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VOLUME 108, NUMBER 175 Council considers housing proposal

By THOMAS JENKINS

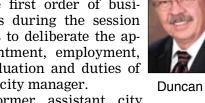
Staff Writer

Mayor Tommy Duncan was tightlipped following a special meeting of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night that included a pair of last-minute executive sessions before he is scheduled to leave office.

The council went into an executive session shortly after the meeting be-

and media to wait outside the council chambers. The first order of business during the session was to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of the city manager. Former assistant city

gan, asking the audience



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 Decem-When asked if Tuesday night's exec-

utive session was intended to review Darden as interim city manager or Fugua as acting city manager, Duncan was evasive.

"Well, that stuff was during executive session. But right now, I really don't want to talk to you," Duncan said as he exited the council chambers.

However, Wednesday morning Duncan contacted the Herald to offer his comments on Tuesday night's meeting.

"The executive session item surrounding the city manager's position was basically just a review of the position," Duncan said. "As you know, we've been looking for a new city manager to replace Gary Fuqua for some time now. We heard an update from the committee tasked with looking at candidates. Right now, we have around 30 candidates."

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

Two council members declined to comment on either item discussed

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Howard College student Heather Prestage works on her painting at the college's art department Tuesday afternoon.

Howard College, SWCID commencements this week

By STEVE REAGAN

Cap and gown time is back. Howard College and South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will kick start graduation season in the Crossroads area when the institutions hold commencement exercises this week.

SWCID's annual awards

the top students on campus, Other awards to be present- top business or computer in- lege holds commencement will be held at 7 p.m. Thurs- ed at the SWCID convocation formation systems student. day in the college's activity

The top award to be handed out Thursday will be the President's Award, given to the the top student at SWCID. The student is nominated by faculty members and selected

convocation, which honors by a vote of administrators.

include:

 Sherry Baird Memorial Scholarship — given to the student who best demonstrates outstanding campus community involve-

• Phillip Waldrup Memorial students will receive degrees

• Dr. P.W. Malone Memorial Scholarship — presented to the student who best displays good character and the motivation to complete college and career goals.

The following day, SWCID

Scholarship — given to the and certificates when the colexercises at 10 a.m. in the activity center.

> Howard College will hold commencement exercises for its three other campuses Friday and Saturday. Those include:

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Partee to receive Scouting award

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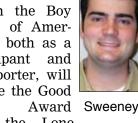
does it every year by providing his time and effort to

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Jordan Partee has always given to Scouting, so it only seems logical Scouting would give back to him. Partee, who has

spent most of his life in the Boy Scouts of America — both as a participant and a supporter, will receive the Good Scout from the Lone



Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council during a noon

luncheon in his honor at the Settles Hotel Grand Ballroom Thursday. The honoree has been very active in BSA, attaining the

rank of Eagle Scout and has

help out our Scouts."

zation into adulthood, having served on the Buffalo Trails Council executive board. Partee joins his parents,

continued serving the organi-

Stan and Sue Partee, as recipients of the award, along with other past honorees Hayes Stripling Jr., Keith Graumann and John and Cynthia Scott.

Brian Sweeney BSA district executive

"He's been a huge sup-

porter of the program," Lone Star District executive Brian Sweeney said of Partee. "He out our Scouts."

does it every year by providing his time and effort to help Aside from honoring Partee, Thursday's luncheon also

serves as a major fundraiser

for the area council. Although

there is no admission cost to the event, donations will go to supporting Scouting programs that serve more than 2,000 young people, Sweeney

"We are proud to recognize Jordan's contributions to our community," he said. "Your attendance and involvement will rquire a minimal time commitment and we promise you the tremendous satisfaction of helping shape the lives of our community's youngsters."

For more information on the event, contact Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

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Obituaries

Bob T. Kilgore



A funeral service for Bob T. Kilgore, 57, of Lamesa will be held Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lamesa with Pastors Daniel Armstrong and Gwen Aldridge officiating. Burial will follow at Lamesa Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2013, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home. Arrangements are

under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Bob passed away Monday, May 6, 2013, in Lamesa.

He was born Nov. 4, 1955, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Dixie and Robbie (Piner) Kilgore. He married Hope Jones on Aug. 25, 1986, in Dawson County, Texas. They were married for 27 years.

Bob was well known for his loving kindness and for being a wonderful father and grandfather. He was very passionate about sports, especially foot-

He is survived by his wife, Hope Kilgore of Lamesa; daughters, Brandi Peek and husband Jason of Canyon, Tandi Kilgore of Big Spring and Randi Kilgore of Lamesa; son, Andy Kilgore of Lamesa; sister, Anne Harwell and husband Richard of Fort Worth; and 12 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dixie and Robbie (Piner) Kilgore. The family suggests memorials to the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center, 609 N. Austin Ave., Lamesa, Texas 79331; and the American Cancer Society, 3513 10th St., Lubbock, Texas 79415.

To send condolences online please visit www. branonfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Martin 'Bud' Norwood



Martin "Bud" Norwood, 73, of Colorado City died Friday, May 3, 2013, in a Colorado City hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Monday, May 6, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McIntosh officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2013, at the funeral home.

Bud was born Oct. 30, 1939, in Lohn, Texas, and married Sandra Gillette on July 7, 1980, in Big Spring. He was an independent insurance agent and also wound electrical motors for a living. He

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Norwood of Colorado City; three sons, Kerry Norwood and wife Cristy of Odessa, Shelby Norwood and wife Diane of Huron, Tenn., and Martin Norwood Jr. of Colorado City; four daughters, Elizabeth Stovall and husband Adam of Whitehouse, Vicki Golleher and husband Jason of Big Spring, Christy Brownfield and husband Kevin of Big Spring and Suree Birck and husband Kaiser of Johnson City; 23 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, James Norwood and wife Margi of Stephenville; and four sisters, Mattie "Sis Norwood, Nell Thames, Myrt Tindol and husband Home. R.D. "Doc" and Mary Palmer and husband John, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.H. and Della (King) Norwood; two sons, Kaylen Norwood and Bubba Gibson; one grandson; sister, Vivian Grantham and husband Shorty; and a brother-in-law, Henry Thames.

