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## Council to consider city manager

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday evening to discuss a short list of items, including an executive session to consider the duties and evaluation of the city manager and to deliberate regarding Colonial Hills Estates.

Following those reports, the council is expected to go into an executive session. The

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first order of business during the session is to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of the city manager.

Former assistant city director Todd Darden recently took over the city manager's duties and was named the interim city manager by the city. The move was made in hopes of preparing Darden for the retirement of acting

city manager Gary Fuqua, who announced earlier this year he would be retiring in December.

Also part of the executive session, the council is slated to discuss and deliberate regarding the Colonial Hills Estate subdivision. According to the meeting agenda, the subdivision is part of eco-

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**What:** Big Spring City Council meeting.  
**Where:** Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Summertime fun on menu at B&G club

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

As area students hungrily await the end of the school year, many parents are faced with a child care dilemma during the summer months.

However, the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club has an answer, as the local charity prepares to kick off its annual summer program June 10.

Boys and Girls Club program director Duane Shackelford said the program is expected to serve approximately 120 to 140 area children between the ages of 5 years and 18 years, and with a new facility ready to go, the program will have even more to offer this year.

"We're really excited about the program," Shackelford

said. "This will be my first year with the Big Spring Boys and Girls Club, but it certainly isn't my first rodeo. I was the director of the Fannin Boys and Girls Club in Abilene for 15 years, so I have plenty of experience dealing with the kids. I really feel like we're going to have a good time."

"We have a lot to offer this year, especially with the newly constructed gymnasium and facilities. We'll have athletic games in the gym, arts and crafts, game room activities, reading, movies ... you name it and it's likely we'll have it. The children will have more than enough to do this summer."

Shackelford said his office is already taking applications



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Two girls enjoy playtime at the local Boys and Girls Club. The club's annual summer program begins June 10.**

for the annual program.

"We expect to accept between 120 to 140 children for the summer program," he said. "It's a first come, first served situation, so parents

really shouldn't procrastinate or put off signing their children up."

The program will run from June 10 until Aug. 16, according to Shackelford, Mondays

through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"For a lot of parents, day-care just isn't an option,"

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## Officials hopeful for quiet wildfire season

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Wildfires scorched about 6,200 square miles of Texas two years ago, draining the state's firefighting coffers and leaving emergency crews exhausted from months of battling massive blazes.

Since then, the fire front has been mostly calm — and authorities don't expect that to change drastically this year. No wildfire season was declared in 2012 due to ample rain, and much of the grasses and shrubs that fueled the historic blazes in 2011 have yet to grow back, prompting a favorable forecast for the rest of 2013.

Weary fire departments have used the break to rest, train and fix equipment. But

**"Nobody's lost sight of what happened in 2011. We're still concerned about the coming summer season."**

Tom Spencer  
 Texas A&M Forest Service

it hasn't put the state's firefighting agency at ease — not with drought still in the mix.

"Nobody's lost sight of what happened in 2011," said Tom Spencer, head of the Texas A&M Forest Service's predictive services division. "We're still concerned about the coming summer season."

Despite months of below normal rainfall, Texas got through its spring wildfire season without any signifi-

cant outbreaks. The severity of the summer wildfire season — which usually has a stronger presence in the state's eastern half — will largely depend on rainfall over the next two months. So far, there is no "strong tilt" for dryness, said National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy.

Since January rains have fallen intermittently — most of that in the eastern half of

Texas. Last weekend Houston was deluged by as much as 8 inches in a 12-hour period, while other areas in the region saw as much as 10 inches of rainfall in the past week.

Snowfalls, including a historic blizzard in late February that dumped more than 19 inches in the Texas Panhandle, helped relieve the region's drought conditions that have persisted for two years. But the improvements will be short term unless the region gets rain in coming weeks, meteorologists and climate experts said.

The timeliness of the rainfall kept the fire potential down during the spring, but parts of West Texas still face

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## Obituaries

### Connie Rudelle Firenza Wilson

Connie Rudelle Firenza Wilson of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring was born on Aug. 14, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Frank Rudelle (Wright) Firenza. She passed away May 3, 2013, in Lubbock after a brief illness.

She attended schools in Olney and Megargle, Texas before transferring to Coahoma High School for her senior year. After one year at Texas Women's University, Connie began her career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Big Spring as an operator and service rep. When those jobs were no longer available in Big Spring, she drove to Midland to continue her service until she could retire.

After retiring, Connie totally changed her career path, taking classes at Howard County Junior College to become a registered nurse, and in 1989 earned her BSN from West Texas State University in Canyon. Connie worked in hospitals in Big Spring and Murfreesboro, Tenn., before retiring as a charge nurse with the Big Spring VA Hospital after almost 20 years of service.

She was an animal lover, a voracious reader, a gardener and a lifelong student.

Connie is survived by B H Wilson; one daughter, Dona Byerley; two grandchildren, Andrea Zonghi (Cory Robataille) and Joseph "Zeff" Zonghi (Shelby Austin), who are expecting Connie's soon-to-arrive great granddaughter; three brothers, Frankie Firenza, Raymond Firenza and David Firenza; one sister Judy Carver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our heartfelt thanks to the second floor staff of Trust Point Hospital, to Bender Terrace Nursing Home and to Interim Hospice for their kindness, patience and skilled care these past few months.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date in Colorado City. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Howard County Humane Society P.O. Box 823 Big Spring, TX 79721 or to a charity of your choice.

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- ALDIN ELIOT ERSKINE, 23, of 2629 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARTIN LEE BENTACUR, 45, of 215 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LUIS ALBERTO GARFIAS, 25, of 1300 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear (18 counts), driving while license invalid and failure to yield the right-of-way - changing lanes.
- SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 47, of 407 Sunset Blvd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 25, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 303, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- JACKLYNN YVONNE WATSON, 34, of 1503 Tucson, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for theft by check with a previous conviction.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 2100 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ROBBERY was reported: Near the intersection of First Street and Nolan.
- In the 1000 block of W. Fourth Street.

## Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- PRESTON BOLTON, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief and a municipal capias warrant for driving while license invalid.
- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a Coke County motion to revoke probation for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury and municipal warrants for minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and failure to appear.
- SCOTT FOWLER, 24, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- DANIEL RAY LEWIS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on an Austin parole violation.
- KEYOKA HAWKINS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- LEONARD SHANE SLATON, 47, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- BILLY BOB ALVARADO, 34, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for disorderly conduct -

language.

- JESUS ORTIZ, 47, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license - when unlicensed, disregarding a stop sign and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- CHRISTOPHER LIMON, 34, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOSEPH CONTRERAS, 22, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- CARRIE ROWLAND, 37, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a warrant from the Arkansas Board of Parole for a parole violation warrant.

