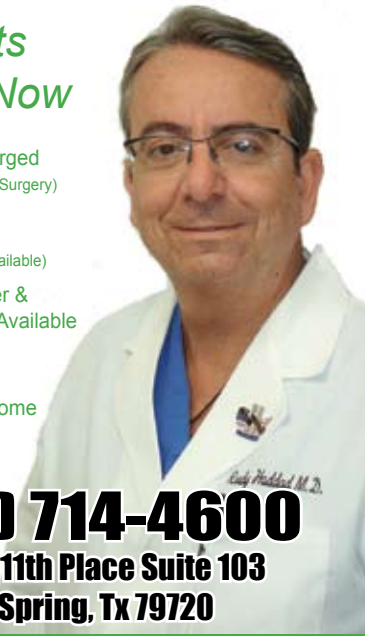
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Big Spring's Logan Yarbar gets a hit during Tuesday's 8-1 loss against Snyder at Lady Steer Field. Yarbar was among the seniors that were honored Tuesday as district play winds down. BSBS is 3-3 and will be back in action Friday against Sweetwater on the road.

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diving second baseman Ben Zobrist in right-center. Ian Kinsler scored from first after breaking quickly and getting around third just as the ball was landing.

Texas reliever Jason Frasor got Shelley Duncan on a fly to right for the final out, a much less dramatic ending than Monday when Joe Nathan earned his 300th save on a strike call that plate umpire Marty Foster later acknowledged was wrong.

"We lost the battle of inches," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "Berkman hits a softie to center. That's how the ball rolls sometimes."

After a 1-2-3 first, Tepech walked the bases loaded in the second, getting a visit from pitching coach Mike Maddux after a two-out pass to Yunel Escobar. Tepech walked Jose Molina after Maddux left, but struck out

Johnson on three pitches, the last a 79 mph curveball after hitting 94 mph on a fastball to Evan Longoria earlier in the inning.

Jennings had a leadoff double in the third, but the Rays only got one run after consecutive groundouts from Matt Joyce, Zobrist, who drove home Jennings, and Evan Longoria.

"Big league debuts can usually go one of two ways. They can either go really well or go really bad," Rangers catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "Once he got out of the second and third innings, you could see it kind of relaxed him and we got him a lead and he really settled in and did a great job."

Robbie Ross kept Tepech's line intact by getting Joyce on a pop-out and Zobrist on a grounder with runners at second and third.

"Well, I guess you could have thrown a complete-gameshutdown, but other than that ..." Berkman said. "That's pretty tough to beat. He pitched great."

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