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

Lyna F. Horton

Lyna F. Horton, 89, of Waco, died Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in a Waco hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Alvin Smith

Alvin Smith, 91, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.





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Virnette Reid Fowler



Virnette Reid Fowler, 94, died Sunday, May 5, 2013, in Midland. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle Welch Funeral Home, located at 3800 N. Big Spring in Midland. A private family service will take place on Friday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Adgie Virnette Reid was born

Nov. 8, 1918, in Leola, Ark., three days before the Armistice ending World War I. Her

father was Patrick Cleburne Reid. Her mother, Martha Catherine Samuel Reid (Katie), fell ill with the epidemic "Spanish Flu" of 1918 after giving birth, so baby Virnette was sent to live with her grandmother and aunt for the first months of her She was the sixth of nine children and the last

surviving member of those siblings, who included Christine, Worley, Eugene, Jesse, DeWitt, Sue Trammell, Harold and Forrest Reid.

The Reid family moved to Roby, Texas, in 1929. Virnette graduated from Palava High School in 1938 and moved to Sweetwater. A few years later, while volunteering at the Sweetwater USO, she met Staff Sergeant Peter Anthony Fowler, who was stationed at Camp Barkeley, south of Abilene. They married Feb. 16, 1944. At the end of WWII, they moved to Pete's home-

town of Oakland, Calif., later moving to nearby San Lorenzo to start their family. They came back to Texas to live in Big Spring from 1961 until Pete's death in 1995. Virnette then moved to Midland. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include a daughter, Catherine Fowler of Midland; and twins, Cynthia Wilson and husband Stephen of Denton and David and wife DiAnn McGuire Fowler of Midland. Six grandchildren remember her with love, Brian and Julie Fowler, Michael and Kelly Fowler, Robert and Jennifer Fowler, Isaac Hernandez, Ashley Wilson and Lauren Wilson. Her three precious great-grandchildren were Morgan, Addison and Jacob Fowler. She is also survived by one sister-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews and their extended families.

The family suggests memorials to the USO at USO.org or P.O. Box 9622, Washington D.C. 20090, or to a favorite church or charity.

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

Paid obituary

Emma Elizabeth Harwell Wheeler



Wheeler, 89, of Stanton died Monday, May 6, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Services will be held Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Stanton with Bro. David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation. from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at Gilbreath Funeral

Emma was born July 1, 1923, in Seminole, Texas. She married J.O. Rotan in 1940 and he died in Germany while serving during World War II. Emma later married her husband of 66 years, F.C. Wheeler on June 29, 1946, and he preceded her in

Emma attended Midland High School. After high school she worked at Richfield Oil until the death of her first husband. Once she married F.C., together they owned and operated F.C. Wheeler Drilling Company for 40 years.

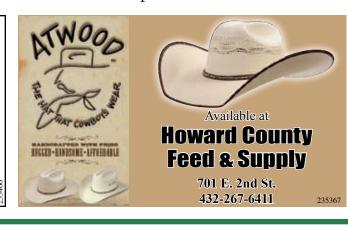
They moved from Midland to Stanton in 1954 and she was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton.

She is survived by her son, Gene Wheeler and wife Gayle of Stanton; her daughter, Cindy Dillard of Stanton; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews.

Emma was also preceded in death by a granddaughter; a brother; and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to the Erin A. Wheeler-Cook Fellowship Endowment at Texas Tech University, Office of Institutional Advancement, Box 45025, Lubbock, Texas 79409-5025.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today: • ANTONIO BOSSI, 27, of Joshua, Texas, was

- arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500. • DAVID COLE HORN, 19, of Burleson, Texas,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft more than \$50 and less than \$500. NIKKI LYNN BERNAL, 17, of 804 Willia, was
- arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft more than \$50 and less than \$500. • ALEXANDRA MARIE YANEZ, 18, of 107 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft

more than \$50 and less than \$500, possession of

- alcohol by a minor and public intoxication. CRYSTAL MARIE POSEY, 30, of 709 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- FELIX G. OLIVAS, 45, of 1406 E. 14th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habi-
 - THEFT was reported:
 - In the 1900 block of Scurry.
- In the 1000 block of Sycamore. In the 200 block of W. Marcy.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4100 block of S. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 400 block of N.W. Fifth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 4200 block of Wasson Road.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this

- BERTHA HINOJOS S. GARCIA, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of driving while intoxicated – second offense. ALEXANDRA MARIE YANEZ, 18, was booked
- into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and municipal warrants for minor in possession of alcoholic beverage and public intoxication. CRYSTAL MARIE CHERRY, 30, was booked into
- the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a Wichita Falls warrant for violation of probation – possession of a controlled substance.
- DAVID COLE HORN, 19, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500. NIKKI LYNN BERNAL, 17, was booked into the

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tion and theft of property – more than \$50 and less

CHELSEA KRISTYNE MILLSPAUGH, 26, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.

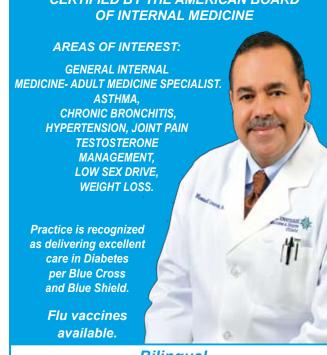
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News in brief

Stanton rapper convicted in enticing Wis. teen MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — An aspiring West Texas

rapper who posted his videos online has been convicted of luring a 15-year-old Wisconsin girl into have sex with him. A federal jury in Midland on Tuesday afternoon

convicted 28-year-old Charles Martinez of Stanton of using the Internet to entice a juvenile to engage in sexual activity. Martinez was also convicted of transporting a juvenile across state lines for sexual activity. Martinez, whose rap name is "Ereez," remains in

custody pending sentencing in July. He faces up to life in prison. Martinez last year began communicating with

the Green Bay, Wis., girl via his Facebook fan page. Prosecutors say Martinez traveled to Wisconsin in April and May 2012 and the pair had sex. Martinez last June transported the girl to Stanton. He was arrested in January.