- JORDAN DEBRET AUSTIN, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- LINDA KAY STEGMAN, 51, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for public intoxication.

- MARTIN LEE BENTANCUR, 45, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JACKIE RAY REESE, 25, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of public intoxication.

- EDWARD SALVADOR AUGUSTIN, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for sex offender - failure to report status change.

- ELSA CONEJO SANTILLAN, 48, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for theft by check.

- LUIS ALBERTO GARFIAS, 25, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction and municipal warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear (18 counts), driving while license invalid and failure to yield the right-of-way - changing lanes.

- ALDIN ELIOT ERSKINE, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft of property - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

- JACKLYNN YVONNE WATSON, 34, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check - enhanced.

- CHRISTIE SARINA DAVIS, 30, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Stephens County Sheriff's Office on a Stephens County warrant for theft by property - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

- JOE LUIS RIVERA, 25, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.

- JACOB WAYNE RUSSELL, 36, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for child support.

- SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 47, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOSHUA DECKER, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Martin County warrant for family violence.

- JUSTONN KHYLE SCOTT, 25, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a Martin County warrant for revocation of probation for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

- Healthy Woman and KBST are partnering to bring "Texting Can Wait" to Big Spring and Howard County. The event is scheduled for May 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse. KBST will have a simulator on hand for those attending to test their texting and driving skills. The event is free to the public. For more information, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721..

- Kentwood Early Childhood Center will hold pre-registration for its pre-kindergarten classes from 9 a.m. to noon May 1-15 at the ECC, located at 2500 Merrily. For more information, contact the school at 264-4130.

- 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 are preparing for this year's annual spring plant sale to be held May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Green Thumb Cottage, 1604 W. Fourth between Jones and Brown Streets in Big Spring. Plants of all kinds, from trees to flowers, will be on display and reasonably priced. All will be clearly marked with information to aid in their care and Master Gardener's will be available to answer questions. There will be a drawing and a door prize. 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.

- 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 work-

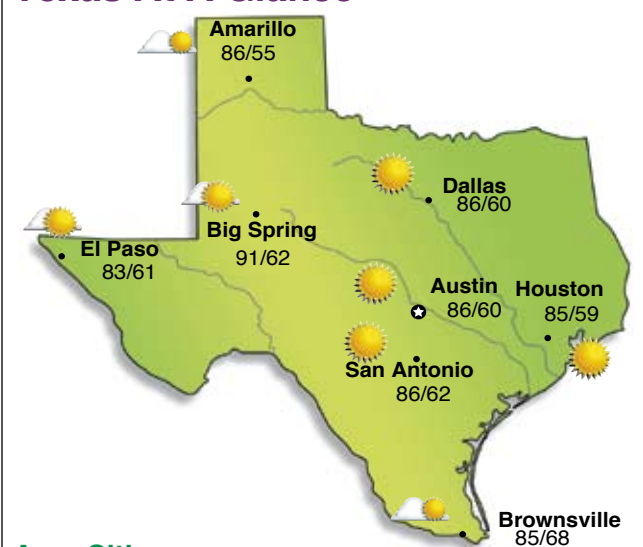
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thu 5/9
		
<b>91/62</b> Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 91F.	<b>94/62</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>93/60</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:54 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:31 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM



## Texas At A Glance



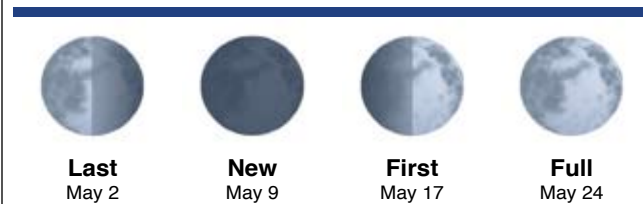
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	86	55	pt sunny	Livingston	87	55	sunny
Austin	86	60	sunny	Longview	84	58	mst sunny
Beaumont	83	60	sunny	Lubbock	87	56	mst sunny
Brownsville	85	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	58	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	59	sunny	Midland	89	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	83	68	mst sunny	Rosenberg	86	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	57	sunny	San Antonio	86	62	sunny
Dallas	86	60	sunny	San Marcos	86	60	sunny
Del Rio	90	66	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	58	mst sunny
El Paso	83	61	mst sunny	Sweetwater	89	61	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	88	59	mst sunny	Tyler	86	58	pt sunny
Gainesville	83	56	sunny	Weatherford	85	57	sunny
Greenville	84	56	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	59	mst sunny
Houston	85	59	sunny				

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	53	drizzle	Minneapolis	77	56	pt sunny
Boston	73	53	pt sunny	New York	67	57	pt sunny
Chicago	71	49	sunny	Phoenix	80	58	pt sunny
Dallas	86	60	sunny	San Francisco	63	53	pt sunny
Denver	68	46	pt sunny	Seattle	76	52	sunny
Houston	85	59	sunny	St. Louis	77	56	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	56	rain	Washington, DC	67	59	rain
Miami	85	65	mst sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thu 5/9
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Take Note

ing in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

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

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

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

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

# Texas news in brief

## Texas House passes

### 12 firearms bills on 'gun day'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House approved a batch of bills Saturday to further soften gun laws that were already among the country's most firearms-friendly, allowing college students to carry handguns in class, putting potentially armed marshals in public schools and exempting the state from any future federal bans on assault rifles, high-capacity magazines or universal background checks.

Dubbed "gun day" by supporters and opponents alike, the parade of votes came as tens of thousands of members of the National Rifle Association attended the group's annual convention in Houston. Gov. Rick Perry welcomed convention attendees Friday with a video of him taking target practice using a semi-automatic rifle.

The 12 approved gun bills must all clear final, procedural votes before heading to the state Senate. Still, they advanced with only minimal delay, cruising past Democrat-led efforts to block or stall them. Nearly all were approved by simple voice votes.

A Democratic parliamentary point of order managed to shoot down just one, a bill by Rep. Van Taylor, R-Plano, that would have allowed the use of a concealed handgun license as valid proof of personal identification — even though obtaining such licenses requires a background check that's not necessary to get driver licenses and many other forms of ID.

The fiercest debate in the Republican-controlled chamber came over the plan to allow students over 21 who already hold concealed weapons permits to take their handguns into college classrooms. The issue became exceedingly volatile during the last legislative session in 2011, and ultimately failed.

Pro-Second Amendment lawmakers have revived it, however. Sponsor Rep. Allen Fletcher, R-Tomball, reminded lawmakers: "College campuses are not crime-free zones."

## DPS issues Amber Albert for East Texas girl, 14

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — An Amber Alert has been issued for a 14-year-old East Texas girl allegedly abducted from a church parking lot by an obsessed suitor with a knife.

