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The Survivors' Lap served as the unofficial start to the Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life, which began Friday evening at Blankenship Field.

Relay gets delay: Closing ceremonies postponed

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

No closing ceremonies. This year's Howard/Glasscock Counties Relay For Life came to a cold and windy end Saturday. Because of the bitter cold and blustery conditions, closing ceremonies are being



Negron

postponed, according to Relay Chair Manny Negron. "It was just too cold and windy for the participants to have the ceremonies this morning," explained Negron. "Every-

body just wanted to go home so we're postponing the closing ceremonies." Results of the Relay were not available as Negron continued, "We still have money coming in. And next week's golf tournament also benefits Relay so we'll have totals then."

As for the best campsite contest and other group results, that information will be available within the coming week, Negron noted. "We'll get those in Monday, Tuesday at the latest and we'll let everyone know when we set a date for the closing ceremonies. Right now ev-

eryone just wants to get out of the cold." For more information on Relay For Life, call Negron at 816-9464. To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 432-263-7331 ext. 234 or email life@big-springherald.com

FISD bond proposal prompts second meeting

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — A second public meeting pertaining to Forsan Independent School District's \$23.8 million bond

proposal will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the secondary campus auditorium. FISD voters will head to the polls in May to decide the fate of the bond issue, which would finance construction

of a new elementary campus and extensive renovations at the junior high/high school building. Early voting begins April 29, while election day is May 11.

The meeting will include presentations from architects and financial advisors, followed by a question-and-answer session. Slightly more than half of the proposed bond — \$14 mil-

lion — is earmarked for the new elementary campus. An additional \$2 million would finance construction of a wastewater treatment plant

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Officials to discuss new safety software

Designed to assist courthouse workers, public schools for now

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss a number of issues, including the use of a new computer application to help improve security at the county courthouse. According to County Judge Mark

Barr, the program — known as Copsync — will basically turn every operational computer in the courthouse into a way to reach out to law enforcement if something goes wrong. "I really feel like this is a step in the right direction for security at the courthouse," Barr said. "This program is loaded on every computer here at the

courthouse and, from there, employees will have a way to call for help from law enforcement if something goes wrong. It's just another way for us to bring the security at the courthouse up to date and make the entire facility safer." Howard County Sheriff Stan

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Obituaries

Kenneth Jarrett Briden



Kenneth Jarrett Briden, 76, passed away peacefully while visiting family in Santiago, Chile. Son of Garland and Nelva Briden, he was born in 1936 in Breckenridge, Texas, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1954, where he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame for his trumpet playing. Ken received an undergraduate degree in music from Texas Tech University in 1961. He later studied at UCLA and received a graduate degree in education from San Jose State University in 1971.

Ken was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany from 1957-1959 and was a band director and teacher at San Jose High School from 1969-1992

In 1993, he began a second career as a Christian missionary with the Navigators, living and serving in Kislovodsk, Russia, for two years and eventually with VELA Ministries International. Ken is the author of seven fictional novels, including "In Search of Freedom" and "A House Divided."

He is survived by his wife, Vera Little Briden, and his children, Kenna Chavarria (Rudy), Kirk Briden (Suzi), Kelly Briden (Crystal) and Kristin Briden. He was a proud grandfather of seven and is also survived by his sister Gretchen Zurek (Don).

A memorial service will be held on May 3, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at Christ the Ray of Hope Lutheran Church at 7001 San Antonio Drive NE in Albuquerque, N.M., 87109. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the Ray of Hope Lutheran Church for "Free Wheelchair Mission" or "Faith by Hearing."

Paid obituary

Manuel Vega Sr.

Manuel Vega Sr., 76, of Big Spring died Friday, April 19, 2013, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- 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 dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. 04/19/13 and 7 a.m. today:

- DONNIE RAY SCHMALTZ, 27, of 2004 N. Monticello, Big Spring, Texas was arrested Friday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but no greater than \$500, all other.
- JOHN GERARD ESCOVEDO, 34, of 2902 E. IH 20, Big Spring was arrested Friday on a charge of sex offenders duty to register with previous conviction.
- ALFONSO GARCIA RAMOS JR., 26, OF 2604 Dow Dr., Big Spring was arrested Friday on a charge of assault: family violence threat or offensive touch.
- JOSHUA DEWIGHT MCGURK, 28, of 2216 Union Church Rd., Baskin, La., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANNY DWAYNE ANDERSON, 45, of 5907 E. IH 20, Big Spring was arrested Friday on charges of theft less than \$1,500 two or more convictions any theft, all other and theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20K all other.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 35, of 912 Culp, Coahoma was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- THEFT was reported at the 1700 block of W. Third.
- THEFT was reported at the 2500 block of Chanut.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 2500 block of Dow.
- ACCIDENT MINOR was reported at the 2400 block of Gregg.
- THEFT was reported at the 300 block of S. Owens.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1000 block of Wood St.
- THEFT was reported at the 1400 block of E. Sixth St.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1300 block of Ridgeroad.

Take Note

- A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

- 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.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. 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.

- 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 officet, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999,

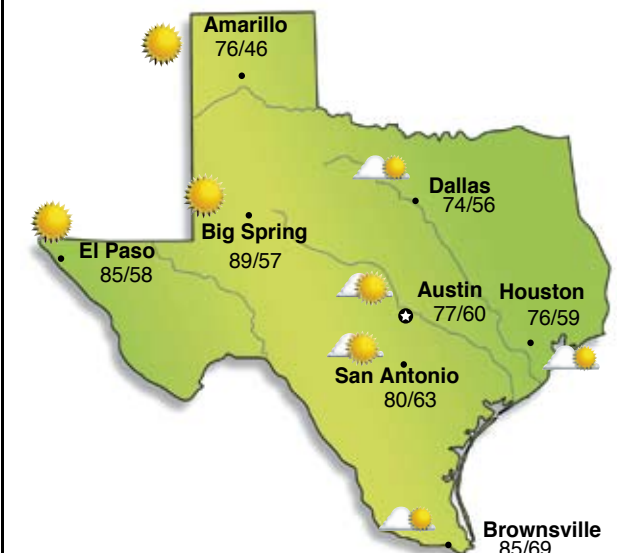
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 4/21	Mon 4/22	Tue 4/23
89/57 A mainly sunny sky. Warm. High 89F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	96/54 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 50s.	66/40 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	57	pt sunny	Kingsville	85	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	46	sunny	Livingston	76	53	mst sunny
Austin	77	60	mst sunny	Longview	74	53	sunny
Beaumont	75	57	sunny	Lubbock	83	49	sunny
Brownsville	85	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	54	sunny
Brownwood	80	57	pt sunny	Midland	87	60	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	68	mst sunny	Raymondville	87	68	pt sunny
Corsicana	72	55	pt sunny	Rosenberg	76	59	pt sunny
Dallas	74	56	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	63	mst sunny
Del Rio	85	65	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	60	pt sunny
El Paso	85	58	sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	54	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	55	sunny	Sweetwater	83	57	mst sunny
Gainesville	70	52	pt sunny	Tyler	75	55	sunny
Greenville	72	52	pt sunny	Weatherford	71	54	pt sunny
Houston	76	59	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	72	54	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	47	sunny	Minneapolis	52	37	mixed
Boston	53	35	sunny	New York	55	43	sunny
Chicago	57	43	pt sunny	Phoenix	90	62	sunny
Dallas	74	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	74	58	sunny
Denver	61	34	pt sunny	Seattle	54	39	pt sunny
Houston	76	59	pt sunny	St. Louis	68	49	pt sunny
Los Angeles	75	56	sunny	Washington, DC	60	43	sunny
Miami	83	72	t-storm				

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Ag complex completed on Howard College campus

By STEVE REAGAN

Howard College officials are about to put the wraps on another construction project.

Trustees will hear updates on a variety of construction projects when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

End of construction of the Broughton Agriculture Complex will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and public tours May 1.

The complex, which consists of an open-air pavilion, show barn and classroom building, was financed through a \$2.6 million donation to the college from the C.G. Broughton Foundation.

The pavilion will be used for livestock judging and summer agriculture camp activities, College President Dr.

Cheryl Sparks said. The show barn will be the site of various livestock shows and offers the college an climate-controlled environment to hold ag activities, while the third building will house classrooms, county extension offices and lab space, she added.

From initial concept designs to completion, the project took less than three years and will dramatically improve the college's agriculture program, Sparks said. "The agriculture industry has been a foundation for this area for a long, long time," she said. "The vision behind this complex is to further that industry, which was one of the major interests of Mr. Broughton."

The complex will also serve county interests, as well. As the future home of the county extension service, the complex will be the site

for continuing education classes for area farmers and ranchers. In addition, it will be the new home of the Howard County 4H Livestock Show.

Other construction projects to be discussed during Monday's meeting include expansion of the college's San Angelo campus and renovation of the college's baseball field.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Bids for computer technology in San Angelo and science equipment in Big Spring.
- Accountability measures.
- Naming of a professor emeritus at the Big Spring campus.
- Personnel matters.
- Budget preparation.

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



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

John Cantrell holds the U.S. flag during opening ceremonies of this year's Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life, held Friday at Blankenship Field.

FISD

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for FISD campuses, while the rest will fund renovations at the secondary campus, resurfacing of the football stadium track and replacement of one of the district's tennis courts.

FISD Superintendent Randy

Johnson said the major focus at the junior high/high school will be expansion to accommodate extra classroom, lab and storage space.

"At our secondary campus, every room is full, which limits our options as to what we can do," he said in February. "This expansion will allow us more flexibility ... and would allow the junior high portion of the building to be a more

self-contained area."

The campus also would be renovated to provide increased security for students and staff, including installation of a locking system for the exterior doors which can be operated remotely and a remake of the main entrance to enhance security against unwanted visitors.

Other renovations to be financed by the bond include:

- Major plumbing and electrical renovation at the secondary campus.
- Renovation of the kitchen area at the secondary campus.
- Safety upgrades in the secondary campus' metal shop.
- Expansion of the district's bus barns to accommodate vehicles currently parked at Elbow.
- A fire-suppression system

for the new elementary campus.

Increased storage area at the band hall.

For more information on Monday's public hearing, contact the FISD administration office at 263-6571, ext. 2.

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SOFTWARE

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Parker said the software will also be used at local schools.

"We've already made arrangements with Coahoma Independent School District and Forsan Independent School district to have this software loaded onto their computers," Parker said. "Once it's installed, employees at the school can use any computer there to call for law enforcement help."

According to Parker, the software allows users to send out a message or distress call that is immediately sent to the law enforcement officers who are closest to the sender.

"At the schools, they have the option to send

out a message or a distress signal," Parker said. "With the message, they could send out a message that says, 'We have a belligerent person at the school, we need you to send officers,' and that message would go out to the five nearest law enforcement officers."