\$667M in business tax cuts advances in Texas House

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A major tax bill proposing \$667 million in breaks for Texas businesses cleared the state House on Tuesday night against the backdrop of Gov. Rick Perry demanding muscular tax relief as the Legislature enters a furious final three

The first major tax bill of a surprisingly harmonious 140-day legislative session provoked sharpened political jabs, parliamentary stall tactics and frustrations. One Democrat struck some levity by fiddling with an abacus, but the prop also was a reminder of the challenge of keeping track of \$270 million in cuts that were added on the House floor before weary legislators finally adjourned after more than five hours of sometimes heated debate.

"I'm optimistic about the last few weeks," said Republican Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, who chairs the House's tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. "If we don't get it done, we'll come back to get it done."

The bill still needs to clear a final, procedural vote in the House before moving to the Senate.

Left unsaid during Tuesday's debate: a fresh warning from Perry that the Republican-controlled Legislature pass "significant" tax relief before adjourning May 27. Perry has called for \$1.6 billion in tax cuts, and he vowed last week not to sign a new state budget if lawmakers don't deliver.

None of the cuts approved 112-27 by the House are property or sales tax reductions for Texas taxpayers. The cuts instead benefit businesses through changes to the state's franchise tax — the maligned business tax that sours both Republicans and Democrats but is the state's third-biggest source of rev-

Conservatives grumble that the tax is applied unevenly to big and small companies. Democrats grouse that the tax has underperformed since being overhauled in 2006.

Texas school leaders seek expanded federal review

EL PASO. Texas (AP) — The Texas Education Agency has asked federal officials to widen a school testing scandal investigation to include two more West Texas districts.

The El Paso Times reported Wednesday that the TEA request targets the San Elizario and Canutillo Reviews have found alleged student-record ma-

nipulation in the El Paso, Canutillo and San Elizario districts. A state-appointed board created to manage the El Paso Independent School District amid the cheating scandal held its first meeting San Elizario superintendent Sylvia Hopp hadn't

seen a copy of Monday's TEA letter but says problems have been corrected and cheating is not ongo-The head of the Canutillo school board says agen-

cies should examine districts across Texas. Armando Rodriguez would also like the federal government to require the TEA to audit itself.

Abilene officer quits after Fort Worth arrest FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A West Texas police

officer has quit after being arrested in Fort Worth on charges of public intoxication and firing a gun in a public place. Abilene police Chief Stan Standridge says 24-year-

old Officer Cory Ray Valencia resigned Tuesday. Valencia had served on the Abilene force for just over a year and was still on employment proba-A Fort Worth police officer working off-duty secu-

rity arrested Valencia early Monday on suspicion of public intoxication and discharging a firearm in a municipality. Both charges are misdemeanors. Police say a single gunshot was fired into the air in downtown Fort Worth. Nobody was hurt. Tarrant County jail records Wednesday did not

list Valencia as an inmate.

Valencia couldn't immediately be reached for comment. A publicly listed Abilene phone number was not working.

Texas man who abused 2 children gets 65 years

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Texas man who molested two of his girlfriend's children has been sentenced to 65 years in prison after rejecting a plea deal to serve 15 years behind bars.

A jury in Galveston on Tuesday sentenced 29-yearold Tyrece Lynn Cox. Cox on Monday pleaded guilty to continuous sexual abuse of the children and opted to let jurors decide the penalty.

The Galveston County Daily News reports defense attorney Calvin Jackson says Cox was appar-

ently overcome by guilt when he turned down the sentencing plea deal.

Suspect in stabbings extradited from Oklahoma PAULS VALLEY, Okla. (AP) — A man accused

in the fatal stabbings of his ex-girlfriend and her 8-year-old son has returned to Texas after his arrest in Oklahoma. Cedric Ricks is charged with capital murder in

the May 1 deaths of Roxann Sanchez and 8-year-old Anthony Reyes Figueroa. He was arrested in Pauls Garvin County Sheriff Larry Rhodes tells the Pauls Valley Democrat that Ricks was attacked by other inmates Thursday. He says Ricks suffered

"visible injuries" to his face but that they weren't Court records show Ricks waived his extradition proceedings and was booked Friday in the Tarrant

County jail. In his mugshot, Ricks has a black eye that's swollen shut.

Closing arguments next in Texas horse ranch trial AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors are wrap-

ping up their case against five men charged with using an Oklahoma race horse breeding operation to launder cartel drug money. Closing arguments are scheduled Wednesday in federal court in Austin. Investigators say the case

centers on Jose Trevino Morales, who's a brother of two reputed Zeta leaders in Mexico. The defendants are charged with money laundering conspiracy related to operations of a horse

ranch near Lexington, Okla. Prosecutors say ranch operators went through \$16 million in horse-related expenses in 30 months. An attorney for Jose Trevino Morales has said

prosecutors wrongly targeted his client due to the alleged illegal actions of his brothers — Miguel Angel Trevino Morales and Oscar Omar Morales.

EMS

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Medical Services reported the following activity: TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street. One person was transported to

SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Canary. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

CITY

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during executive session, as well.

Duncan said this morning he brought the matter before the council during the executive session to update them on a housing project looking to build in Big Spring.

"This is the same proj-

ect that was brought before the council a while back. The property is in the area of Bilger and Hearn," Duncan said. "Previously, there was a developer wanting to build low income housing in the same area. However, the property owner, Bill Chrane, passed away and his son sold it to Leon and Francis Hobbs."

COLLEGE

campaign treasurer during his bid for mayor of Big Spring approximately three years ago. Hobbs is also a member of the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors. Duncan said he is glad

the council opted not to support the low income housing development, as the newly proposed development will raise property values in the subdivision.