The Department of Public Safety on Monday identified the girl as Ruby Zavala of Mount Pleasant, about 100 miles northeast of Dallas. Police say 23-year-old Jesus Ramirez was known to have been obsessed with the girl.

Ruby was reported missing Sunday afternoon after a man with a knife kidnapped the teen, her sister and her mother from outside a church. The

mother and sister were later freed. A vehicle allegedly used in the abduction was found wrecked near Mount Pleasant.

## Recovery center opens in West after plant blast

WEST, Texas (AP) — Dozens of people have visited a newly opened disaster recovery center in a Central Texas town where a fertilizer plant explosion claimed 14 lives.

Teams with the Federal Emergency Management Agency also canvassed damaged neighborhoods in West to provide help.

FEMA spokeswoman Susan Solomon said Monday that nearly 80 people have visited the center in a Pointwest Bank building since the site opened Saturday.

Experts are trying to determine what sparked the fiery April 17 explosion in West, located about 70 miles south of Fort Worth. About 200 people were hurt and dozens of structures were damaged or destroyed.

The recovery center will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT until further notice. Solomon says staffers from state and federal agencies are available to help.

## Houston-area teen hurt trying to blow up turtles

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a 19-year-old man has been severely hurt when a homemade bomb exploded as he allegedly tried to use it to blow up some turtles.

Police say the Kingwood man suffered severe injuries to his hands and lower extremities.

The Houston Chronicle reported Sunday that the man apparently lit a cigar, which police believe produced ash that ignited a cartridge in his pocket. Police declined to release further details on the homemade bomb but say no charges have been filed over Saturday night's incident at a bayou.

Names of the injured man, further details on his condition and the identity of an 18-year-old male who was with the victim haven't been released.

## Boy, 9, dies after San Antonio house fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Emergency officials say a 9-year-old boy has died after being pulled from a burning home in San Antonio.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the fire Sunday morning. A medical examiner has identified the victim as Ryan Rios.

A spokesman for the San Antonio Fire Department says the boy was located in a back bedroom amid heavy smoke. The child died later at a hospi-

tal.

## Perry speaks at offshore energy convention

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry and leaders of several other coastal states will speak about energy development at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston.

A panel discussion will be held Monday afternoon.

The event is promoted as a look at the appropriate role of coastal states and the federal government in making decisions for offshore development.

Governors or other representatives from Alaska, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana are also scheduled to take part.

## Cornyn to talk security, trade at border

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is scheduled to discuss security and trade matters with local law enforcement and business officials in Rio Grande City.

The second-ranking Republican senator's visit Monday comes as Congress grapples with comprehensive immigration reform. Cornyn has praised some aspects of the bill put forward by the Senate's bipartisan so-called Gang of Eight last month, but criticized it for not going far enough to improve border security.

Cornyn has long called for improvements at the ports of entry on the Southwest border, both in terms of security and trade.

# COUNCIL

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economic development talks between the city and an entity "that seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the city and which the city is conducting economic development negotiations."

Additional information regarding Colonial Hills Estate subdivision and the nature of Tuesday's planned discussions was not available at press time this morning.

Following the execu-

tive session, the council will reconvene in regular session to take any necessary action.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get underway at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com)

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# FIRE

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some threat of wildfires since freezes in that part of the state in April kept grasses from greening up.

The summer wildfire season typically gears up in July and runs through mid-September, though agency officials said the threat won't be anywhere near as extreme as 2011, Texas' driest year ever. Ten people died, 4 million acres were scorched and 4,000 homes and other structures burned that year, Texas' costliest and worst wildfire season ever.

So far this year, only about 157,000 acres have burned through Friday,

according to the state fire agency's website.

Still, drought continues to grip most of Texas, creating problems for farmers and ranchers.

As prime cotton planting begins in West Texas this month, acreage on the South Plains — the world's largest contiguous cotton-growing patch — could fall because of lack of subsoil moisture. Agriculture producers in South Texas are already suffering those effects.

When Jimmy Dodson planted cotton early last month on his Nueces County farm, he said the soil was the driest he'd ever seen. And the crop has yet to grow.

"It'll be a big goose egg," the 59-year-old pro-

ducer said. "It's a high risk business. We're just thankful we have crop insurance."

January was the only month since October that saw above normal rainfall. Through April the state has received nearly 90 percent of normal precipitation, but it hasn't been enough to improve drought conditions.

About 98 percent of Texas is enduring some stage of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday. Areas in the three worst dryness categories stand at about 74 percent.

Exceptional and extreme drought, the two worst stages in the map released weekly by the National Drought Mitigation

Center, lie over much of South and Southwest Texas and parts of West Texas.

But weather patterns are quite different this year than they were in 2011, giving experts hope that wildfire conditions won't turn Texas back into a tinderbox this year. Gone is La Nina, the strong front in the Pacific that pushed through Texas two years ago and prompted a lack of precipitation, strong winds and unusually low humidity. The area of the Pacific that creates the pattern is now neutral.

Meanwhile, the forest service is pushing for more resources to handle massive blazes if and when they return. The agency has asked

the state Legislature for an additional \$27.2 million to hire about 90 more firefighters and buy equipment as a rapidly growing population coupled with drought has increased the threat of devastating fires. The House bill includes an additional \$10 million; the Senate bill includes \$27.2 million.

It has also asked the state to restore \$32.6 million in grant money to help train, equip and insure volunteer fire departments. That money

was cut during the last legislative session in 2011.

"What the end product is going to be I don't know, and I don't want to speculate," said Robby DeWitt, the agency's associate director for finance.

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Opal J. Magers, 80, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ANSWERS

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8	2	6	3	9	1	5	4	7
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Shackelford said. "The charge will be \$50 a month, which is \$125 for the entire three-month summer program, which is within the reach of most parents. It's certainly less than what most child care facilities charge."

And while the program is certainly a God-send for many of the area's working parents, Shackelford said it's also a chance for the children to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these children, the alternative is pretty bleak," he said. "Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other

activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community. So it not only provides a much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. We feel like that's very important."

The summer program provides an opportunity for area parents and children, Shackelford said, as well as an opportunity for area residents looking for part time employment.

"We're looking to hire several part time and temporary employees to help out with the summer program," Shackel-

ford said. "This is an opportunity for everyone, because it helps to educate our employees on dealing with children, plus, it looks really good on your resume."

Shackelford said lunches will be provided during the first several weeks — approximately 8 weeks — and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

"The first several weeks, we'll be busing the kids to Big Spring High School for lunch Mondays through Thursdays," he said. "After that, the children will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a

waiting list in case any of the children drop out. Anyone who is interested can contact me for more information."

For more information on the program, contact Shackelford at 432-264-7344.