"With the distress call, all they have to do is hit the 911 button and a distress call goes out to the five nearest cars, as well as to dispatch. Those officers will be able to not only see what facility the call is coming from, they will be able to tell which computer sent it. This software goes a long way to help secure our schools and the courthouse against violence."

While the Howard County Sheriff's Office will be working to have

the software installed at CISD and FISD, Parker said the Big Spring Police Department will be handling efforts to get the program installed at Big Spring Independent School District locations.

Parker said the software is an offshoot of the programs he hopes to have installed in sheriff deputy's patrol cars, as well as a smartphone app that is currently in the works.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are expected to discuss lending their support to an effort to have water lines installed to several residences in south Coahoma.

"This was brought to us by Commissioner Donnie Baker," Barr said. "From what he's told us, there are nine families in the southern part of Coahoma who have had their wells dry up and have been hauling water into the residences. They've been having to do this for about two years."

"Apparently, there's a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that could help pay for the installation of water lines that would tie those nine residences into the water system in the city of Coahoma. My understanding is Commissioner Baker is going to ask the county to

support the grant application, which is usually a requirement for these types of grants."

Barr said arrangements have already been made with the city of Coahoma if the grant comes through.

"Coahoma has already told us they would be OK with having these additional residents tie into their water system," Barr said. "It's simply a matter of finding the funding to pay for it."

Monday's meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's

office at 432-264-2202.

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Irises in bloom at Clark Gardens

"If gardening is work to you, don't ever start it. Gardening should be a pleasure, something you do because you want to do it." — Max Clark

Clark Gardens is just east of Mineral Wells. Max Clark and his wife Billie opened it to visitors in 2000.

"Billie and I built this for us, then decided since we had put so much into it, we felt it was selfish just to keep it for ourselves, so we opened it to the public," says Max.

The attractive garden has 35 acres of ponds, lakes, waterfalls, sculptures, a chapel for 60 or so weddings a year, fountains, pavilions, inviting walkways, statues and 3,000 irises in bloom right now.

Azaleas, roses and dozens of drought-tolerant plants (that Max calls Texas adaptables) are in full color.

"Mid April to mid May is our peak season," says Carol Clark Montgomery, Max's daughter, who helps run the place. Visitors can buy cannas, irises and day lilies.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Max and Billie bought the land nearly 50 years ago.

"It was worn out farmland that wouldn't even grow mesquites," says Max.

Thousands of loads of topsoil were hauled in to plant the trees and flowers.

The place has events year-round, including a Mother's Day catered luncheon. At Christmas-time, 100 trees are lighted.

Clark Gardens offers classes in yoga, photography, canning, cooking and aromatherapy.

One unique area of Clark Gardens is an elaborate display of miniature trains that travel on tracks barely over the heads of tourists. The trains have sounds and steam and pass by bridges, water tanks and a building that has three other sets of miniature trains on different sizes of tracks.

A giant white tent covers 6,000 square feet of what was once Billie's tennis court.

"She decided that if she wasn't going to play tennis any more we ought to make some use out of it," says Max.

Dances, receptions and all kinds of parties take place under the tent. Another large tent is in a separate location.

Max made his money by developing a heavy piece of equipment that can cut through rock.

It revolutionized rock cutting all over the world. At the height of laying fiber optic cable in Texas, Max was the main man.

"It took me from 1969 to 1985 to develop the rock saw and equipment to use it," he says.

One of his early rocksaws sits by a lake under a shed for the public to see.

"I was sitting in my Jeep out here with Billie and we were trying to figure out something put in this location. I told her we ought to put the rock saw out here because it contributed so much to the making of this place. She told me that was a good idea."

Max, now 85, works in the garden every day.

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LETTERS

Cease to write

TO THE EDITOR:

Usually, the Herald carries the following words below a heading stating: "How to Contact us." "The Herald is always interested in our readers opinions" and are followed by five ways to contact the paper — in person, by telephone, by FAX, by e-mail or by mail!

In the Thursday April 11, 2013 edition of the Herald, managing edi-

tor Bill McClellan states that he has a pet peeve about people who mail or hand carry their opinion letters to the newspaper. He informs us that we should just "e-mail it." He follows this by insulting the letter writers by stating: "...if you don't know how to use e-mail, learn. It's simple. Quit making excuses."

Thank you — Mr. McClellan, as managing editor, you can print or not print whatever you

wish, but I'd like for you to avoid discrimination by rewriting the above cited statement to read: "The Herald is always interested in our readers opinions, only if they are e-mailed to us."

Since I prefer to hand carry my typed letters to the Herald, I shall cease to write. I apologize to those few readers who have expressed appreciation for my previous writings in the newspaper!

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Do not read list

TO THE EDITOR:

I respect the freedom of the press and my right to choose what I read.

The column "Margo" is now on my do not read list. Her opinions on religion are so typical of those people who are the cause of our

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Looking down the nose

When sensory body parts were assigned, growing evidence suggests that noses got a raw deal. They haven't made much noise about it so far; what can they do — snort, sniff or maybe drip?

Noses stiffened in protest — to date, anyway — have either been ignored or shushed. Even the "see no/hear no/speak no evil" monkeys — depicted in eighth-century China — ignored noses.

There have always been permissible "time-outs" for eyes, ears and mouths. Not for noses, though; their intake valves are forever open, 24-7.

References to noses typically are negative. Some are "bent out of joint." Many are bodily ski slopes for eyes peering downward. Noses in the air — and "blue noses" — paint pictures of arrogance.

Except maybe for babies — some of whom have "cute" noses — rarely are they included in positive remarks.

When's the last time you heard a guy ask another, "Wow, did you get a gander at her beautiful nose?"

For noses, there are no places to hide. Ears have their muffs — and eyes have their shades — but noses remains bared, always out front. And we all are admonished to follow them.

Certain luminaries have made peace with noses that happen to be XXXX-large. Jimmy Durante joked about his "schnozzola," and Bob Hope milked his "ski nose" for laughs. Steve Carell stands behind his ample protuberance, without a threat of

rhinoplasty — but comedienne Phyllis Diller had hers cut down to size. Noses did nothing to curtail careers of Karl Malden, Walter Matthau and Pinocchio.

A friend who was a longtime collegiate basketball coach has a nose with wide-angle air passages. He's kidded that "if his nose were full of nickels, he could retire."

Madison Avenue, adding to its rush to produce ads for assault on our eyes and ears, now is making billboards that produce aromas as well. So far, steak-houses are faring well pushing wonderful aromas along with sizzles.

Some fairs are running billboard-bearing trucks that emit the sweet smell of cotton candy.

Can ballparks, public transportation and arenas be far behind? Saying this to say that noses — in all probability — will press on.

No matter what most marks the air — fair or foul—they'll take it — wishing, dadgummit — they didn't have to "take the good with the bad." The latter includes tiring suggestions that we keep our noses out of other people's business.

Noses for news, a kindly description of certain news folks, offer but faint praise.

What are noses to do? Obviously the Chinese passed right over the opportunity to add a fourth monkey holding his nose.

Options are few. There aren't many calls for nose models used in mask-making at Halloween time. And those bulbous noses clowns choose for their facial treatments rarely ever wear out.

Nose transplants are never in the news. Putting in for transfers could, however, be noses' next requests.

They've enjoyed better days — when roses, honeysuckle and new-mown hay called for slow-

ing of steps to accommodate deep breathing. We stopped; we smelled.

Most folks can only dream of the freshness of falling rain in a pine-filled forest. And pleasures now are rare of aromas from apple pies and sage-stuffed turkey dressing wafting from ovens.

Heck, even if stove-makers continue to turn out ovens, there is talk they may eliminate the "wafters."

Protuberances, then, are like the love-struck couple peering bravely forward from the very tip of the Titanic. Or Rudolph with red-raw nose chosen as sleigh leader for Santa's annual flight.

Noses are "front and center," taking on whatever comes next. They'll keep sights and tastes separated, hold up eye-glasses and provide barriers for mustaches to rub against.

Noses — stuck out or not — routinely pass smell tests. They can't hide; they can't run — OK, but only in place.

Thankfully, we are free to appreciate our noses if so desired. Maybe we should cut them slack about post-nasal drip, allergies and congestion.

And, shouldn't we give them passes as they relate to our appearance?

Woodrow Wilson, back when presidents had time for such, penned (stole?):

"As a beauty I'm not a great star. There are others more handsome by far. But my face, I don't mind it, because I'm behind it. 'Tis the folks in the front get the jar."

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Davidian survivors mark 20th anniversary of siege

WACO, Texas (AP) — On a grassy Texas prairie two decades ago, massive flames engulfed a religious sect's compound where nearly 80 people — including two dozen children — had been holed up since a botched federal raid seven weeks earlier.

Millions watched live television coverage of the fiery end of the government's standoff with Branch Davidian members who included sect leader David Koresh, whom authorities had been trying to arrest on weapons charges. Local hospitals prepared for burn victims, but only nine people escaped.

"After I jumped out, I could see the (burned) skin rolling off my hands," said Clive Doyle, who lost his 18-year-old daughter in the fire but was able to escape after a military vehicle rammed a hole through the building. "It was pure horror."

Emotional wounds remain raw for survivors and those who left the compound during the 51-day standoff, many who gathered for a memorial service Friday — exactly 20 years after the blaze. They still blame law enforcement agencies for the deaths of



AP photo

Most survivors do not blame sect leader David Koresh for the tragedy.

their relatives and friends, seeing the incident as an unwarranted government intrusion into personal and religious freedoms.

Most do not blame Koresh, and do not believe he held control over anyone.

Some survivors remain in Central Texas, but only a few still follow Koresh's teachings and attend a weekly Bible study led by Doyle. Although some still believe Koresh was a prophet, others have turned against religion or associate church with painful memories.

"It haunts me every day of my life," 29-year-old Heather

Jones Burson said after the memorial service, which was attended by about 75 people who included survivors and others who blame the government. "To this day, I still don't understand why. There were so many other ways to deal with it."

ATF agents raided the compound about 10 miles east Waco on Feb. 28, 1993, trying to arrest Koresh for stockpiling illegal weapons. But the group — an offshoot of the Seventh-day Adventists — had been tipped off about the raid, and a shootout ensued. Four agents and six Davidians were killed that day, and

a standoff ensued.

As the weeks dragged on, federal authorities said they were becoming increasingly worried about the Davidian children possibly being abused. Koresh was known to have multiple "wives," including preteen girls. Then on April 19, 1993, after an FBI negotiator shouted over a loudspeaker for Koresh to lead his people out and "be a messiah, not a destroyer," military vehicles began ramming the buildings and spraying tear gas inside. A few hours later flames were seen spreading through the compound.

Authorities claim the Davidians committed suicide by setting the fire and shooting themselves. But survivors deny there was a suicide pact, saying military vehicles knocked over lanterns and ignited the blaze. Some independent experts have said FBI aircraft footage shows 57 flashes that indicate gunfire toward Davidians inside the compound or on the roof that morning.