"The developer — I believe it's a company out of Oklahoma — has told me the homes they are wanting to build will cost approximately \$100 per square foot," Duncan said. "The homes will range in price from \$130,000 to \$190,000. I'm very glad we didn't allow the low income

while the dental hygiene

graduates will follow

will actually bring the property values up.' Prior to going into ex-

ecutive session, District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald questioned Duncan as to why the items had been placed on the agenda of a specially called meeting.

"This executive session, was it planned lately and put in there? Did you do this?" Mc-Donald asked Duncan during time alloted for council input. Duncan confirmed he

had called for the meet-"I did put the executive

session in there. Yes,' Duncan responded.

McDonald said the items up for discussion during the executive session were intended for the newly elected

confirmed housing to build in that administration, as both answered. Francis Hobbs was his same area. These homes Duncan and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson will be stepping down during the next scheduled regularly meeting following Saturday's election.

"It seems to me that both of these (agenda items set for executive session) belong to the next administration," McDonald said. "And here it is being done at the last moment."

"As long as I'm sitting in the chair of the mayor, I'm going to continue to work very hard for this city," Duncan

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When asked this morning why the two items were brought before the council in executive sessions less than a week before he is slated to leave office, Duncan said it was simply his desire to update the council on the two issues.

"I called the special meeting to pass on information specific to these two issues and to allow the staff to bring the council up to date,"

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he said. Several council members confirmed no action was taken following the executive sessions. However, the media and the audience were not invited back into the council chambers until after the meeting had reconvened in open session and adjourned.

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Licensed vocational nursing and associate degree nursing graduates will receive their pins at 6 p.m. Thursday

in Garrett Coliseum.

Coliseum. In addition, Howard College nursing and hygiene dental programs have pinning

10 a.m. Saturday,

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ceremonies planned for Thursday and Friday.

suit at 4 p.m. Friday in Contineud from Page 1 the Hall Center for the Arts auditorium. • Big Spring/Lamesa campus — 7 p.m. Friday Contact Staff Writer in Garrett Coliseum. Steve Reagan at 263-7331 • San Angelo campus

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Daily Prayer

We can make the right choices in life, dear time, one can hope, experts will Lord, with you by our side...

Amen

The way we use words

ome things we were taught as children, either by our parents or other influential sources, were completely and utterly false. For one thing, nobody's eyes ever stayed crossed permanently even though it was

a scary threat that all of us feared when we were 5 years old. I had a hard

time enjoying watermelon as a youngster because somewhere along the line I heard that if you swallowed a seed, plants would grow from your ears.



PRINCE

That kind of imagery can really rob a kid of the pleasure of a good slice of melon on a hot summer afternoon. Then there's the admonition that you have to eat everything on your plate because there are starving kids

other countries. Trust me, children remember what they are told when they are young. Words are indeed weapons that can build up or tear down anybody's world.

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Those are perhaps shallow and insignificant examples of how impactful words can be to a child, yet all research proves that words are amazing and extremely powerful weapons that can change the course of a person's destiny and do much to determine their success or failure in life.

It's virtually impossible for me to believe that any parent would deliberately lie to or mislead their child by telling them things they knew would cause harm to their psyche or cause pain to them in any way. But, sadly, it happens often.

Even though there are different schools of thought on the subject, research has proven that a child's psychological development is greatly established by the age of 5 years. That means a lot of programming takes place in a child's mind when they are very young that will have influence on them throughout their entire life. The examples of this being valid are numerous and data is extensive to support the theory. But the problem isn't

restricted to children. Adults are often victimized by the power of words as well.

"Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

We all remember hearing those words spoken to us by someone who was trying to convince us of its truth in the face of painful rhetoric thrown our way. Unfortunately, it is far from true. Verbal insults, verbal abuse and the power of words to affect your emotions and actions are well demonstrated in science. For example, scientists have found that just hearing sentences about elderly people led research subjects to walk more slowly. In other research, individuals read words of 'loving kindness' showed increases in self-compassion, improved mood and reduced anxiety. Dr. Susan Smalley, Profes-

sor Emeritus, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at UCLA, wrote, "I once read that a word is like a living organism, capable of growing, changing, spreading and influencing the world in many ways, directly and indirectly through others. I never thought about a word being 'alive' but then I thought of words spoken 3,000 years ago, written down and passed through many generations, and they seem quite alive when read or spoken today, having lived 3,000 years. As I ponder the power of the word to incite and divide, to calm and connect, or to create and effect change, I am ever more cautious in what I say and how I listen to the words around me." I am thinking Dr. Smalley is not the only one who needs to cautiously consider which words to speak and which to allow into our ear-gate.

I'm thankful our generation is so concerned about curbing abuse. Unfortunately, many people have not learned that some of the most serious and devastating abuse happening today is verbal. Verbal abuse is a form of battery that involves the use of words, rather than blows and punches. In a verbally abusive situation, words are used to attack, control and inflict harm on another person. Verbally abusive behavior goes far beyond mean behavior; it involves inflicting psychological violence on another person, attacking the very nature of an

individual's being and attempting to destroy his or her spirit. Verbal abuse can affect people of all ages and in all types of relationships.

One of the ways this destructive force affects others is through the use of words or phrases that mislead the listener, something I refer to as "twist ing." Our generation has turned it into an art form.

Some of the most notorious contemporary examples of "word-twisting" are found in the adamant defense of abortion. An unborn human is never referred to as a baby. It is referred to only as a fetus in the effort to rob it of its personhood in the mind of the public. Positive words such as "choice" and "rights" are drained of any real content so their empty semantic shell can be used as a respectable container for brutal barbarism.

Even though we communicate in many different ways, through a look or a touch, a smile, or even the way we stand, our words are even more important. They not only express our views on the subject we're presenting but they also represent who we

When we speak, we use words to describe things, our mind creates the picture. When we hear the words of a song we do the same thing. Those words can either build us up or tear us down They help create positive selfesteem or break it down. Words encourage us to be our best or they rip away our self-worth and trust in our abilities to reach goals and life's ambitions.