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## News in brief

### Newlywed bride among 5 killed in limousine fire on California bridge; 4 others escaped

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When one of the nine women in his limousine complained about smoke, Orville Brown pulled to the side of a San Francisco Bay bridge to check. As he got out, the back of the vehicle became engulfed in flames.

A newlywed bride and eight of her friends were still inside, but passersby quickly pulled three from the burning Lincoln Town Car late Saturday night. And one woman managed to reach safety by squeezing through the partition from the passenger section to the driver's compartment, Brown told authorities.

But five others, including the bride whose marriage they were celebrating on a girls' night out, became trapped.

The five were found dead as firefighters doused the vehicle — all huddled near the partition, apparently unable to squeeze through.

"My guess would be they were trying to get away from the fire and use that window opening as an escape route," said San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault, who also relayed some of the comments the driver made to investigators.

### Israeli PM visits China, signaling 'business as usual' after twin airstrikes in Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Israel signaled a return to "business as usual" on Monday, a day after its aircraft struck targets in Syria for the second time in 48 hours in an unprecedented escalation of Israeli involvement in the Syrian civil war.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu left Israel after a meeting of his security Cabinet and arrived in China for a scheduled visit on Monday, a possible indication that Israel does not expect an immediate retaliation.

Syria and its patron Iran have hinted at possible retribution for the strikes, though the rhetoric in official statements has been relatively muted.

Still, the back-to-back airstrikes, though not officially acknowledged by the Israeli government, raised new concerns about a regional war.

Israeli officials have indicated they will keep trying to block what they see as an effort by Iran to send sophisticated weapons to Lebanon's Hezbollah militia ahead of a possible collapse of Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

### Senate to pass online sales tax bill in victory for national retailers; House fate uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attention online shoppers: The days of tax-free shopping on the Internet may soon end for many of you.

The Senate is scheduled to vote Monday on a bill that would empower states to collect sales taxes for purchases made over the Internet. The measure is expected to pass because it has already survived three procedural votes. But it faces opposition in the House, where some Republicans regard it as a tax increase. A broad coalition of retailers is lobbying in favor of it.

Under current law, states can only require retailers to collect sales taxes if the store has a physical presence in the state.

That means big retailers with stores all over the country like Walmart, Best Buy and Target collect sales taxes when they sell goods over the Internet. But online retailers like eBay and Amazon don't have to collect sales taxes, except in states where they have offices or distribution centers.

As a result, many online sales are tax-free, giving Internet retailers an advantage over brick-and-mortar stores.

### Jurors deliberate in Jodi Arias murder trial amid media spectacle attracting fans nationwide

PHOENIX (AP) — It has become a real-life soap opera watched by people around the world and dozens of fanatics who camp out on a Phoenix sidewalk in the middle of the night to get into the show. One seat even sold for \$200.

A cable network has set up a stage nearby for daily broadcasts, and the spectacle is routinely among the most heavily trending topics on Twitter. Fans have traveled from all over the U.S. to be close to the action, often seeking out autographs from the key people involved in the case, namely one of the main attractions, prosecutor Juan Martinez.

The star is none other than a small-town waitress and aspiring photographer from Northern California who killed her lover by stabbing him nearly 30 times and shooting him in the head. Jodi Arias has been on trial for first-degree murder since January, and her case has developed an enormous following with its tales of sex, violence and double-crossing.

The jury on Friday began deliberating whether the 32-year-old Arias should be convicted of first-degree murder in the June 4, 2008, death of her on-again-off-again boyfriend Travis Alexander, a motivational speaker and salesman for a legal services company. Prosecutors say Arias showed up at Alexander's house unannounced in the middle of the night, had sex with him on multiple occasions then killed him in his bedroom, slitting his throat

from ear to ear and jabbing a knife in his heart before shooting him in the forehead.

Prosecutors have argued throughout the case that Arias was a stalker who killed him because he wanted to end the relationship and was about to take a trip to Mexico with another woman. Arias contends it was self-defense after Alexander lost his temper and body-slammed her to the floor when she dropped his prized new camera. She and her defense lawyers have sought to portray him as an abusive womanizer and sexual deviant.

### Funeral director faces dilemma: cemeteries don't want body of Boston Marathon bomb suspect

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A funeral director trying to find a cemetery to take the body of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev is going next to the city where Tsarnaev lived, but will run into another obstacle: It doesn't want him.

Worcester funeral director Peter Stefan said he plans to ask the city of Cambridge to provide a plot because he hasn't been able to find a cemetery in Massachusetts willing to accept Tsarnaev's remains. He said if Cambridge turns him down, he will seek help from state officials.

Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy said in a statement Sunday that he is urging the funeral director and Tsarnaev's family not to request a burial permit for the city-owned cemetery.

"The difficult and stressful efforts of the citizens of the City of Cambridge to return to a peaceful life would be adversely impacted by the turmoil, protests, and wide spread media presence at such an interment," Healy said.

The dilemma over where to bury the 26-year-old suspect comes as a friend of his brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev heads to court Monday for a bail hearing on charges that he lied to federal investigators after the bombings.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 10 2

♥ K J 9 8 7 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ 7 5

**WEST**

♠ A K

♥ A 6 4

♦ J 9 3

♣ J 10 6 4 3

**EAST**

♠ 6 5 4

♥ Q 10 5 2

♦ K 5 2

♣ Q 8 2

**SOUTH**

♠ Q J 9 8 7 3

♥ —

♦ 8 7 6 4

♣ A K 9

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 2♠ Pass 2♦

Pass 2♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

**It would not be an exaggeration**

to say that at the world-championship level, no two pairs use exactly the same bidding system.

Indeed, it would probably take a 1,000-page volume just to describe briefly the assorted systems in use at a typical world event.

Naturally, differences in systems can have a great effect on the outcome of many deals. Consider this dramatic example from the 1990 world team championship.

The deal was the last of the 56-board semifinal match between Canada and Germany. Though the

players didn't know it, the Canadians led by four IMPs at this point.

**The bidding shown** took place at the table where Bernhard Ludwig and Jochen Bitschene were North-South for Germany. Bitschene's two-club opening indicated 10 to 15 points and either a six-card major or 5-5 distribution in the minors. Two diamonds asked for clarification, and two spades showed a six-card spade suit with 10 to 12 points.

**Declarer won** the opening club lead, ruffed his third club in dummy and led a trump. He wound up losing only three tricks — two spades and a diamond — for a score of +170.

**When Canada's Eric Kokish** and George Mittelman held the North-South cards, their bidding went:

East South West North

Pass 1♠ Pass 1 NT

Pass 2♦ Pass 3♥

**After Mittelman opened** one spade, Kokish responded one notrump, forcing. Mittelman bid his second suit, and Kokish jumped to three hearts, invitational. Mittelman decided he had heard enough and passed.