In 1994 in San Antonio, 11 Davidians went on trial; all were acquitted of murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges. However, five

were convicted of voluntary manslaughter and weapons charges, and three were convicted on weapons charges. A 12th Davidian pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for testifying against the others; she was sentenced to three years in prison and was released in 1996.

The federal judge sentenced most to 40 years in prison, but in 2000 reduced most terms to 15 years after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned his decision.

Paul Fatta, who was released from custody in 2006 and now lives in San Diego, told the group gathered Friday that he still considers himself a Branch Davidian. Fatta, who was at a gun show in Austin the day of the ATF raid but was convicted on weapons charges, said losing his friends was the hardest part.

"My suffering or what I went through is nothing compared to my friends who were on the property, and the kids. They are the ones who really suffered, and to live your life without your parents" is awful, Fatta said, referring to the children who left the compound during the standoff.

Travis County DA sentenced to 45 days for DWI

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg became belligerent after her drunken-driving arrest last weekend and deputies had to place her in restraints, according

to documents released Friday after a judge sentenced her to 45 days in jail for driving while intoxicated.

After Lehmborg entered a guilty plea, deputies placed her in handcuffs and took her from

the courtroom. Lehmborg, 63, was arrested last weekend and later issued a formal apology and said she would plead guilty to whatever charge the county prosecutor thought appropriate.

The prosecutor with 38 years of experience did not ask for a plea deal or any special treatment. She was also fined \$4,000 and her driver's license was suspended for 180 days. Based on sentencing standards, it was not immediately clear how long she would actually spend in jail.

Arrest documents released Friday afternoon



Lehmborg

detail how a 911 caller reported her dangerous driving and how deputies immediately realized her identity, even though she didn't have her driver's license. Once at the jail, she refused a breath test and resisted deputies when they tried to search her. "Inmate Lehmborg refused pat search. Inmate Lehmborg refused several directives to stop kicking the cell," an Iso-

lation Cell Record said. "In an attempt to protect Inmate Lehmborg from harming herself, deputies placed Lehmborg in the Emergency Restraint Chair."

Deputies kept her restrained for almost two hours while they obtained a search warrant to draw her blood. A separate test result also released Friday showed her blood alcohol level was .239, almost four times the legal limit.

At Friday's hearing, she did not make any comment, but in a letter to the prosecutor and court on Sunday she wrote: "I am guilty of DWI and of acting unreasonably and the fault is all my own. I am deeply sorry for my actions."

Lehmborg has said she hoped to put the matter behind her and continue in office until her planned retirement in 2016, but there have been calls for her resignation.

The Austin American-Statesman released an

editorial on Friday urging her to step down and one resident has petitioned for her removal.

"She knew better and did it anyway. As a result, Lehmborg's ability to perform her official duties is profoundly impeded," the editorial said.

"The tragedy is that she ended a good career, but end it must."

Texas law provides for the removal of a district attorney for drunkenness. Austin attorney Kerry O'Brien filed a suit on Tuesday seeking a court order to suspend her pending a hearing.

"Lehmborg violated the public trust, demeaned her office and created a substantial risk of injury to others," O'Brien's suit says.

Politics do complicate the case; Travis County is heavily Democratic and if Lehmborg steps down or is removed, Republican Gov. Rick Perry would appoint a replacement pending the next election.

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Texas town at center of blast shifts to recovery

WEST, Texas (AP) — Finally with a firm body count, the Central Texas town torn and bruised by a crater-making fertilizer plant explosion shifted toward recovery.

Residents moved ahead with what they could — a contractor to rebuild, a funeral home to arrange a service — but continued to wait for authorities to let them back in their neighborhoods and release the remains of the 14 dead.

Many among West's 2,800 residents felt stuck. Unable to direct their full energies to recovery while the investigation into what caused Wednesday's explosion at West Fertilizer Co. began in earnest, the displaced and mourning made do with what remained in their control.

Bill Killough, 76, paced the lobby of a local hotel Friday, planning how to make the most of whatever time authorities grant him to visit his house 2 1/2 blocks from the site.

"Once they get through totally going over that fertilizer plant that blew up and they are satisfied that it is no danger to anybody, there is no reason why we shouldn't be allowed to go back to our houses," said Killough, who used to restore classic cars.

Killough said his handyman could help him grab his guns, wrapping the rifles in blankets while he focused on his wife's list of items, mostly documents that will be important in the recovery stage.

He briefly was able to sneak back in shortly after the blast and said the damage was bad, but not much worse than when they stripped it back to its frame to renovate a couple years ago. The blast ripped homes, schools and a nursing home within a four- to five-block radius, injuring more than 200.

Killough had talked to a contractor who promised he would be first on his list, but he fretted about how hard it will be to get materi-

Obama declares emergency after Texas plant explosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has issued an emergency declaration and pledged disaster relief aid to Texas to help in the recovery efforts following this week's deadly fertilizer plant explosion near Waco.

Obama's order Friday night authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief efforts in the town of West. Wednesday's explosion at the West Fertilizer plant killed at least 14 people, injured more than 200 others and demolished buildings for blocks around.

After addressing the arrest of the second Boston Marathon bombing suspect Friday night, the president extended his sympathies to the community of West and everyone else affected by the explosion.

Obama said he's spoken with Texas Gov. Rick Perry and West's mayor, and he pledged that the community will have the resources it needs to rebuild.

als, especially windows, in a town with so many blown out.

The fertilizer facility stores and distributes anhydrous ammonia, a fertilizer that can be injected into soil. It also mixes other fertilizers.

Plant owner Donald Adair released a state-

ment saying he never would forget the "selfless sacrifice of first-responders who died trying to protect all of us."

One of the plant employees also was killed responding to the fire, Adair said.

Federal investigators and the state fire

marshal's office began inspecting the blast site Friday to collect evidence that may point to a cause. Franceska Perot, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said investigators still were combing through debris and would continue Saturday.

Residents cannot return to their homes until investigators are finished, Perot said. She did not have a timetable on when that might be.

Perry said the "search and rescue phase is now complete" and the "recovery side" had begun.

Asked if additional oversight was needed for fertilizer plants, Perry said "those are legitimate, appropriate questions for us to be asking."

"If there's a better way to do this, we want to know about it," he said.

There is only one funeral home in West and like much of the town Aderhold Funeral Home hasn't been operating under full power since

Wednesday.

Even fully staffed, 14 funerals would overwhelm the staff, but on top of that it's down a funeral director.

Brothers Robert and Larry Payne share that responsibility. But Robert Payne, who as a volunteer firefighter was on the scene when the explosion occurred, remains in intensive care.

The state and national associations are organizing other funeral homes that have offered to supply staff and vehicles once services are arranged for the dead.

That hadn't started yet though. Robbie Bates, president elect of the National Funeral Directors Association, said that the medical examiner's office had not yet released the bodies to the families.

Bates said Aderhold was doing all it could to assist families in the midst of dealing with its own travails.

"They don't intend to charge the families," Bates said.

Boy Scouts propose to lift gay ban for youth

NEW YORK (AP) — Searching for compromise on a divisive issue, the Boy Scouts of America is proposing to partially lift its long-standing exclusion of gays — allowing them as youth members but continuing to bar them as adult leaders.

The proposal, unveiled Friday after weeks of private leadership deliberations, will be submitted to the roughly 1,400 voting members of the BSA's National Council during the week of May 20 at a meeting in Texas.

The key part of the resolution says no youth may be denied membership in the Scouts "on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone." A ban would continue on leadership roles for adults who are openly gay or lesbian.

Gay-rights groups, which had demanded a complete lifting of the ban, criticized the proposal as inadequate.

"Until every parent and young person have the same opportunity to serve, the Boy Scouts will continue to see a decline in both membership and donations," said Rich Ferraro, a spokesman for the gay-rights watchdog group GLAAD.

Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said the BSA was too timid.

"What message does

this resolution send to the gay Eagle Scout who, as an adult, wants to continue a lifetime of Scouting by becoming a troop leader?" he asked.

"While perspectives and opinions vary significantly, parents, adults in the Scouting community and teens alike tend to agree that youth should not be denied the benefits of Scouting."

—BSA review

Some conservative groups assailed the proposal from the opposite direction, saying the ban should be kept in its entirety.

"The policy is incoherent," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. "The proposal says, in essence, that homosexuality is morally acceptable until a boy turns 18 — then, when he comes of age, he's removed from the Scouts."

Perkins predicted that the proposed change, if adopted, would subject the BSA to "crippling lawsuits" because it would no longer be able to argue that excluding gays was integral to its

basic principles.

Indeed, the BSA has anticipated hostile reaction, estimating that easing the ban on gay adults might prompt between 100,000 and 350,000 members to leave the organization, which now has 2.6 million youth members.

In January, the BSA said it was considering a plan to give sponsors of local Scout units the option of admitting gays as both youth members and adult leaders or continuing to exclude them.

On Friday, the BSA said it changed course in part because of surveys sent out starting in February to about 1 million members of the Scouting community.

The review, said a BSA statement, "created an outpouring of feedback" from 200,000 respondents, some supporting the exclusion policy and others favoring a change.

"While perspectives and opinions vary significantly, parents, adults in the Scouting community and teens alike tend to agree that youth should not be denied the benefits of Scouting," the statement said.

"The proposed resolution also reinforces that Scouting is a youth program, and any sexual conduct, whether heterosexual or homosexual, by youth of Scouting age is contrary to the

virtues of Scouting," the statement said.

The BSA described its survey as "the most comprehensive listening exercise in its history."

In a summary of the findings, it said respondents overall supported

the BSA's current policy of excluding gays by a margin of 61 percent to 34 percent, while a majority of younger parents and teens opposed the policy.

It said overwhelming majorities of parents, teens and members of

the Scouting community felt it would be unacceptable to deny an openly gay Scout an Eagle Scout Award solely because of his sexual orientation.

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2nd bombing suspect caught

WATERTOWN, Mass. (AP) — For just a few minutes, it seemed as if the dragnet that had shut down a metropolitan area of millions while legions of police went house to house looking for the suspected Boston Marathon bomber had failed.

Weary officials lifted a daylong order that had kept residents in their homes, saying it was fruitless to keep an entire city locked down. Then one man emerged from his home and noticed blood on the pleasure boat parked in his backyard. He lifted the tarp and found the wounded 19-year-old college student known to the world over as Suspect No. 2.

Soon after that, the 24-hour drama that paralyzed a city and transfixed a nation was over.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's capture touched off raucous celebrations in and around Boston, with chants of "USA, USA" as residents flooded the streets in relief and jubilation after four tense

days since twin explosions ripped through the marathon's crowd at the finish line, killing three people and wounding more than 180.

The 19-year-old — whose older brother and alleged accomplice was killed earlier Friday morning in a wild shootout in suburban Boston — was in serious condition Saturday at a hospital protected by armed guards, and he was unable to be questioned to determine his motives. U.S. officials said a special interrogation team for high-value suspects would question him without reading him his Miranda rights, invoking a rare public safety exception triggered by the need to protect police and the public from immediate danger.