Almost every emotion we feel as a human being is affected or created by the words we hear or say. Proverbs 13:3 says whoever guards his mouth preserves his life and he who opens his lips wide comes to ruin. Just for one day think about the words you use, think about the affect they have on you and the people around you. Use positive words instead of negative and see if the results you receive are different.

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

Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached

Hopefully not: A Bay Bridge of cards

fter the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake shook loose a big chunk of the Bay Bridge, local politicians did not signal that they wanted to take decades to build a new eastern span, so

commuters should get used to driving on a span expected to crumble in a big rumble. Instead, they made grandiose promises about a "world-class" structure. Then-Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown demanded a tony design; then-San Francisco Mayor



Saunders

Willie Brown stood up for Treasure Island interests. Steel prices soared.

Now, \$6.4 billion later, the • Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as Mayors Brown have gotten what they wanted — a so-called worldclass design erected in glacial time. But is it safe?

In March, when workers tightened 96 anchor rods, 32 cracked. As the San Francisco Chronicle's intrepid Jaxon Van Derbeken reported, experts suspect hydrogen — which is found in water — got into the rods and made them brittle. Were the rods, which were

manufactured in 2008, defective, or were they used in a way that made them go bad? Or both? Is a batch of similar 2010 bolts also problematic? Was the design flawed from the start? Over answer those questions. Meanwhile, the question on

everyone else's mind: Can we trust the agencies that oversaw the cracked-rod construction to admit that their \$6.4 billion world-class wonder isn't safe?

Yes, we can, says Steve Hem-

inger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which organized the Bay Bridge Task Force. Heminger assured me he's not going to allow the bridge to open just to make Caltrans look good — if it's not safe. And he's more than willing to blame Caltrans.

Problem: Heminger told me he didn't know there was a problem until March. His experts didn't know, either.

You can trust Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Brian Kelly, Heminger said, because the state ordered the rods in 2003 and 2004 — long before Kelly showed up.

Quoth Kelly: "I'm not afraid to say that a decision made 10 years ago on supply was wrong."

Problem: Kelly also talked up the "premier review team" of scientists at the top of their field. But these elites didn't protest plans to use bolts that the U.S. Department of Transportation considers to be subject to "brittle failure."

Others exhibit a sort of stuffhappens-nothing-we-can't-handle attitude. "Anytime you have a megaproject," said former Caltrans Director Will Kempton, "you run into issues of this nature. These are things that happen in construction. This bridge is really a one-of-a-kind bridge."

One of a kind — somehow I don't find that reassuring. Uni-

versity of California, Berkeley structural engineering professor Abolhassan Astaneh-Asl believes that the cracked bolts should not have happened, but he believes that the state can fix any problems. "In engineering," he said, "there are always solutions. It's a matter of time, money and quality."

Time is a problem, too. The task force had announced that the new span will open on Labor Day weekend; now maybe it won't. I wonder whether a new panel of experts should sign off before the bridge opens. But a new panel takes time, and Heminger points out that delaying the opening is not a neutral choice. The current eastern span isn't safe. That's why the state is building a new one.

It's time for now-Gov. Jerry Brown to take charge and stop acting as though the Bay Bridge were someone else's problem. He's not responsible for bolts purchased before he took office, nor can he be expected to know about metallurgical issues in bridge construction, but it is his job to make sure the new span doesn't open unless it is safe.

And if he's not willing to go out on that limb, voters have no reason to trust him with the state's \$68 billion high-speed rail project. Brown touted the project as befitting a "land of dreams," but dreams can turn into nightmares if they lack the right bolts.

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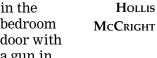
TERRY CAFFEY WITH JAMES H. PENCE

that destroyed a family, restored one man's

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his is a true story that occurred about five years ago, one that strikes at the heart of each family. In one evening, Terry Caffey lost everything, his wife, children and home. In "Terror By Night"

(364.152)CAFT) Terry Caffey awoke to find his daughter's boyfriend standing in the bedroom



a gun in his hand. In less than a heartbeat, the teen opened fire, killing his wife and wounding Terry. Though nearly unconscious, he heard his sons crying upstairs and the sound of more gunfire. The next thing Terry felt was the heat of his burning house. Knowing he couldn't save his family, as he escaped the burning house, he asked God to keep him alive to find

the killers and then let him die. Little did he know what was in store for him. Images of American slavery conjure up cotton plantations and African American slaves locked in bondage until the Civil War. Yet early on in the 19th century, the state of slavery was very different, and the political vicissitudes of the young nation offered diverse possibilities to slaves.

In the century's first two decades, the nation waged war against Britain, Spain and various Indian tribes. Slaves played a role in the military operations, and the different sides viewed them as a potential source of manpower. While surprising numbers did assist the Americans, the wars created opportunities for slaves to find freedom among the Redcoats, the Spaniards or the Indians. In "The Slaves' Gamble:

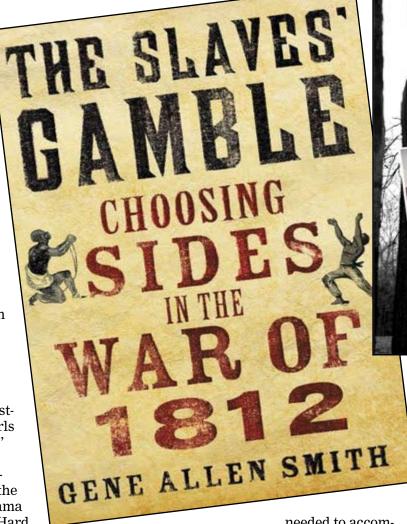
Choosing Sides in the War of 1812" (973.520 SMI G), Gene Allen Smith, professor of History at Texas Christian University, draws on a decade of original research and his curatorial work at the Fort Worth Muse-

um in this fascinating and original narrative history. The way the young nation responded sealed the fate of slaves for the next half century until the Civil War. This drama sheds light on an extraordinary vet little-known chapter in the dark saga of American history.