**Declarer lost one diamond**, three hearts and two spades for down two, -200. This gave the Germans a net pickup of 370 points (8 IMPs) on the deal and a 4-IMP victory in the match. They then went on to defeat the United States in the final to capture the world title.

Tomorrow: Zigzag.

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### Sudoku Answer on Page 3

## 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.

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

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Howard College's Shelby Shelton belts a home run during the Lady Hawks' 8-2, season-ending loss against Midland College on Sunday at the Region V tourney at Lubbock Christian University's Plain Capitol Field.

# Midland eliminates Lady Hawks

By BRIAN MCCORMACK  
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The promising season is over. One game away from the Region V title game, Howard College was upset for the second time in the tournament by Midland College on Sunday, this time by a score of 8-2.

The Lady Hawks entered the Region V West Softball Championship Tournament as the top seed after claiming the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title. They were ranked No. 7 in the nation and they held an overall record of 49-9.

On paper, it looked like the regional event was theirs for the taking and HC would be making its third straight trip to St. George, Utah for the National Junior College Athletic Association championship tourney. But after dropping the first game to Midland College, 7-6, in extra innings Friday, the Hawks were forced to play additional games and move up through the loser's bracket. They met Luna College Saturday morning and dispatched the conference newcomer 7-2. Then, the Lady Hawks smashed El Paso Community College,

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# BSHS beaten; Coahoma and Forsan advance

By BRIAN MCCORMACK  
Sports Editor

Big Spring

MIDLAND — After pounding Fort Stockton 14-5 in the bi-district round, Big Spring found themselves on the ropes Saturday in Game Two of a three-game affair against Andrews.

Having lost Game One by a score of 10-5, The Lady Steers' had to win in order to force a Game Three, but errors — 14 in two games to be precise — led to too many Lady Mustang runs, while Big Spring's offense was helplessness through seven innings.

"There's no question about it, our errors were our demise," BSHS Head Softball Coach John Sparks said. "There was one inning in nearly every game where we'd commit errors. It gets us down. We have to learn from them — I have to learn from them.

Andrews only scored in two innings, but six runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh was insurmountable for the

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Courtesy photo/Shawn McVicar

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes are shown with the area trophy after downing No. 9 ranked Eldorado, 16-3 Saturday in San Angelo. Head Coach Shanna Taylor is in the hunt for her third state title under her tenure at Forsan.

# Steers down Pecos, Forsan routs Van Horn

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Big Spring

ANDREWS — For the second straight year, Big Spring has advanced to the area round of the playoff after winning a best-of-three series against Pecos in Game Two on Saturday, 5-4.

The Steers and the Eagles were in a dogfight until the bottom of the seventh. Then, the Big Spring's grit came through yet again.

Gunnar Kennedy — who pitched a complete-game for the Steers — led off with a double to kickstart a BSHS last-inning rally.

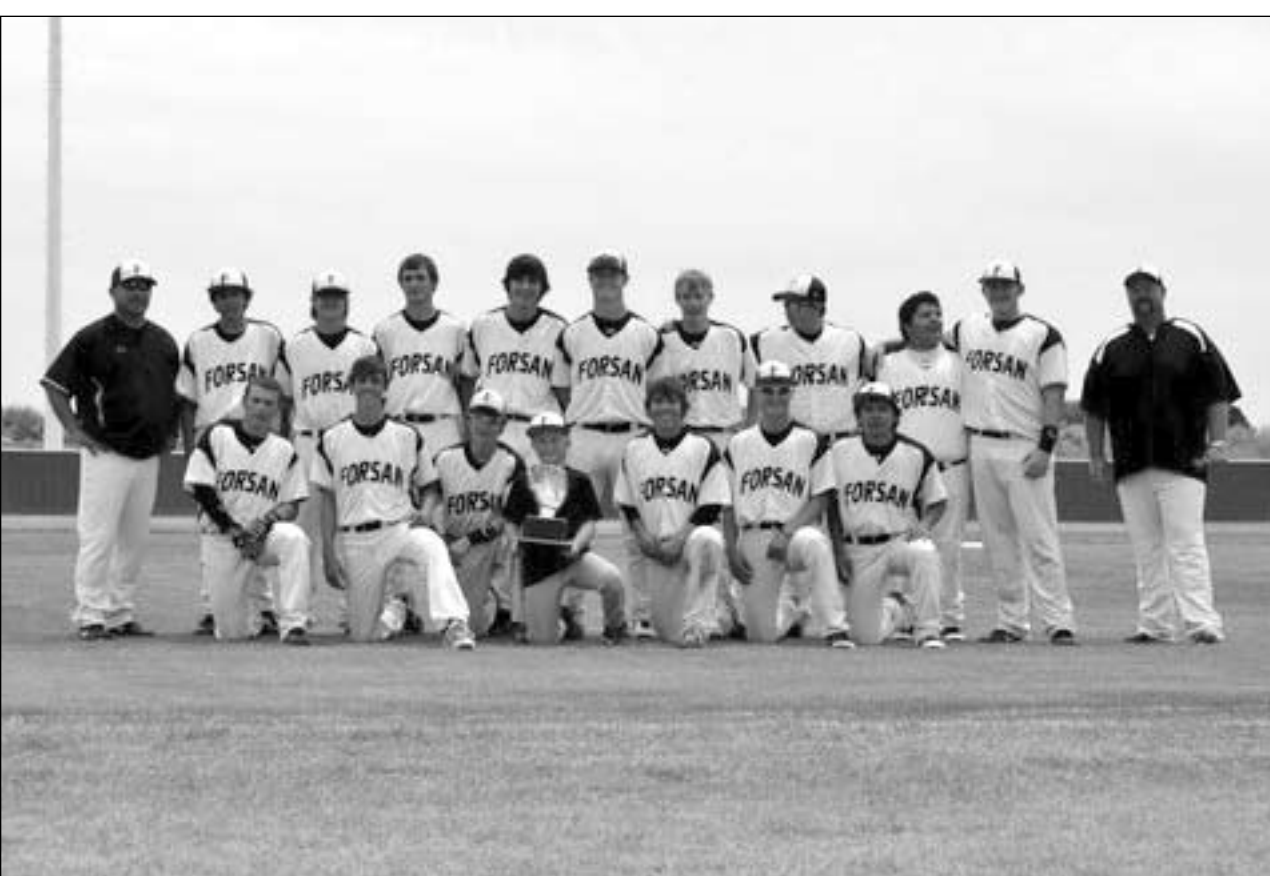
Clean-up batter Max Pappajohn was walked intentionally, but was erased on a Fielder's Choice when Joseph Morelion made contact.

Jarred DoPorto was also issued a walk, loading the bases for Brett Brorman, who ripped the first pitch up the middle, scoring Kennedy and ending the game with one swing of the bat.