President Barack Obama said there are many unanswered questions about the Boston bombings, including whether the two men had help from others. He urged people not to rush judgment about their motivations.



D. Tsarnaev

Dzhokhar and his brother, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, were identified by authorities and relatives as ethnic Chechens from southern Russia who had been in the U.S. for about a decade and were believed to be living in Cambridge, just outside Boston. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died early in the day of gunshot wounds and a possible blast injury. He was run over by his younger brother in a car as he lay wounded, according to investigators.

During a long night of violence Thursday and into Friday, the brothers killed an MIT police officer, severely wounded another lawman during a gun battle and hurled explosives at police in a desperate getaway attempt, authorities said.

Late Friday, less than an hour after authorities lifted the lockdown, they tracked down the younger man holed up in the boat, weakened by a gunshot wound after fleeing on foot from the overnight shootout with police that left 200 spent rounds behind.

The resident who spotted Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in his boat in his Watertown yard called police, who tried to persuade the suspect to get out of the boat, said Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

"He was not communicative," Davis said. Instead, he said, there was an exchange of gunfire — the final volley of one of the biggest manhunts in American history.

The violent endgame unfolded just a day after the FBI released surveillance-camera images of two young men suspected of planting the pressure-cooker explosives at the marathon's finish line, an attack that put the nation on edge for the week.

Watertown residents who had been told Friday morning to stay

inside behind locked doors poured out of their homes and lined the streets to cheer police vehicles as they rolled away from the scene.

Celebratory bells rang from a church tower. Teenagers waved American flags. Drivers honked. Every time an emergency vehicle went by, people cheered loudly.

"They finally caught the jerk," said nurse Cindy Boyle. "It was scary. It was tense."

Police said three other people were taken into custody for questioning at an off-campus housing complex at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where the younger man may have lived.

"Tonight, our family applauds the entire law enforcement community for a job well done, and trust that our justice system will now do its job," said the family of 8-year-old Martin Richard, who died in the bombing.

Queries cascaded in after authorities released the surveillance-camera photos — the FBI website was overwhelmed with 300,000 hits per minute — but what role those played in the overnight clash was unclear. State police spokesman Dave Procopio said police realized they were dealing with the bombing suspects based on what the two men told a carjacking victim during their night of crime.

The search by thousands of law enforcement officers all but shut down the Boston area for much of the day. Officials halted all mass transit, including Amtrak trains to New York, advised businesses not to open and warned close to 1 million people in the city and some of its suburbs to unlock their doors only for uniformed police.

Around midday, the suspects' uncle, Ruslan Tsarni of Montgomery Village, Md., pleaded on television: "Dzhokhar, if you are alive, turn yourself in and ask for forgiveness."

Until the younger man's capture, it was looking like a grim day for police. As night fell, they announced that they were scaling back the hunt and lifting the stay-indoors order across the region because they had come up

empty-handed.

But then the break came and within a couple of hours, the search was over. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was captured about a mile from the site of the shootout that killed his brother.

A neighbor described how heavily armed police stormed by her window not long after the lockdown was lifted — the rapid gunfire left her huddled on the bathroom floor on top of her young son.

"I was just waiting for bullets to just start flying everywhere," Deanna Finn said.

When at last the gunfire died away and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was taken from the neighborhood in an ambulance, an officer gave Finn a cheery thumbs-up.

"To see the look on his face, he was very, very happy, so that made me very, very happy," she said.

Authorities said the man dubbed Suspect No. 1 — the one in sunglasses and a dark baseball cap in the surveillance-camera pictures — was Tamerlan Tsarnaev, while Suspect No. 2, the one in a white baseball cap worn backward, was his younger brother.

Chechnya, where the brothers grew up, has been the scene of two wars between Russian forces and separatists since 1994, in which tens of thousands were killed in heavy Russian bombing. That spawned an Islamic insurgency that has carried out deadly bombings in Russia and the region, although not in the West.

The older brother had strong political views about the United States, said Albrecht Ammon, 18, a downstairs-apartment neighbor in Cambridge. Ammon quoted Tsarnaev as saying that the U.S. uses the Bible as "an excuse for invading other countries."

Also, the FBI interviewed the older brother at the request of a foreign government in 2011, and nothing derogatory was found, according to a federal law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official did not identify the foreign country or say why it made the request.

Exactly how the long night of crime began was

unclear. But police said the brothers carjacked a man in a Mercedes-Benz in Cambridge, just across the Charles River from Boston, then released him unharmed at a gas station.

They also shot to death a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer, 26-year-old Sean Collier, while he was responding to a report of a disturbance, investigators said.

The search for the Mercedes led to a chase that ended in Watertown, where authorities said the suspects threw explosive devices from the car and exchanged gunfire with police. A transit police officer, 33-year-old Richard Donohue, was shot and critically wounded, authorities said.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev ran over his already wounded brother as he fled, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation. At some point, he abandoned his car and ran away on foot.

The brothers had built an arsenal of pipe bombs, grenades and improvised explosive devices and used some of the weapons in trying to make their getaway, said Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., a member of the House Intelligence Committee.

Watertown resident Kayla Dipaolo said she was woken up overnight by gunfire and a large explosion that sounded "like it was right next to my head ... and shook the whole house."

"It was very scary," she said. "There are two bullet holes in the side of my house, and by the front door there is another."

Tamerlan Tsarnaev had studied accounting as a part-time student at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston for three semesters from 2006 to 2008, the school said. He was married with a young daughter.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was registered as a student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Students said he was on campus this week after the Boston Marathon bombing. The campus closed down Friday along with colleges around the Boston area, and it remained closed Saturday as law enforcement continued investigating.

The men's father, Anzor Tsarnaev, said in a telephone interview with the AP from the Russian city of Makhachkala that his younger son, Dzhokhar, is "a true angel."

Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Doing the Impossible

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Neither side vulnerable.
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♠10 8 7 2
♥8 6 3
♦A 5
♣9 8 4 2

WEST EAST
♠J 6 5 ♠4
♥Q ♥K J 10 9 7 5 2
♦Q 7 3 ♦J 10 6 2
♣A K Q J 10 3 ♣7

SOUTH
♠A K Q 9 3
♥A 4
♦K 9 8 4
♣6 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ Pass 1♥ Dble
2♣ Pass 2♥ 2♣
3♣ 3♣ 2♥ 4♣
Opening lead — king of clubs.

But one of the nice things about bridge is that you can sometimes accomplish the "impossible," which is exactly what South did on this deal.

West led the K-A-Q of clubs, declarer ruffing the third one. South then drew three rounds of trumps and led a diamond to dummy's ace, producing this position:

North
♠10
♥8 6 3
♦5
♣9

West East
♥Q ♥K J 10
♦Q 7 ♦J 10 6
♠J 10 3

South
♠A 3
♥A 4
♦K 9 8

Declarer now made the key play of the nine of clubs from dummy, planning to ruff. The effect of this seemingly pointless play was that East found himself hard-pressed for a discard. If he discarded a heart, South would make the contract by playing the ace and another heart to establish an extra heart trick, while if he let go a diamond, South would play a diamond to the king and ruff a diamond in dummy to set up an extra diamond trick. Either way, declarer was bound to score the game-going trick.

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Big Spring's Brett Brorman gets a hit during a game against Snyder earlier in the year. Brorman and the Steers pounded Monahans 18-2 at Steer Park on Friday.

Steers pummel Monahans, 18-2

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

The way the offense has been struggling, Friday's 18-2 shellacking of the Monahans by Steer Park's Big Spring (5-4) prepares for its final good sign as district foe Wylie next Friday and a potential postseason berth.

The Lobos scored a run in the top of the first to take a quick 1-0 lead, but the Steers ruined their night in the early going, as they hung 10 runs on MHS before the opening inning came to a close.

Every Big Spring player in the lineup reached base.

Karsten Knudson had two hits, including a RBI, Haegan Rodriguez picked up a RBI triple in his second time at the plate in the inning, Gunnar Kennedy singled, Max Pappajohn had two RBI on a double and a base hit and Joseph Morelion reached on an error and a walk. Jarred DoPorto recorded a RBI single, Brett Brorman had a RBI double off the left field fence, Hunter Hill took first after being hit by a pitch and Adam Franco — who pitched a complete game for the Steers — drew a RBI walk in the biggest offensive inning BSHS has had all season.

The Steers went on to score two runs in the bottom of the second, added three more in the third and tacked on three in the fourth before the game was called due to the run rule.

Adam Franco sealed the game by striking out

BSHS track teams take 2nd at area meet

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each event earning a bid.

Event Results:

Boys

- 1,600 Relay: BSHS, 1st place, 3:23.99.
- 3,200 Relay: BSHS, 1st place, 1:30.52.
- Discus: Chris Nunez, 2nd place, 149-1.
- 3,200: Gustavo Lugo, 1st place, 10:19.97.
- 1,600: Gustavo Lugo, 1st place, 4:42.82.
- 800: Gage Burkhart, 1st place, 1:59.50.
- 400: Ryan Lopez, 2nd place, 51:08.
- 100: Tobyn Tannehill, 3rd place, 11.54.
- 300 Hurdles: Devin Roberson, 3rd place, 39.33.
- 110 Hurdles: Charles Green, 4th place, 16:10.

Girls

- 1,600 Relay: BSHS, 2nd place, 4:14.83.
- 800 Relay: BSHS, 2nd place, 1:46.62.
- 400 Relay: BSHS, 1st place, 49.23.
- Triple Jump: Yaniera Tuitt, 1st place, 35-2.
- Long Jump: Yaneira Tuitt, 2nd place, 16-1.5.
- High Jump: Yaneira Tuitt, 3rd place, 4-10.
- 3,200: Karina Alvarado, 3rd place, 12:40.60.
- 100: Autumn Minter, 4th place, 13.16.

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Coahoma beats Brownfield; Forsan falls to Miles, 7-1

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

BROWNFIELD — Coahoma has a chance to pull off the improbable — going from a winless team in 2012 to district champion in 2013.

The Bulldogs got the better of Brownfield in a high scoring affair Friday, as they won 17-13. A commanding, 13-5 lead was blown after a pitching change, but CHS was able to outthit the Cubs and hang on for the win.

Kaleb McAdams pitched five innings for

the Bulldogs and struck out 11. McAdams also accounted for five RBI, scored a run and had three hits, including a triple, Ryan Campbell recorded four RBI and had a triple and a double, Peyton Rodriguez scored three runs on two hits including a double, T.J. White and Tanner Ruiz each had two RBI and Hayden Adamson, Zach Crabtree and Ryan Reid each picked up a RBI.

Jamen Sanchez had

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Hawk squads sweep their series openers

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Holding an overall record of 45-9, a Western Junior College Athletic Conference record of 20-2 and a No. 8 national ranking, Howard College has proven once again to be the region's softball bully.