Now a New York Times Bestseller, "The Girls of Atomic City" (976.873 KIE D) by Denise Kiernan combines the grand-scale drama of "The Worst Hard Times" (978.032 EGA T) and the intimacy of the troubling science of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" (616.027 SKL R). At the height of World War II, Oak Ridge, Ten., was home to 75,000 residents, consuming more electricity than New York City. But to most of the world, the town did not exist. Thousands of civilians – many of them young women from small towns across the South - -were recruited to this secret city, enticed by solid wages and the promise of war-ending work. Kept very much in the dark, few would ever guess the true nature of the tasks they performed each day in the hulking factories in the middle of the Appalachian Mountains. That is, until the end of the war — when Oak Ridge's secret was revealed. Drawing on the voices of the women

who lived it — women who are now in their 80s and 90s, Kiernan?s book rescues a remarkable, forgotten chapter of American history from obscurity. She captures the spirit of the

on his Peru ranch. After many centuries, Zacarias has decided to end it all. He feels that everything he



times through these women: their pluck, their desire to contribute, and their enduring courage. "The Girls of Atomic City" is a lasting and important addition to our country's history.

Here is Christine Feehan's "Dark Predator" (F FEE C), a Carpathian novel, with Zacarias the Executioner as the protagonist. This is the long-awaited story of the oldest of five De La Cruz brothers, Zacarias. Unlike a lot of Feehan's books which roam everywhere, this particular story takes place almost entirely

needed to accomplish for the Carpathian people is done. What he didn't plan on was his life-mate finding him and dragging him out of the sun. Marguarita is his lifemate and cannot speak because of a horrible attack on her throat by a vampire. Due to her inability to talk, Zacarias cannot figure out why this human woman affects him so. While he does not see in colors, he begins to feel things and he initially believes Marguarita may be a mage trying to entrap him. Although there are a couple of serious run-ins with one of the

Malinov brothers, Ruslan, and a random drug lord, almost the entire book is the story of Zacarias and Marguarita coming to terms with each other. It's not an easy time because Marguarita is very

determined and Zacarias is almost completely savage from his long centuries of hunting and of a deadly secret in his past.

The other book is completely opposite in nature: From Dorothy Garlock comes "Sweet Talk" (F GAR D). When FBI agent Grayson Kincaid first encounters Olivia MacKenzie, she makes quite an impression. The beautiful, tough, young attorney has stumbled into the middle of an FBI sting operation and has reduced it to chaos. Months of surveillance

and careful planning

down the drain, Kin-

caid's partner is furious and lets Olivia know that she's ticked off the wrong guy. After all, he's FBI. Olivia isn't intimidated by his partner's bullying because she's something even scarier ... she's IRS. Together they make an excellent team to fight corruption but Olivia is also fighting the immediate and intense attraction she feels for Agent Kincaid, and that may be a battle she is

bound to lose. We are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 until 2; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. You may reach us at 264-2260; fax number is 264-2263. Our website is http:/wtls. tsl.state.tx.us/howardcounty.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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Music For Little Ears

Children's music is experiencing a renaissance through a network of artists, including some who started as rockers but expanded into the kid-friendly genre after becoming parents themselves.





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Area roundup

'Sit a Spell in Post' outdoor art project

POST — The Caprock Cultural Association of Post has extended the deadline for an open call for artists to participate in an art project, "Sit a Spell in Post" until the end of May.

The outdoor art exhibit will literally take art to the streets of Post. The exhibit will be comprised of 14 chairs decorated by area artists using original designs and the medium of their choice to depict some aspect of Post or Garza County. The chairs will be displayed in public spaces throughout the community from August through October.

Each artist chosen will receive \$300, their name will be included on a chair plaque, and they will receive publicity in conjunction with the exhibit."

Professional and emerging artists of all disciplines are invited to submit their concept using a color rendering no larger than 8.5 x 11. There is no entry fee. CCA will provide the chairs to the 14 artists chosen and each will receive a \$300 award. Concept submission should be received by May 30. Email digital renderings to ccarts@poka.com or send hard copy renderings to Caprock Cultural Association, P. O. Box 37, Post, TX 79356.

For more information, call 806-495-4148 or email ccarts@poka.com.

Mensa testing set May 18

MIDLAND — Permian Basin Mensa, the local chapter of the international high IQ society, will offer membership testing to the public in Midland, Texas, on Saturday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

Testing will take place at the Midland County Public Library Centennial Library conference room located at 2503 West Loop 250 North, Midland, Texas.

There is no need to study for the test. A score at or above the 98th percentile qualifies you for an invitation to join Mensa. To take the test, you must be 14 years or older. Any Mensa Candidate who has not yet reached the age of 18 will need the written permission of a parent or guardian. Parental con-

sent forms will be available at the test site.

Pre registration is required, Mensa candidates must acquire a testing voucher from the American Mensa website (Google Mensa voucher) or contact the proctor to make other arrangements to ensure sufficient testing materials. Please bring photo identification.

Testing takes two hours. Call 432-889-6858 for reservations or more information.

Bryan Adams photo exhibit

MARFA — For the past 12 years, musician Bryan Adams has sharpened his skills as a professional photographer by capturing intimate images of friends and colleagues in the entertainment, fashion and art industries.

In October 2012, Adams released a comprehensive retrospective of his photographic work in a book titled, "Exposed." Twenty-nine select images from the book will be on public display at the Marfa Contemporary, as the final stop of a three-city U.S. tour of art venues in Dallas, Oklahoma City and Marfa, Texas.

The exhibition premieres at Marfa Contemporary with a private opening reception Friday, May 31, from 6-8 p.m. and will run through Wednesday, July 31. The show will be free to the public. Bryan Adams "Exposed" will be the third exhibition at Marfa Contemporary since its opening in October 2012.

Portraits in the exhibition include a cross-section of international celebrities and emerging stars such as Danny Trejo, Victoria Beckham, Lindsay Lohan, Amy Winehouse, Mickey Rourke, Natalia Vodianova, Pink, Mick Jagger, Sean Penn, Queen Elizabeth II, Sir Ben Kingsley and South African rave rapper Yo-Landi Visser.

A limited number of the Bryan Adams edition-images and copies of the "Exposed" will be available for sale at Marfa Contemporary.