Head Coach Bert Otto's team was eliminated in the area round last year by Mineral Wells and will face another tough opponent this year as they prepare for Lubbock Cooper on Thursday.

Game One will be played at Cooper at 7 p.m. Thursday, with Game Two taking place at Steer Park on Saturday at 7 p.m. Should the series stretch to three games, the final outing will be held at Cooper on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Courtesy photo/Jodi Mims

Forsan advanced in the postseason after defeating Van Horn, 10-0 Saturday in Monahans in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Buffs will meet Borden County in the area round Wednesday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Waning Aries Moon

Mature folks won't see today's tasks as ominous, and yet they probably won't seem too exciting, either. The waning Aries moon will push the reluctant day along like a mother pushing her child to practice the piano, do homework or eat vegetables. One good idea is all it takes to shift perceptions. Find the "sugar" that helps the "medicine go down."

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The problem may seem larger than life today, but the answer is about as small as life can get. Focus on the one step you can take in the moment to move yourself forward.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Stamina is one of your natural gifts, but you still have to do a bit of planning to get to the end

of a race. You'll plot out milestones that will keep you accountable and motivated along the way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You usually do not try to gain control over others until it is obvious that someone is spinning out and can use the redirection. Your leadership will be wanted and needed this afternoon.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Everyone just wants to feel better, including you. You're in a good place, so you're willing to do the hard work that will make this happen instead of going for a quick fix.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's your instinct to use the element of surprise to entertain others. You'll reply to the usual questions in unusual ways. In your book, it's a sin to be generic and boring.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you have a lot on your mind, as you do right now, you appreciate the kind of sensitive and bright people who tend toward brief interactions that get

right to the point.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Morality can seem complex, but here's a simple truth: There is a difference between wanting to do what's right and being afraid of the repercussions that could happen if you do what's wrong.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have you ever forgotten a password? The business of creating codes can be tricky. The answers that seem perfectly obvious in the moment may prove difficult to recall. All is saved by writing things down.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your self-definition is constantly changing these days. Because you crave expansion and are forever growing your knowledge and influence, challenge is essential to your happiness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've walked the fine line between determination and obsession before, so you're familiar with today's ultra-focused state of mind. Frequent breaks will help you maintain a healthy perspective.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your overactive sense of duty may have you working on projects that are not likely to forward your own interests directly or immediately, but you'll never regret fulfilling your obligations.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't decide where you want to live today. You'll bounce between Earth and ethereal realms of thought and feeling. All of this movement is highly creative. Record what you come up with.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 6). You'll form your own theories from the rushing stream of information and ideas that flows your way this month. Experiment in June. A breakthrough in the early stages will be followed by a new source of funding that opens up in July. Someone who appeals to your tender heart will win your loyalty in September. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 36, 28 and 16.

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Twenty-one tips lays out a blueprint for life

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** A friend sent me these "Tips for Life," and I hope you think they are good enough to print. — Ronita

**Dear Ronita:** They are more than tips; they're a solid blueprint. Thanks for sending them on.

Tips for Life

1. Give people more than they expect, and do so cheerfully.
2. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you'd like.
3. Don't say "I love you" unless you really mean it.
4. When you say "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
5. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
6. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt, but it's the only way to live life completely.
7. In disagreements, fight fair. No name

calling.

8. Don't judge people by their relatives.
  9. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
  10. Call your mom.
  11. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
  12. Don't let a little squabble damage a good friendship.
  13. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
  14. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
  15. Marry someone you love to talk to. As you get older, good conversation will be one of the principal elements of an enduring relationship.
  16. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
  17. Read more books, and watch less TV.
  18. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
  19. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
  20. Mind your own business.
  21. Trust in God, but lock your car.
- Dear Ann Landers:** My sister is a dwarf and has been confined to a

wheelchair for the past nine years. Since I was a small child, I have hated the ignorance with which she is treated. Even when she was able to walk, people would stare at her, step away and even pull their children back as if she had a contagious disease. Restaurant servers ignore her or ask me what she wants to eat. When that happens, I say, "Why don't you ask her?" This startles them. They apparently don't think she is able to understand or speak. She has had appointments with physicians who rarely talk to her and direct the

conversation to whoever is with her. You would think doctors would be less ignorant, but they are not. It disgusts me when adults behave in this manner. I can only imagine how it makes my sister feel. Please remind your readers that all people deserve to be treated with respect. — *Ignorance Hurts*

**Dear I.H.:** Children need to be taught at an early age how they should behave when they encounter someone who is "different." The first lesson is: "Do not stare. If you have questions, ask me later, and I will

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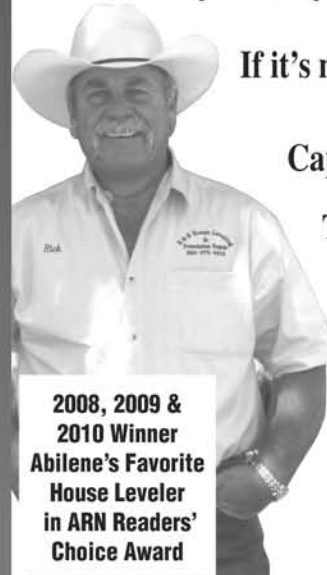
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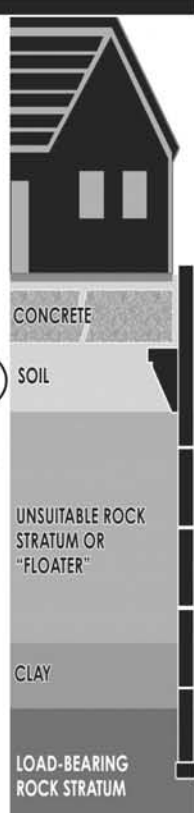
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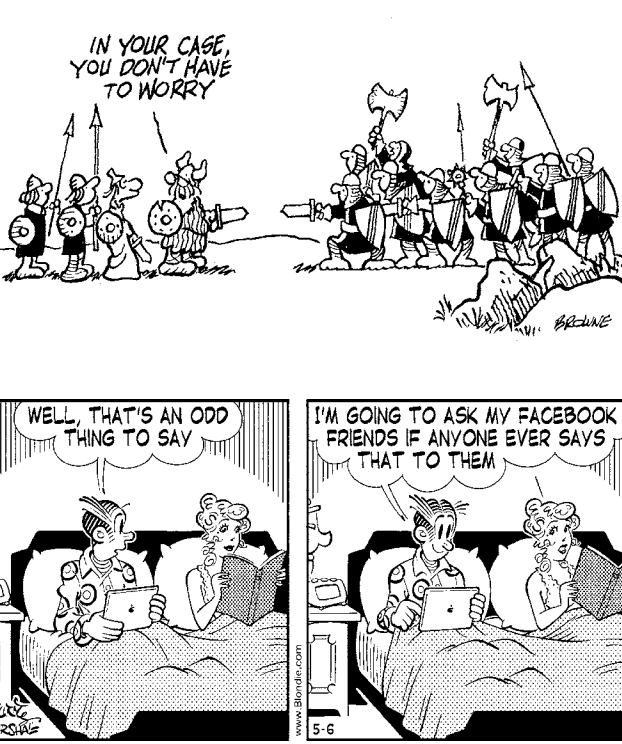
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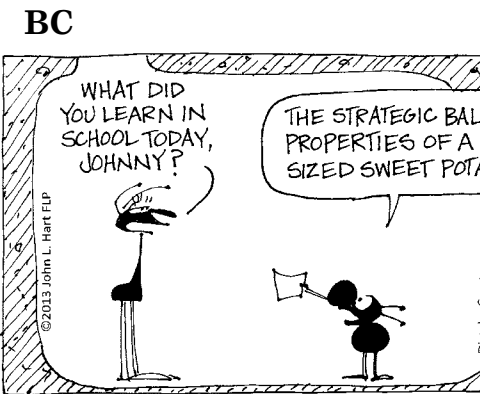
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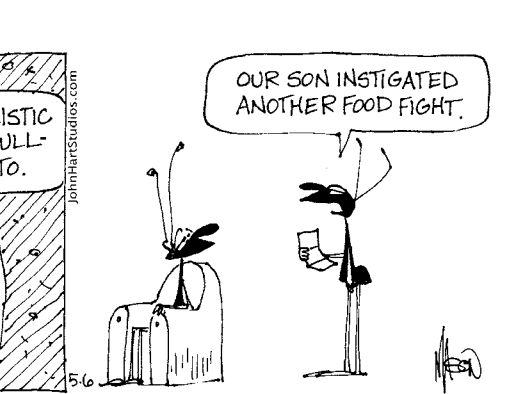
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 6, the 126th day of 2013. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1863, the Civil War Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia ended with a Confederate victory over Union forces.