In a doubleheader to open a four-game series against Midland College, however, the games were tighter than usual for the Lady Hawks, but they still swept the Lady Chaparrals, winning the first game 3-1 and taking Game Two 7-4.

With Game One knotted at 1-1, HC plated a run in the fourth and a run in the sixth. Pitcher Nikki Diaz held off Midland for the remainder of the outing to pick up the win.

The Lady Hawks' offense came alive early in Game Two.

With the help of two home runs from sophomore Micherie Korja — who went 3-4 with three RBI — HC was up 7-0 before Midland scored a run in the bottom of the fourth and added three more in their final at-bats.

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Howard College sophomore Levi Scott slides safely into third place during Game Two of the Hawks' sweep of Luna College at Jack Barber Field on Friday. Scott hit a three-run home run during Game One.

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Forsan's Blaise Coffman delivers a pitch during his return to the mound during Tuesday's win over TLC. The Buffaloes lost 7-1 to Miles on Friday, but have earned a postseason berth.

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a hit and a run, Eddie Hagins scored two runs and Jordan Harrison plated one.

"We started out playing a pretty clean ballgame," said CHS Head Coach Bryan Jacobs. "We made a pitching change and gave up quite a few runs. We had some walks and we kicked the ball around a bit, but our kids handled themselves well. I

thought they did a good job of handling the situation. They played baseball and we got the win."

The Bulldogs haven't been in the playoffs since 2009 and have already guaranteed themselves a spot.

Whether they go as the one, two or three seed remains to be revealed. A win against Lamesa in their final regular season game may be enough to claim the district title.

"There is a good chance we will be playing in a seeding

game," Jacobs said. "We have talked about legitimately winning the district championship. Everyone thought we were crazy."

There are some concerns though, according to Jacobs.

"Primarily, we have to get better still," the new head coach remarked. "We're not at the level we need to be to compete in the playoffs. Our fielding has to get better and we need cleaner base running. The kids are excited. We have a real good atmosphere here."

Game time against Lamesa is set for 7 p.m. in Coahoma on Monday.

MILES — Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips' squad was in the hunt for a district title as well, but may have to settle for a lower seed as they lost a road game to state-ranked Miles on the road Friday by a score of 7-1.

The only Buffalo run came in the top of the sixth when Clayton Galloway connected for a solo home run. Galloway, Trevor Burchett and Garrett Kligora were the only Forsan batters to record hits in the outing.

The Buffs have one more district game, a meeting with Winters on Friday in Forsan. Game time is slated for 7 p.m.

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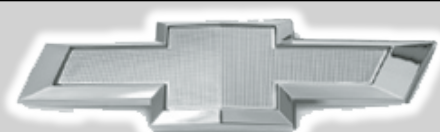


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Darvish Ks 10, Rangers down Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An unbeatable combination for the Texas Rangers — another 10-strikeout game by Yu Darvish and finally a big inning for their hitters.

Darvish had his 10th career 10-strikeout game, in his 33rd start in the major leagues, and the Rangers had a six-run inning that doubled their previous highest-scoring frame of the year in a 7-0 win over the Seattle Mariners on Friday night.

"We know what we're capable of as an offense. You can't do that every night," said Ian Kinsler, whose RBI double capped that breakthrough inning. "That was big for Yu, and big for our club. I think we all want to get it going earlier."

The way Darvish (3-1) pitched, Jeff Baker's two-out solo homer in the second off Joe Saunders (1-2) would have been more than enough for the Rangers, whose seven runs overall matched a season high.

In his first start in a week, Darvish allowed only three hits and walked three over seven scoreless innings.

Darvish had last started the previous Friday night at Seattle, when he gave up three runs in the first inning of a 3-1

loss. The Rangers had planned in advance to skip the Japanese ace's scheduled start at the Chicago Cubs because of the cool weather — and the game that would have been his turn to pitch ended up being rained out anyway.

"I don't know if that many days of rest affected my pitching," Darvish said through his translator. "But I'd rather have pitched today than yesterday in cold weather in Chicago."

Seattle, the only team that has beaten Darvish three times, has now gone 12 innings in a row without a run against right-hander from Japan.

"He threw more curveballs than he did in Seattle. He also threw more fastballs. He didn't a really good fastball (in Seattle). Tonight, he threw a lot more for strikes," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "Yu has so many pitches and they're all good. It's hard to pick one."

Darvish said he finally got command of his fastball after the second inning, after he already had six strikeouts, and had a different style than his previous start against the Mariners. He threw 42 pitches those first two innings, with two walks and a

single scattered between all the whiffs.

In the AL wild-card playoff game at Texas last October, Saunders pitched into the sixth and won for the Baltimore Orioles in their 5-1 victory over Darvish. But the left-hander is now 0-7 with a 9.91 ERA in seven regular-season starts at Rangers Ballpark, the first six for the Los Angeles Angels.

Saunders allowed seven runs and nine hits over 4 2-3 innings this time. He walked three with no strikeouts and was gone after Craig Gentry's two-run triple in the fifth.

"It was a weird game, weird innings where you make a pitch and they find a hole," Saunders said. "You tell yourself to keep making pitches and keep hitting spots and things will turn around. Things just kind of started snowballing on us."

The Rangers loaded the bases in the fifth on two singles and a walk before Pierzynski snapped a 4-for-25 skid with a two-run single. Another run scored when David Murphy grounded out before Gentry sent a drive that rolled to the wall after left fielder Raul Ibanez slipped and fell

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Injured Jeter will be 39 when he returns to Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Mattingly knows about trying to come back from an injury that just won't heal. A star first baseman for the New York Yankees from 1982-95, Mattingly retired as a player following several years of severe back pain. It remains to be seen how successful injured Yankees captain Derek Jeter will be in returning to shortstop this summer at age 39

— after a career-high, nine-month layoff. "The older you get makes it tougher," Mattingly, now the Los Angeles Dodgers manager, said Friday. "But I think if there was one guy I wouldn't doubt, it would be Jeter because he seems to defy the odds." Jeter broke the ankle in the AL championship series opener against Detroit in Oct. 13 and found out Thursday there was a small

crack near the original injury. The new break will need four-to-eight weeks to heal. He hit .316 last season and led the AL with 216 hits. Age has already crimped his range and some wonder whether he will be able to be an everyday shortstop when he returns.

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when trying to field the ball that then bounced over his head. Gentry scored on Kinsler's hit off reliever Hector Noesi. The Mariners had 13 strikeouts overall, and have 44 their last three games. They had 19 strikeouts Wednesday against Detroit, and fol-

lowed with 12 more on Thursday. Robbie Ross got all three of his outs on strikeouts in his scoreless inning after relieving Darvish, even as Seattle loaded the bases. Michael Kirkman pitched the ninth to close out the Rangers' third shutout of the season. Seattle was held scoreless for the first time this season. The first Seattle out not

a strikeout came with speedy Endy Chavez leading off the third. Chavez tried to bunt for a hit, but Darvish bounced off the mound for a barehanded grab of the ball in front of Gold Glove-winning third baseman Adrian Beltre and threw out Chavez by a step. Asked about that play, Darvish had a slight grin responding, "I think I was better than Beltre, what do you think about that?"

SWEEPS

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creating some drama before the Lady Hawks put them away. The series moved to Foundation Field for the second installment of a doubleheader Saturday. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

The Hawks improved to 17-9 in WJCAC action Friday as Howard College took two games from conference newcomer Luna College in their first trip to Jack Barber Field, by scores of 8-2 and 5-3.

Sophomore Levi Scott belted a three-run blast to give the Hawks an 8-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth they wouldn't relinquish.

From the mound, Tommy Burns picked up a complete game victory, striking out seven Roughrider hitters during the affair. Scott scored the first run of Game Two on a passed ball to put the Hawks up 1-0. Tied at 1-1 in the bot-

tom of the fourth, Reed Seeley drew a walk, Michael Resnick picked up a base hit and during Dane Steinhagen's at-bat, Seeley scored on an error to go up 2-1. Another run was tacked when the Hawks took advantage of a hit-and-run situation, allowing Scott to score from third base.

The Roughriders made it a 3-3 game in the top of the fifth as a result of two fielding errors charged to HC.

It didn't come back to haunt the Hawks. Seeley scored Keegan Sanford on a triple in the eighth inning and Scott recorded another RBI, scoring Seely to add the final run for either side.

Brian Drapeau started on the mound for the Hawks, but it was Brock Hunt who earned the win. The four-game stint wrapped up Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

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the side in the top of the fifth. After two straight losses, BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto welcomed the win.

"I told them the last four games, you keep hitting the ball hard and it's going to fall," Otto said. "Last night was proof if you put the bat on the ball, it will fall in. I thought the kids played well and did a good job on all ends. We played a really complete game, something we haven't done in a while."

District 3-A titans, the Wylie Bulldogs, will be in town to close out the regular season at Steer

Park. A big win is what Otto is hoping for.

"With Wylie, our seniors want to beat them," Otto said. "They have set the bar. We want to be able to control our own destiny. We know we can hit the ball and we can score runs. I think our pitching — when we're on — we're as good as anybody."

Otto plans to start Franco against the Bulldogs — a team he one-hit as a sophomore last season.

"I think we'll go with Adam Franco, he's pitched a lot of big games for us."

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Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at Hotel Settles, 200 East Third, with hors d'oeuvres served at 6 p.m.

This year's event is co-chaired by Stacy Barr.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will award a 2013 vehicle before the festive evening is over.

"Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," Barr said.

The winner will choose between a 2013 Harley-Davidson Trike, a 2013 Silverado Crew Cab Pickup LS, or a 2013 Ford Fusion.

The runner-up will take home a 51-inch plasma television set.

The Volunteer Services Council gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, Barr said.

"The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell," she said. "We try to remind everyone that when they are gone, they are gone so we encourage everyone to get them early."

Tickets are available from committee members Stacy and Mark Barr, Buddy and Ann Duncan, Leslie Elrod Hobbs and Justin Hobbs, Noel and Brenna Hoff, Jeanie and Richard Knocke, Justin and Sara Myers, Scott and Erin MacKenzie, Raul and Dalia Benavides, Iris McDuffie, Quade Weaver, Suzanne Markwell, Kristen and John Paul Nichols and Steve and Brenda Bodine.

Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 432-268-7535 or contact james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council has sponsored a social fundraiser for the past 20 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000. Fundraisers, donations and money earned at The Chalet Resale Shoppe pay for items that customers need but the state does not fund.



Darlene Newton reacts to hearing her name called as the winner of the 2012 Cars, Stars and Handlebars event.

If you go:

Who: Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council

What: Cars, Stars and Handlebars

Where: Hotel Settles, 200 East Third St.

When: April 27, 5 p.m.

Why: Raise funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital

More info: 432-268-7536 or 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

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Dress: Casual



Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee member Ann Duncan holds up tickets during the 2011 event at the Big Spring Country Club.

Tram a teaching tool and transportation

The 16-passenger patient transport vehicle that circles around the Big Spring State Hospital campus is more than just a convenient way to move patients from doctor's appointments to classes to meal times.