Courtes

Howard County Road Kill recently participated in a charity bike ride in Ballinger, Texas. The Lions Club of Ballinger hosted the ride, which consisted of a 60K and a 100k ride. The charity was for eye glasses. Pictured from left to right are Sissy Franklin, Odis Franklin, Steve Davenport, Gaylon Knowlton and Craig Ferguson.



Courtesy phot

From left, Ron Alton, Big Spring State Park manager and Craig Felty of Permian Basin Events present a check to Forsan Principal Keith Stone for the Forsan senior scholarship fund. Proceeds are from the 15th Annual Master the Mountain event at the Big Spring State Park April 13.



Courtesy photo

Ann McClarty, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board president, swears in Gail Pittman and Thomas Hodges as new board members during the annual board retreat at Hotel Settles.

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8:30-9:00 Love Bank/Love Busters

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9:45-10:30 Sex in Marriage

10:30-11:00 Q & A and Homework

Trey and Lea Morgan have been working in ministry for the past 25 years. They've hosted countless marriage seminars, retreats and workshops. Trey is the pulpit minister for the Childress Church of Christ in Childress, Texas. He and Lea have four boys, ages 22, 20, 16 & 10.

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This seminar is provided free of charge.

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Susie



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School Honor Band, under the direction of Rocky Harris, received a Distinguished Performance Award at this past weekend's State Wind Ensemble Festival at the University of Texas in Austin.

News in brief

Neighbors: Man in custody helped search for missing Ohio women

CLEVELAND (AP) — In the years after his friend's daughter vanished while walking home from school, Ariel Castro handed out fliers with the 14-year-old's photo and performed music at a fundraiser held in her honor.

When neighbors gathered for a candlelight vigil just a year ago to remember the girl, Castro was there too, comforting the girl's mother.

Castro, just like everyone else in the tight-knit, mostly Puerto Rican neighborhood, seemed shaken by the 2004 disappearance of Gina DeJesus and another teenager who went missing the year before. Now he and his brothers are in custody after a

frantic 911 call led police to his run-down house, where authorities say DeJesus and two other women missing for about a decade were held captive.

No charges have been filed against the men, but they could appear in court as early as Wednesday morning.

Block where 3 missing women found a friendly but careful neighborhood

CLEVELAND (AP) — The block where horror happened has many faces.

On one end, magnificent stained-glass windows rise two stories up a handsome brick church. At the other end, truck bays open into a bleak warehouse. In between are about 20 houses, some tidy, some with boards or broken glass instead of windows. Back yards melt into a block-long cemetery filled with long grass and crooked tombstones.

In the middle of the Seymour Avenue block stands the home where, authorities say, three young women who vanished a decade ago or more were held captive by a school bus driver and his two broth-

What kind of place could hide such a terrible secret for so long? And how? On Tuesday, neighborhood residents described a compact world, friendly but cautious, where people keep their heads down and police don't always protect or serve.

The three women disappeared near this block, which locals call simply "Seymour." It's considered a decent place to live in this poor, largely Puerto Rican section of Cleveland's west side, where stores sell used computers, furniture is rentable, tattoos adorn everyone from teens to grandmas, and you might encounter a pig in a backyard or two.

GOP investigation into Libya assault stokes political controversy with 2016 implications

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans insist the Obama administration is covering up information about last year's deadly assault on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, rejecting administration assurances to the contrary and stoking a controversy with implications for the 2016 presidential race.

Republicans on five House committees are pressing ahead with their own investigations despite an exhaustive independent review that blistered the State Department, more than 25,000 pages of documents sent to Congress and hours of testimony from former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs Chairman Martin Dempsey and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Three State Department witnesses, including the former deputy chief in Libya, are scheduled to testify Wednesday before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee at a session certain to attract attention after recent disclosures from the panel's Republicans.

The hearing is the latest in a long-running and bitter dispute between the administration and con-

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gressional Republicans who have challenged the White House's actions before and after the Benghazi attack.

The scheduled witnesses were Mark Thompson, acting deputy assistant secretary for counterterrorism; Gregory Hicks, the former deputy of mission in Libya; and Eric Nordstrom, a former regional security officer in Libya who testified before the panel in October.

Air Force sidelines 17 ICBM launch officers; commander cites 'rot' within system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force stripped an unprecedented 17 officers of their authority to control — and, if necessary, launch — nuclear missiles after a string of unpublicized failings, including a remarkably dim review of their unit's launch skills. The group's deputy commander said it is suffering "rot" within its ranks.

"We are, in fact, in a crisis right now," the commander, Lt. Col. Jay Folds, wrote in an internal email obtained by The Associated Press and confirmed by the Air Force.

The tip-off to trouble was a March inspection of the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., which earned the equivalent of a "D" grade when tested on its mastery of Minuteman III missile launch operations. In other areas, the officers tested much better, but the group's overall fitness was deemed so tenuous that senior officers at Minot decided, after probing further, that an immediate crackdown was called for.

The Air Force publicly called the inspection a "success."

But in April it quietly removed 17 officers at Minot from the highly sensitive duty of standing 24-hour watch over the Air Force's most powerful nuclear missiles, the intercontinental ballistic missiles that can strike targets across the globe. Inside each underground launch control capsule, two officers stand "alert" at all times, ready to launch an ICBM upon presidential order.

Attorneys: Suspect in Colorado theater shootings will plead not guilty by reason of insanity

DENVER (AP) — The man accused in the deadly Colorado theater shootings wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity, his lawyers said Tuesday, despite their fears that the plea could severely hamper his ability to mount a defense against the death penalty.

James Holmes is charged with more than 160 counts of murder and attempted murder in the July 20 assault on a packed Aurora movie theater that killed 12 and injured 70. Prosecutors announced last month they would seek the death penalty.

Holmes was widely expected to plead insanity given the compelling evidence against him, but his attorneys put it off for weeks, saying state laws on the death penalty and insanity overlap in ways that violate his constitutional rights and his ability to mount an effective defense.