On this date:

In 1840, Britain's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, officially went into circulation five days after its introduction.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating under an executive order

signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1962, in the first test of its kind, the submerged submarine USS Ethan Allen fired a Polaris missile armed with a nuclear warhead that detonated above the Pacific Ocean.

In 1987, CIA Director William J. Casey died at age 74.

In 1996, the body of former CIA director William E. Colby was found washed up on a southern Maryland riverbank, more than a week after he'd disappeared.

In 2002, Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn (pihm fohr-TOWN') was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (Volkert van der Graaf was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.)

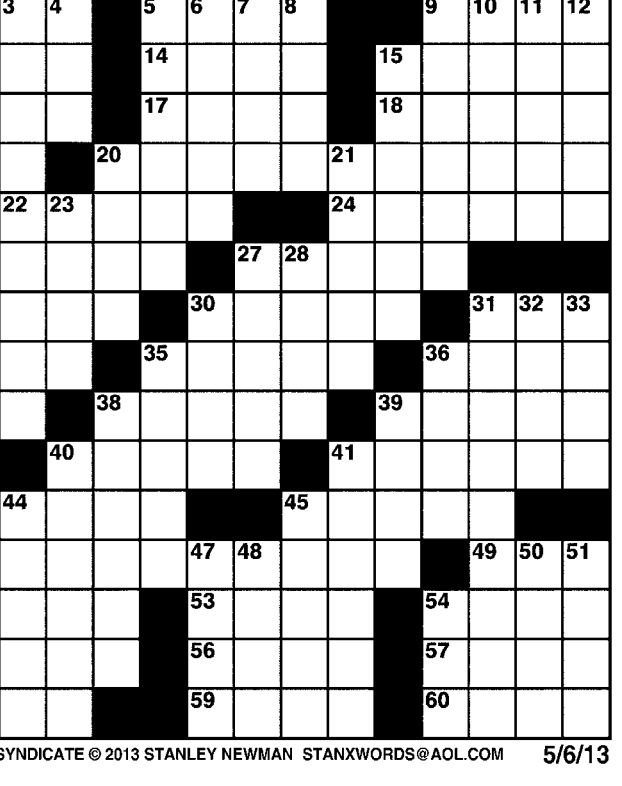
Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 82. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 79. Rock singer Bob Seger is 68. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 68. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 67. Actor Alan Dale is 66. Actor Ben Masters is 66. Actor Gregg Henry is 61. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 60. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 58. Actress Roma Downey is 53. Rock singer John Flansburgh (The Might Be Giants) is 53.

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Create
  - 5 Canyon sound
  - 9 Mouse-catching device
  - 13 Computer operator
  - 14 Region
  - 15 Argentina's elongated neighbor
  - 16 Wedding-cake level
  - 17 Sofa or bench
  - 18 "Ready \_\_, here I come!"
  - 19 Sixth sense: Abbr.
  - 20 Begin to understand
  - 22 Was willing to
  - 24 "You got that right!"
  - 25 Isn't selfish
  - 27 Accelerator or brake
  - 29 Detests
  - 30 Autumn apple beverage
  - 31 Stereo records: Abbr.
  - 34 Curved lines
  - 35 Church vocal group
  - 36 Acts like a suitor
  - 37 Speedometer number: Abbr.
  - 38 Yell
  - 39 Rosebush sticker
  - 40 Omits
  - 41 "Thick" fast-food drinks
  - 42 Native American
  - 45 Camel's Peruvian cousin
  - 46 Opinion
  - 49 Medical insurance co.

- DOWN**
- 1 Remote-control button
  - 2 Auction-goods condition
  - 3 Do guard duty
  - 4 Make a mistake
  - 5 Flip-chart holders
  - 6 Religious belief
  - 7 What a furnace provides
  - 8 Solemn promise
  - 9 Elate
  - 10 Jewelry for fingers
  - 11 Luau greeting
  - 12 Small-minded
  - 15 Dog's neckwear
  - 20 Takes to court
  - 21 \_\_ down (pillow filling)
  - 23 Rocks that are mined
  - 25 Hoax
  - 26 Angelic music-maker
  - 27 Devout
  - 28 Improve, as a manuscript
  - 30 Pork serving
  - 31 Think about the future
  - 32 Skin opening
  - 33 Nine-digit IDs
  - 35 Pants fabric
  - 36 "Pow!"
  - 38 Plays ice hockey
  - 39 Start to melt
  - 40 Vocalist
  - 41 Falls as frozen rain
  - 42 Digital music players
  - 43 Diet-food phrase
  - 44 Prince William's mom
  - 45 Tablecloth fabric
  - 47 Envelope part
  - 48 Intuitive feeling
  - 50 Boy or man
  - 51 Sign of the future
  - 54 "So long!"