It's used as a therapeutic tool to teach patients how to use public transportation.

"Many of our customers will leave the hospital and depend on public transportation to get to their jobs, visit friends and family, and for shopping," said Mique Yarbar, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Programs and Marketing.

"There is no better way to teach this skill than by actually using the patient transport vehicle on a daily basis."

The Big Spring State Hospital Patient Transport Vehicles were donated more than five years ago by the Volunteer Services Council, said Activities Therapy Department Director Josh Preston said.



"The Volunteer Services Council has been invaluable," Preston said. "Any time we have a need, they help us with what we need to treat our patients."

The Volunteer Services Council board recently voted to purchase a new Patient Transport Vehicle for the patients, Superintendent Ed Moughon said. The two trams were showing signs of

age and needed many repairs.

"We felt that this was something the patients needed and that's why we're here — to help the patients," Volunteer Services Council Chair Stacy Barr said.

"Our Cars, Stars and Handlebars fundraiser and

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Several Coahoma High School and Junior High School choir members received Division I ratings during recent solo and ensemble competition. They are (front row from left): Jenavee Streigler, Reagan Deel, Aimee Solis, Coley Rinard and Shayla Martin; (back row, from left): Abbie Daniels, Cameron Crabtree, Richie Ewing and Caleb Daniels. Not pictured are Jori Hanlan, Hannah Tucker, Heather Goodger and Zach Crabtree. Ewing, Daniels, Crabtree and Martin will advance to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May in Pflugerville.

ArtFields: Rural SC town stages 10-day arts fest

LAKE CITY, S.C. (AP) — An old South Carolina tobacco town working to reinvent itself as a cultural destination on Friday welcomed visitors to a 10-day arts festival that has drawn contributors from across the Southeast and is offering \$100,000 in prizes.

ArtFields, featuring 400 pieces of art in both public venues and stores throughout Lake City's quaint business district, is the latest step in efforts to revitalize the town of 6,700 about mid-way between Columbia

and Myrtle Beach. The festival's name conjures both the art and the area's fertile fields.

Lake City is home of financier Darla Moore, who has donated millions to universities in South Carolina and is one of only two women members of the Augusta National Golf Club.

She worked with foundations to restore the 1930s-era bean market building — a market that was once one of the largest in the world — into a community center after former Gov. Mark Sanford called the

project pork in a proposed state budget.

The market building, other nearby renovated buildings and a green near them are the focus of a number of ArtFields events continuing through April 28.

Moore said the idea for the festival came from a similar event in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"We put a team together and sat down and said 'Why don't we try to do this?' We said 'OK, the worst that happens is it doesn't work but we will certainly have a good time making it work.'"

Weddings

Katherine Elisabeth Singleton Fulton, "Katie," from Grand Prairie, Texas, and Donald Garrett Fulton, "Garrett," from Stanton, Texas, were united in marriage Jan. 5, 2013, at the Texas Christian University chapel in Fort Worth, Texas.

The ceremony was officiated by Troy Singleton, father of the bride, who also escorted her down the aisle and gave the bride away.

The bride's gown was slim fitted with all-over lace and featured a neckline with contoured straps that continue to a keyhole back.

A chapel length train and covered buttons completed the style, designed by Allure Bridal.

The bride also wore bright red heels to match those of the attendants. She carried a red rose nosegay bouquet tied with white satin.

The couple left the reception for the honeymoon amid a lighted path of well wishers holding sparklers as they were chauffeured off in a horse drawn carriage.

They spent their honeymoon in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Maid of honor was Mae Ostrominski of Austin, Texas. Bridesmaids were Hillary Hilderbrand of Lubbock, Texas; Kami Marnach of Austin, Texas; Katie Miller of Abilene, Texas; and Rebekah Dillon of Crawford, Texas.

Best Man was Tyler Fulton of Stanton, Texas. Groomsmen were Chase Pinkerton of Big Spring, Texas; Adam Evans of Midland, Texas; Ramsey Fleckenstein of Stanton, Texas; and Tyler Singleton of Austin, Texas.

Ushers were Brian Johnston, Riley Smith, Trent Thomas and Asa Kasuma. Flower girls were Makena and Sadie Ja, Beth and Emily



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garrett Fulton

Bray. Ring Bearers were Will and Weston Krszjaniek.

The bride's parents are Troy and Kathy Singleton of Grand Prairie, Texas. She is the granddaughter of the late Hugh Singleton and Carolyn Singleton and the late William F. Quigley and Margie Quigley Dailey.

The groom's parents are the late Donald Fulton and Karen Fulton of Stanton, Texas. He is the grandson of Donald and Treva Fulton of Howardwick, Texas, and the late Bob and Gerry Spears.

Katie and Garrett both graduated in May of 2012 from Abilene Christian University. Katie received a bachelor of science degree in communication and Garrett received a bachelor of science degree in exercise science.

The couple are residing in Searcy, Ark., while the groom obtains his doctorate in physical therapy from Harding University.

The bride is employed as a dental assistant for Hopkins Orthodontics.

The bride's attendants

all wore individual long black dresses with red shoes while the groom's attendants all wore black tuxedos with red ties.

The flower girls wore long white dresses and the ring bearers wore black suits with red ties.

The reception was held at the TCU campus and music was provided by Asa Kusuma, friend of the groom. The tables were covered with red tablecloths. Clear cylinder vases with tealight floating candles surrounded by red rose petals served as centerpiece.

The four-tiered wedding cake was topped with red roses and the groom's cake was a two-tiered chocolate cake with chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Hors d'oeuvres were served along with the bride and groom's favorite popcorn and snacks for guests to enjoy.

A table was set up in the reception area displaying pictures of the bride and groom's parents' and grandparents' wedding photographs.

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85-year-old man in high speed chase

SILVER CITY, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say an 85-year-old New Mexico man led Grant County sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase and was caught only after lighting a cigarette and losing con-

trol of his car.

The Silver City Sun-News reports that Silver City resident Frank Jimenez was arrested early Wednesday following reports that he was driving erratically in the Grant County Detention Center parking lot.

According to authorities, Jimenez took off from the parking lot, fled from deputies and

drove up 120 miles per hour.

Deputies say he even waived at other drivers he passed.

When the deputies caught up to him, authorities say Jimenez was sitting in his vehicle, calmly smoking his cigarette.

He is facing a number of charges.

It was unclear if he had an attorney.

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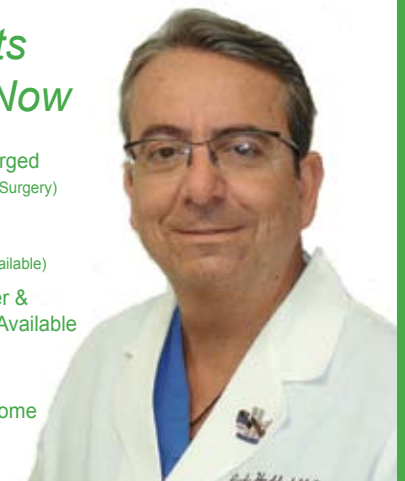
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Job Fair Tuesday

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

Looking for new employment? Are you new or returning to the job market? Whatever happens to be your situation, a Job Fair will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard College Coliseum in the East Room.

The event is being hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Permian Basin Workforce Solutions and Howard College.

More than 25 employers have already committed to attend and the doors are open for more up to the start of the event.

Those seeking to be hired should come ready to be interviewed with resume in hand. Assistance

and counseling will be offered in order to help individuals make their search more effective such as: resume critiques, tips on honing interview skills and advice on how to dress appropriately for a job interview.

Looking for career training? The Howard College Workforce Department will be there to talk to those who may be interested in the following fields: welding, electrical, wind energy, heavy equipment, nursing, dental hygiene, agriculture and more.

The Job Fair is free for those seeking employment. Employers are welcome to sign up until the doors open to the event. Cost for a table is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members.

Workforce Solutions of the

Permian Basin lists more than 160 positions currently open for Big Spring and the surrounding area.

The healthcare field dominates the list of positions, but a new influx of engineering posts have become available as well.

If you are an employer and would like to participate, there is still space available. Contact Sylvia Miramontes with Workforce Solutions, 263-8373 or the Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641 for table information.

To contact *Andreia Medlin* call the Herald at 432-263-7331 or email life@bigspringherald.com

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.



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

Many equity investors are playing mind games with themselves in the current market environment. With plenty of cash on the sidelines and a high likelihood of having missed at least some portion of the market run over the last couple of years, they are now wondering if stocks have topped out or if the celebration will continue for the balance of this year.

Up until late last year, most of these investors were happy staying on the sidelines and were not really paying attention to what was going on in the stock market. Every time they turned on their televisions, it seemed like the world was on the verge of disaster: the European financial crisis, debt and deficit fears in a dysfunctional Washington, Middle East tensions, and China's slumping economy. This strategist can't remember how many times over the last couple of years clients would say something to the effect of, "I don't mind missing some of the upside, I just do not want to lose any money."

That attitude was especially common among Baby Boomers who were in or near retirement. Many of them had suffered significant losses when the stock market crumbled in the early part of the last decade and then again during the most recent financial crisis. Some had sold near the bottoms in those bear markets, or at least they remember the fear that gripped their entire existences as they saw a good portion of their retirement savings dissolve (at least on paper) before their eyes.

Now, as the stock market has accelerated to the upside since the November lows and had had a great start to the year, these same investors are beginning to realize they will not be able to fund their retirements by investing in CDs that yield almost nothing. A small percentage of this group is starting to chase the market with sideline funds, worried they are going to miss more upside. A more populous group is waiting for a pullback so they can better time their equity purchases. And they are getting increasingly frustrated by a market that just keeps grinding higher.

Believe me, as a former foot soldier in the currency trading wars, timing the market correctly can pay the bills. That is fine if you are a professional trader. But most retail investors — despite those late night infomercials that claim to be able to turn you into a millionaire trading genius — have day jobs that actually pay the bills and put kids through college.

Our advice is this: get invested in this market. We look for the U.S. economy to continue to expand through at least 2015. Valuations are reasonable. We would not hesitate to put one third of sideline funds slated for eventual equity investment to work now. We would invest the balance using a disciplined dollar cost averaging approach.

There will likely be opportunities at some point this year to buy stocks at lower levels. We see volatility increasing over the remainder of the year. We expect a wide trading range over the next nine months. But perennial market timers often watch the equity markets trade higher while they wait for the next pullback. Give up trying to time this market a put a portion of sideline money to work now.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced April 9 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. Additional information is available upon request.

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Courtesy photo

A ribbon cutting at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently for a new local business, Professional Concepts Advertising.



Courtesy photo

The public was introduced to the Howard County Community Health Center's Dental, Optometry and Pharmacy services during a ribbon cutting hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Drought continues to make its mark

STANTON — Not all good things come in small packages. The limited rainfall Howard and Martin counties have received in 2013 has not quenched the thirst of the severely dry land. The forecast for months to come isn't looking exceptionally promising either.

As of March, the Palmer Drought Severity Index showed portions of Martin and Howard counties in severe drought, which is one drought category less than extreme drought seen in the December report. With this small amount of improvement, many continue to

hold on to the hope that things can only get better from here.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District monitors the drought index to better communicate the importance of conserving water. Keeping current drought conditions in mind, the

PBUWCD offers helpful indoor tips in an effort to help us all save water and use it wisely.

Tip 1 — Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled

Texas Unemployment Rate Steady in March

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March was 6.4 percent, unchanged from the previous month and down from 7.0 percent a year ago. It remained well below the national unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 4,100 jobs in March, following the addition of

79,600 jobs in February. Employers added 14,900 jobs across five major industries in March, but these gains were offset by the loss of 19,000 jobs in six other industries. The state's annual growth rate continued to be positive, with 329,500 jobs added since last year.

"In the last twelve months, the private sector added more than 317,000 jobs, and every major industry recorded positive annual

growth," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "We encourage job seekers and employers to access the quality services available through Workforce Solutions offices across the state."

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality grew by 67,000 jobs over the year, more than any other industry in Texas. It also led the way in monthly growth, with 5,500 jobs added in

March.

"Texas has abundant opportunities, with more than 11 million jobs in the Lone Star State," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Job seekers in our great state can visit WorkInTexas.com to find opportunities here."

Construction employment grew by 1,900 jobs in March, marking the eighth straight month of growth for the industry. Financial Activities

added another 3,200 jobs in March, and Professional and Business Services grew by 2,100 jobs. Professional and Business Services has maintained an annual growth rate of more than 4.0 percent for 30 of the last 31 months.

"Across the country and around the world, the word is out that in Texas, we work hard to welcome businesses—large and small—with open arms," said TWC Commissioner Representing

Employers Hope Andrade. "Our growing labor force should encourage businesses to continue investing in the Lone Star State."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest March unemployment rate in the state at 3.1 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.7 percent and the Amarillo MSA third at 4.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Benefit of Arguing Planets

Mercury and Pluto cannot seem to come to an agreement today. Is their agreement necessary for things to move ahead, though? No way. Everyone knows that the best collaborations are fraught with tension. Our differences make us stronger, as long as we try to hear each other out and learn something.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are times when you have succeeded because of something outside of yourself working in your favor. Right now your success depends on your inside game: how you talk to yourself and how you react to your own thoughts.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your abilities are strong, but you may still find yourself unmatched for the difficult task at hand. It's the perfect excuse to ask for help. Get a group together and work like a team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A certain someone captures your attention. You can't help but think you would know more about the world if you were to spend time with this person. Your curiosity could develop into attraction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The abrupt changes you must react to today will serve to heighten your awareness and dial in your senses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your creative, ambitious mind sometimes interferes with your ability to come up with appropriate goals. The ideal goal for you is personally meaningful, probable and yet still uncertain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Anyone can say thank you, but you find a way to do it that sends the message straight to the heart. Your unusual expression of gratitude will be remembered and emulated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are receptive to joy in its minute forms now, so it's not surprising that you feel fulfilled by ordinary gestures and everyday niceties. As the day progresses, you become increasingly engaged with your surroundings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be like a solvent for people who are stuck in their ways. You have a way of softening others, lulling them to let down their

defenses and relax into the possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who don't think about the risks are not as brave as those who consider the possible dangers and go ahead anyway. You belong in the second category now, as you move forward, eyes wide open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Think ahead, make a plan, and hold your dearest intentions at the forefront of your mind. This is what it will take to make the opportunities you desire open before you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be a leader for newbies. Probably the territory you navigate is just as unfamiliar to you as it is to the others, but you don't act like this is the case. Your calm demeanor makes others feel safe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't react to everything — or rather, you could, but it would be both exhausting and unwise. You'll deftly discern between what deserves your tolerance and what requires your response.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 21). In the next six weeks, you turn odd circumstances into incredible luck. Just when you thought you were fully grown, your heart goes up a few sizes. The unusual relationships you form have a way of stretching your capacity to love and be loved. A deal closes in August, and you have money for adventuring. Pisces and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 36, 5, 32 and 20.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mercury is like a charming child who turns into a pest when he doesn't get his way. Last week he started in on Uranus, and this week he nags Pluto. The stronger distant luminaries will hold firm like good parents, and Mercury will soon forget what he wanted or move on to more appropriate activities. But what does that mean to you? It depends on how you relate to this cosmic tale. Are you the impulsive child who can't move forward without the resources or permission of your guardian? Do your requests fall on deaf ears, or are they consistently declined? If so, you'd be wise to step back and assess the situation from another perspective. There may be a more appropriate goal for you, or maybe you're better off working quietly on something else until more favorable circumstances arise. If you relate more to the parent being pestered, the message is to stay strong in your stance. Don't be swayed by immature and petty demands, or you'll train the world to pester you until you eventually cave to its requests. Patiently stand firm, noting that "this too shall pass." The action will continue to accelerate toward the full moon and the Scorpio lunar eclipse on the 25th.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Whether conquering the supernatural realm of the X-Men or the mystical land of Narnia, James McAvoy plays his part with such conviction that the audience can easily

adventure with him through the alternate reality. This Scottish actor is a grounded Taurus born when Venus was in ethereal Pisces, which is a combination that suggests one foot in

this world and the other in the world of imagination.

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Dear Margo: Love, Family and Prejudice

Dear Margo: I'm a not very religious Muslim who fell in love with a man who is Christian. We're planning to be married in a few months in a nonreligious ceremony. My immediate (conservative Muslim) family is upset about this to varying degrees. While my dad hasn't spoken to me since I broke the news, my sisters are kind of distant but basically polite, and my mom is the most warm and normal with me — until I bring up the subject of my fiancé or our upcoming wedding. Then she becomes visibly uncomfortable and tries to shut me down by saying, "I don't know yet if I'm coming." My sisters have made it clear they will not be coming.

I've tried to take the high road with my family because I know they have a hard time dealing with the fact that I'm not very religious, and in their eyes, I am doing something they believe is a sin. Even though we live in the same city, I haven't been visiting much except for events like birthdays. It's becoming more and more hurtful that I can't talk about the important things in my life — and that they've never met my fiancé. On top of it all, my mom talks constantly about my younger sister's upcoming wedding — a month before mine and to a good Muslim boy. My mom says I haven't given them enough time to process it, but they've known about it for almost a year.

Should I insist that they accept me and my fiancé for who we are, or stop visiting completely if they won't allow him to come, too? Is it worth it to continue some semblance of a relationship because they're my immediate family and I still love them? For what it's worth, my fiancé's immediate and extended families and all of our friends are very happy for us. — *Tired and Hurt*

Dear Tired: You are living the modern version of families who used to be frantic about interfaith and interracial marriages. It is entirely a judgment call — yours — about whether to see your family if your soon-to-be husband is not welcome. I think your family will be the losers in the long run, but they are not writing to me. The good news is that your fiancé's family, along with your friends, share in your joy, and I suspect your family's intransigence will solidify the distance you are experiencing now. I offer you a favorite saying of mine: Life is choices. Best wishes on your forthcoming marriage. — *Margo, acceptingly*

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SPICY, SWEET OR ZESTY

New Pickle Flavors to Preserve

FAMILY FEATURES

Spicy, sweet or zesty, it's never been easier to enjoy the crisp, tangy taste of homemade pickles. And with recipes like these you can preserve perfect pickles for any palate.

Here are a few tips from the pickling pros at Mrs. Wages to help you give your cukes a kick of great homemade flavor:

- Choose pickling cucumbers, not slicing cucumbers. Pickling cucumbers are short and blocky — about 4 inches long. They should be firm and green in color with no blemishes.
- For pickles, you must cut off 1/16 inch from the blossom end to help prevent soft mushy pickles. The blossom end contains an enzyme that will cause softening.
- Keep the cukes cool in the refrigerator until you have enough to make a batch, but do not hold them too long or you will end up with shriveled pickles.
- Use real canning jars. Don't use jars that once contained peanut butter, pickles, mayo, etc. Clear canning jars are what you need. Use flat lids (called either lid or flat) and a ring to seal the jar. Also check for nicks and cracks — these may cause seal failure.

Find more tips, canning recipes and the *Mrs. Wages Canning Guide* at www.mrs wages.com.

Spicy Pickles

Yield: 7 quarts

- 9 to 11 lbs pickling cucumbers (about 50 — 3 to 4 inches)
- 3 1/3 cups Mrs. Wages White Distilled Vinegar (5% acidity)
- 7 1/3 cups water
- 1 pouch Mrs. Wages Spicy Pickles Mix (Medium or Hot)

Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.

Wash cucumbers and remove blossom ends; drain. Leave whole, cut into spears or slice.

Combine vinegar and water into a large non-reactive pot. Do not use aluminum. Bring mixture just to a boil over medium heat. Remove from heat, add pickle mix and stir until dissolved.

Pack cucumbers into sterilized jars, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Evenly divide hot pickling liquid among the packed jars, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Remove air bubbles and cap each jar as it is filled. If more liquid is needed for proper headspace, add a mix of 1 part vinegar and 2 parts water (this mixture should be boiling hot).

Process pints 5 minutes, quarts 10 minutes, in a boiling water bath canner. Test jars for airtight seals according to manufacturer's directions. If jars do not completely seal, refrigerate and consume within one week.

Product is ready to eat after 24 hours. Before serving, chill to enhance flavor and crispness.

Note: Processing times are for altitudes less than 1000 feet. At altitudes of 1000 feet or more increase processing time 1 minute for each 1000 feet of altitude.



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Sweet Pickle Relish

Yield: 5 pints

- 6 to 8 lbs pickling cucumbers (about 25 — 3 to 4 inches)
- 1/2 cup Mrs. Wages Canning and Pickling Salt
- 1 pouch Mrs. Wages Sweet Pickle Relish Seasoning
- 2 1/2 cups Mrs. Wages White Distilled Vinegar (5% acidity)
- 2 cups sugar

Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.

Wash cucumbers and remove blossoms; drain. Cut into 1-inch pieces and place in a food processor. Process into small pieces (1/8 inch or smaller is best) and place into a bowl. Stir in salt and mix well. Cover and let sit for 2 hours. Drain out excess juice by placing in a fine strainer.

Combine pickle relish seasoning, vinegar and sugar into a large non-reactive pot. Do not use aluminum. Bring mixture just to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Add prepared cucumbers and simmer 10 minutes, uncovered, stirring occasionally.

Evenly divide hot relish into sterilized jars, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Remove air bubbles, wipe rim and cap each jar as it is filled.

Process pints 15 minutes in boiling water bath canner. Test jars for airtight seals according to manufacturer's directions. If jars do not completely seal, refrigerate and consume within one week.