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The Coahoma Bulldogettes advanced in the postseason after defeating Muleshoe in the area round in three games. CHS advanced to the regional quarterfinal round where they will meet rival Colorado City.

## SOFTBALL

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Lady Steers (14-21 overall, 5-5 in District 4-3A).

Despite the disappointing finish, Sparks had plenty of positive things to say about the season.

"It was tough," Sparks said of the season-ending loss. "I think we finished strong for the most part. This group of young ladies played together as a team. I've said it before, but this is the best group of girls I have had as long as I have coached. They really made it fun and I think the girls enjoyed the season. We did some good things. After the game, the Andrews coach and I talked and she said we had a good little team and we should hold our heads high."

One of the goals set by the Lady Steers early in the season was to make the playoffs. Sparks was happy his team tasted postseason victory, especially the seniors.

"These seniors are a great bunch," Sparks said. "We're definitely going to miss them. They have been an integral part of the team."

Sparks will have to replace several key players who will be graduating, including pitcher Logan Yarbar, who was solid from the circle throughout the season.

"It will be a challenging year," Sparks added. "We're going to be young, but that can be an advantage, too."

### FORSAN

SAN ANGELO — Forsan Head Coach Shanna Taylor kept her record of not losing a postseason game until at least the regional quarterfinal round of the postseason alive after routing No. 9 Eldorado, 16-3 on Saturday at San Angelo Central High School.

"The girls came out focused and hit the ball well," FHS Head Coach Shanna Taylor said. "We only had one strikeout. We put the ball in play in almost every at-bat. That kept them chasing the ball and led

to us getting 16 runs.

After making a Top 10 team look silly over the course of two games, Taylor said the biggest challenge is yet to come as they prepare to meet Albany in the regional quarterfinal round.

"It's hard to say about Albany," Taylor explained. It will be an interesting series. They are a very good team who consistently makes the playoffs. They're well-coached and have a lot of tradition, but I have still have faith in our lineup. We're hitting the ball 1-9 and playing good defense."

Ali Knight — who was resting as Maddie Munsell took command of the circle for the day — recorded a double. Maria Ortiz and Shelby Roemer also had doubles.

Game One of a best-of-three series is tentatively scheduled for Friday in Snyder at Western Texas College. Additional details will be made available soon.

### COAHOMA

LUBBOCK — When Jill Bradshaw began the season as first-year head softball coach for Coahoma, she knew she had to keep the strong Bulldogette tradition going.

So far, she's lived up to her end of the bargain. CHS defeated Muleshoe twice at Lubbock Cooper on Saturday to come back from a Game One loss and claim the area playoff round title.

Muleshoe edged the Bulldogettes in the series opener, 2-1. Undaunted, Bradshaw's squad came roaring back, pounding the Lady Mules 13-0 in a run-rule victory in Game Two.

In the third and final outing, Savannah Neff belted two homers — her second and third of the day — sparking the Coahoma offense past Muleshoe, 12-8.

"After falling behind a game, we knew we had to go out and take care of business," Bradshaw said. "They did what they had to do and played two great games to get us to the next round."

Veteran pitcher Kyla Clanton threw all three games for Coahoma.

"She did great," Bradshaw said of Clanton's performances. "She pitched her best game all year, all three games. She kept us in there the whole time."

Shelby Franklin and Kara Fuentes each recorded two RBI in Game Three to help key the win.

Next up for the Bulldogettes will be a one-game affair with rival Colorado City in the regional quarterfinals Friday in Snyder at 6 p.m.

"We're just going to try to keep our bats going and keep the errors down," Bradshaw added.

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## BASEBALL

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### FORSAN

MONAHANS — Van Horn — who made the playoffs by default after competing in a three-game district — was a bit outmatched by Forsan, as the Buffaloes routed the Eagles 10-0 in

five innings.

The offensive engine was chugging along as five Buffs — Trevor Burchett, Marcus Cervantes, Tyler Evans, Clayton Galloway and Matthew Mims — recorded an RBI. Mims doubled and Garrett Kligora picked up a pair of singles.

Galloway was also stellar on the mound as he threw a no-hitter in the

run-rule victory.

"We played well both games," FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "We had two dominant pitching performances and we played two of our better defensive games."

The Buffs will be facing Borden County in the area round beginning Wednesday in Snyder at 4:30 p.m.

"I think we'll match up well with

Borden County," Phillips added. "They have a winning athletic program in all sports. They will be a tough team to beat, but if I think if we play the way we're capable of we have a good shot at beating them."

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## HAWKS

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14-4 and it appeared whatever first round jitters the squad were long gone.

Until they met Midland again.

A pair of Lady Chaparral base hits and two errors committed by the Lady Hawks led to a four-run deficit in the bottom of the first inning.

Sophomore Shelby Shelton led off the second with a solo home run to make it 4-1, but Midland got their run back in the bottom half of the inning.

Micherie Koria picked up a one-out single in the top of the fifth, breathing life into HC's stagnant offense. Elizabeth Torres reached on a fielder's choice with two outs, scoring Koria who advanced on a fly ball by Megan Granado. A lady Chap error led to an extra base, but the rally was cut short.

Down 5-2, Shelton led off the sixth inning with a single, but was erased on a fielder's choice after contact by Mallory Mitchiner. Claudette Smith recorded a base

hit and Rebecca Long hit the ball well, but it went right into the glove of a Lady Chap, freezing the base runners. The Lady Hawks were unable to get the runs home.

Midland, however, wasn't finished.

A RBI double, a RBI single and an interference call on Shelton led to three Lady Chaparral runs. HC Head Coach Kelly Raines was livid at the decision and argued vehemently with the umpires, but the call was upheld.

Down to their last two outs, Granado singled, Torres struck out, then Jillian Navarrete drew a walk. With runners on first and second, MC pitcher Holly Herrington fanned Shelton

to end the Lady Hawks' season.

Howard actually out-hit Midland 10 hits to nine, but three errors led to four unearned runs and 10 Lady Hawks were left on base during

the outing.

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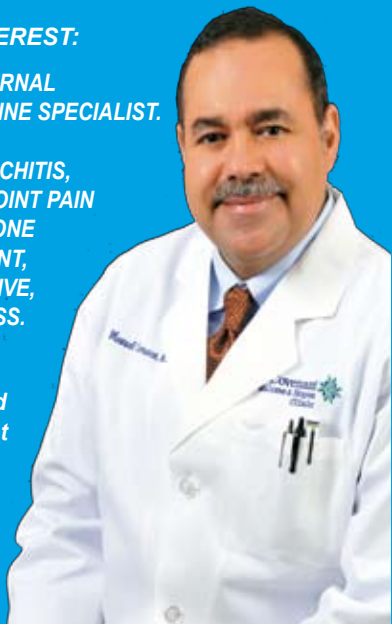
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