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Zesty Bread and Butter Pickles

Yield: 7 quarts

- 9 to 11 lbs pickling cucumbers (about 50 — 3 to 4 inches)
- 1 pouch Mrs. Wages Zesty Bread & Butter Pickles Mix
- 8 3/4 cups Mrs. Wages White Distilled Vinegar (5% acidity)
- 7 cups sugar

Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.

Wash cucumbers and remove blossoms; drain. Cut into thin slices. Whole cucumbers are not recommended.

Combine mix, vinegar and sugar into a large non-reactive pot. Do not use aluminum. Bring mixture just to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture dissolves.

Pack cucumbers into sterilized jars, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Evenly divide hot pickling liquid among the packed jars, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Remove air bubbles and cap each jar as it is filled. If more liquid is needed for proper headspace, add hot vinegar.

Process pints 5 minutes, quarts 10 minutes, in a boiling water bath canner. Test jars for airtight seals according to manufacturer's directions. If jars do not completely seal, refrigerate and consume within one week.

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Pot holiday bringing crowds, tight security

DENVER — (AP) As tens of thousands of people gather to celebrate and smoke marijuana in Denver, police will be out in full force.

But it's not the pot smoking they're concerned about at the yearly event, billed as the nation's largest April 20 celebration. Instead, police say they're focused on crowd security in light of attacks that killed three at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

"We're aware of the events in Boston," said Denver police spokesman Aaron Kafer, who declined to give specifics about security measures being taken. "Our message to the public is that, if you see something, say something."

Organizers say the event — which drew 50,000 people last year — could bring a record 80,000 this year, since it's the first celebration since Colorado and Washington voted to make pot legal for recreational use.

Even with the legalization, Colorado law bans open and public marijuana use. Still, authorities generally look the other way. The smoke hangs thick over a park at the base of the state Capitol, and live music keeps the crowd entertained well past the moment of group smoking at 4:20 p.m.

Group smoke-outs are also planned Saturday from New York to San Francisco. The origins of the number "420" as a code for pot are murky, but the drug's users have for decades marked the date 4/20 as a day to use pot together.

Denver's celebration this year also features the nation's first open-to-all Cannabis Cup, a marijuana competition patterned after one held in Amsterdam.

Similar to a beer or wine festival, pot growers compete for awards for taste, appearance and potency of their weed. Denver's event, sponsored by High Times magazine, has sold out more than 5,000 tickets. Snoop Lion, the new reggae- and marijuana-loving persona for the rapper better known as Snoop Dogg, will receive a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from High Times. And the hip-hop group Cypress Hill was set to perform a sold-out concert Saturday evening in Colorado's iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

The celebration should be especially buoyant this year, organizer Miguel Lopez said, because it marks the first observation since Colorado and Washington voted to defy federal drug law and declare pot OK for adults over 21.

Both states are still waiting for a federal response to the votes and are working on setting up commercial pot sales, which are still limited to people with certain medical conditions. In the meantime, pot users are free to share and use the drug in small amounts.

Lopez said the holiday is more than an excuse to get high — it's also a political statement by people who want to see the end of marijuana prohibition.

▶ Menu

Senior Center

Monday: Chicken fajitas with onions and peppers, tortillas, refried beans, Spanish rice, picante sauce, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger on bun, baked potato chips, tropical fruit, milk.

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

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

Friday: Chicken patty on bun, fried okra, lettuce and tomato slices, mandarin oranges, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, Cocoa Krispies, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, Nacho grande, border beans, fruit cocktail, corn, salsa, lettuce/tomato topping, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, bacon scramble pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, apricots, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, celery sticks, pears, orange smiles, milk, ketchup/mustard/Ranch.

Thursday: Breakfast, maple pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, Baja fish sticks, Romaine/spinach salad, ranch, green beans, bread, applesauce, grapes, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast quesadilla, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, broccoli, Ranch, strawberries and bananas, milk, mustard/ketchup.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, apple cinnamon muffin, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled apricots, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak fingers or chicken rings, au gratin potatoes, black eyed peas, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, pears, roll, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, toasted English muffin with scrambled eggs and ham, golden apple oatmeal or cheesy grits, buttered toast, fruit, milk. Lunch, spicy chicken on bun, half ham and cheese wrap, potato soup, vegetable blend, Romaine salad, Ranch, applesauce, fruit, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, Eggstravagant, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, cinnamon apple

sauce, fruit, milk. Lunch, beef lasagna, chicken parmesan with pasta, corn on cob, baked zucchini and tomatoes, bread stick, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast on bun (egg, sausage, cheese), dry cereal variety, buttered toast, strawberries, fruit, milk. Lunch: chicken fajita nacho taco soup, Spanish rice, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato salad/salsa, fruited strawberry Jell-O, fruit, corn bread, sour cream, cheese, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, fruit, milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken or Baja fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, pineapple tidbits, fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes and sausage patty, apple cinnamon muffin, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled apricots, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak fingers or chicken rings, au gratin potatoes, black eyed peas, okra and tomatoes, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, pears, fruit, roll, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, toasted English muffin with scrambled eggs and ham, golden apple oatmeal or cheesy grits, buttered toast, pear halves, fruit, milk. Lunch, spicy chicken on bun, half ham and cheese wrap, potato soup, blend vegetables, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, applesauce, watermelon, fruit, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, chicken and biscuit Eggstravaganza, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, cinnamon applesauce, fruit, milk. Lunch, beef lasagna, chicken parmesan with pasta, corn on cob, baked zucchini and tomatoes, garlic bread stick, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, Mandarin oranges, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast on bun (egg, sausage, cheese), waffle, sausage patty, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, strawberries, milk. Lunch, chicken fajita nacho soup, Spanish rice, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato salad/salsa, fruited strawberry Jell-O, fruit, cornbread, sour cream, cheese, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, omelet colby skillet, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, whole fruit, milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken, fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Romaine garden salad, Ranch, chilled pineapple tidbits, fruit, milk.

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TRAM

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our profitable Chalet store raise so much money, that we are just glad we can give the patients what they need. We were very impressed with how long the hospital operated the first two trams and we know this new one will be an added benefit to the patients."

Money raised at this Cars, Stars and Handlebars will help pay for the new tram and other projects needed for the patients, Moughon said.

"There is no way we could do the things at Big Spring State Hospital without the partnership with our volunteers," Moughon said. "Our volunteers have raised so much money and given us so much. They are invaluable."

Each client must present a ticket available from their residential unit, be ready for pick-up at the appointed time, and adhere to all rules when riding the patient transport vehicle, Yarbar said.

"It benefits in the recovery process," she said. "It requires interaction and socialization. They must wait in line, exhibit appropriate social skills, learn how to interact, be polite, and follow rules. They need to organize their day around the tram schedule so it teaches them organizational skills. It helps them in their quest for increased independence."

It's the same rules that apply in the outside world, said Patient Transport

Vehicle Driver Debbie Purgason.

"If they don't have their ticket or they are not ready when I come by then they have to wait another 15 minutes when I come by again," she said.

"In the real world, if you're late for the bus, you miss it and have to wait for another one. If you act up, you get kicked off the bus. It teaches them patience and that they have to wait their turn."

Some clients enjoy walking to class, Purgason said but others enjoy the camaraderie of the people riding the patient transport vehicle and visiting with employees.

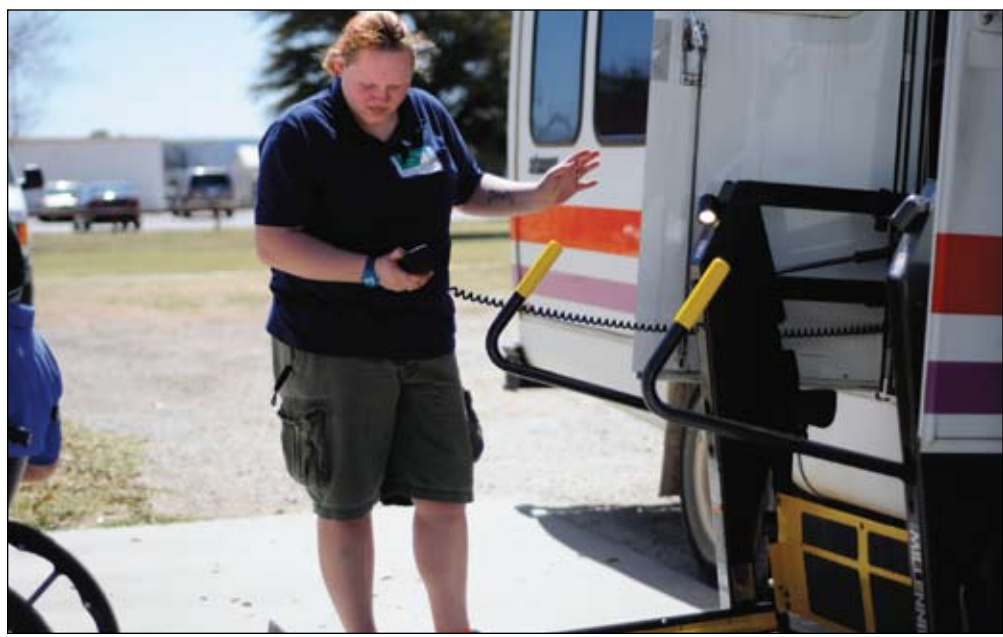
At each stop, an attending direct care worker greets customers at each of the five residential units, to collect their tram ticket and walk with them to the patient transport vehicle.

Those clients in wheelchairs enter and exit the tram with the assistance of the direct care attendant.

Some patients on a recent, sunny day said they love riding the patient transport vehicle because of the air conditioning and they enjoy listening to the music and visiting with fellow clients.

The always affable Purgason greets each client by name and asks them how their day is going. "She just makes it enjoyable," one client said.

When new patients arrive on campus, Purgason takes it upon herself to give them a tour of campus from their seat on the tram. "I have been here so long I am able to tell them about all the buildings on campus and where they may need to go for appointments



and anything else. I'm real talkative," she said laughingly.

"I get to see everybody and I get to know them," said Purgason, who has worked at Big Spring State Hospital for 25 years and has operated the tram for the past eight years.

"They know they have rules on the tram," Purgason said. "They know they have to be patient. We have to make several stops before they get to their destination."

"They have to share seats and they have to wait their turn. These are all things that they need to do when they leave the hospital some day."

"Many of our clients will depend on public transportation and this is just one tool that is needed from a logistical standpoint that we are able to work in to a therapeutic measure as

well," Yarbar said.

The Big Spring State Hospital also offers the Fashion Shop where clients learn how to shop for clothing, and how to act in a retail establishment, Preston said.

"Nearly every opportunity we have, we use it as a teaching tool and to help the clients in the recovery of their illness," he said.

"Even something as simple as a tram ride can be a powerful teaching tool. One that they can use in the outside world and help them live a productive life."

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital and is one of Big Spring's largest employers with more than 600 employees, ranging in areas from food service to nursing to housekeeping to therapy.

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