One of their worries: If Holmes doesn't cooperate with doctors who will evaluate his sanity at the state mental hospital, he could be barred from calling witnesses to testify about his mental condition during sentencing. That would make it nearly impossible for his lawyers to use his mental state as an argument against the death penalty.

"If you don't cooperate during the evaluation phase, you lose the right to call witnesses in your

own behalf who could help convince a jury that your life should be spared," said Karen Steinhauser, an adjunct law professor.

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South

there are also difficult ones.

Opening lead — nine of spades.

There are easy hands to play, and

Fortunately, the easy hands far

outnumber the difficult hands.

Because of this, a player's success

depends not so much on his ability to

execute the occasional squeeze, coup

or endplay, but on how well he han-

There is nothing complicated in

the play of today's hand, yet it would

be easy to go astray and fail to make

five clubs. The deal occurred in a

duplicate tournament, and of the 12

dles the run-of-the-mill hands.

Dble

The bidding:

East

Pass

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Fast dealer. Souths who got to five clubs, only East-West vulnerable. two made the contract! **NORTH** The opening lead invariably was the nine of spades. At most tables, South won with the ace and played a trump. East took the ace and returned a spade, which West ruffed, Declarer EAST still had to lose a trick to the diamond

> ace and so went down one. This outcome was avoided at the two tables where South succeeded. Both declarers took the spade lead with dummy's king, cashed the ace of hearts and discarded the ace of spades on it[†]

When South next led a trump, East took the ace and returned a spade, but declarer ruffed high, drew West's last trump and conceded a diamond to finish with 11 tricks.

Certainly the situation demands that declarer win the spade lead in dummy and dispose of his acc of spades, which is a millstone around his neck. But, judging by the 10 declarers who failed, making this play is much easier said than done, since it is highly unusual for a player to discard an ace on an ace.

The key is to train one's self to say at the start of the play of every deal: "What can defeat me?" Since the answer is that only a spade ruff can defeat the contract, declarer should immediately seek a means to counter that possibility.

Tomorrow: Cards always tell a story. ©2013 King Features Syndicate Inc

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

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Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Baseball Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Lub-

bock Cooper, area round - Game 1, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball

 Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Steer Park, area round -Game 2, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Forsan vs. Albany, area round - Game 1, Western Texas College, Snyder, 5 p.m.
- Coahoma vs. Colorado City, area round
- Game 1 (one-game only), Snyder High School field, 6 p.m.

Track

 UIL State Track and Field Meet (through Saturday), Mike A. Myers Stadium, Aus-

SATURDAY

Baseball

- Howard College vs. Grayson College, Game 1 - Region V tourney, AirHogs Stadium, Grand Prairie, 8 p.m.
- Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Lubbock Cooper, area round - Game 3 (if necessary), 1 p.m.

Softball

 Forsan vs. Albany, area round - Game 2 Abilene High School, 1 p.m. Game 3 (if necessary) at 3 p.m.

NOTE:

 Forsan baseball will meet Borden County in the area round, but the initial time/place has been cancelled due to testing and other sports activities running concurrently. Further details will be made available soon.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



Coahoma's junior high tennis squads were chock full of winners at the recent District 4-2A meet including (clockwise from top left): Julio Cuba and Makayla Overton (1st, 7th Mixed Doubles); Tyler Martin and Annie Chandler (1st, 8th Mixed Doubles); Austin Sosa (1st, 8th boy's singles); Sidnie Gilbert (1st, 7th girls singles).





Miscues doom Rangers in 6-3 loss to Brewers

couple of catchable balls in the first inning led to a rare losing streak for Texas.

Yuniesky Betancourt's eighth homer of the season capped a five-run first inning Tuesday night and the Milwaukee Brewers snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 6-3 victory over the Rangers.

Aramis Ramirez also homered for the first time this

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A year and NL batting leader Carlos Gomez added a two-run double for Milwaukee, which rebounded from a four-game sweep by visiting St. Louis last weekend.

> "We really shouldn't have been in that (5-0) hole," Texas manager Ron Washington

> Mitch Moreland homered for the Rangers, who lost consecutive games for the third time this year. They also lost their

season-high fourth straight on bad ones. It was a little frusthe road.

Justin Grimm (2-2) gave up five earned runs on eight hits in five innings after entering the game with a total of six earned runs allowed this year. The right-hander struck out seven and walked three.

"(The first inning) was long. Too long," Grimm said. "Balls were finding grass and not gloves. I made a couple of good pitches and I made a couple of trating. It was just that one in-

ning there." After back-to-back singles by Norichika Aoki and Jean Segura in the first, Ryan Braun drove in Milwaukee's first run with a single over the head of Nelson Cruz in right field.

"Cruz thought he was closer to the wall," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

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Rodman to Kim: 'Do me a

Local briefs

BSHS Sports Banquet set for May 21

The Big Spring High School boys and girls sports banquet will be held Tuesday, May 21 in the BSHS cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through the athletic office at the ATC, Mrs. Stuteville, Ms. Trammell or Coach Warren for \$10 apiece. A full meal is included. For more information, call 264-

Country Club to host **Parent-Child** tournament

The Big Spring Cointry Club will hold a 2-person scramble format, parent-child tournament June 1-2. Play will begin with a shotgun start Saturday at 9 a.m. And 1 p.m. on Sunday.

the open division and \$50 for the trophy division. Plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. Divisions will be flighted by first day score. A parent may play with more than one child. Entry fees for a second team are half-price.

Barbeque will be served on the course Saturday. Prizes in the form of pro shop gift certificates will be awarded.

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Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at BSCC.

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try Club with a shootout begin-

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To register, call the pro shop at 267-5354 or the chamber at 263-

hard labor in the North. "I'm calling on the Supreme Leader of North Korea or as I call him 'Kim', to do me a solid

and cut Kenneth Bae loose," Rodman said on Twitter.

He later called the tweet a direct response to a Seattle Times editorial that dared him to ask Kim for the release if the two are really bud-

Rodman visited North

solid' and free American SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Former NBA star Dennis Rodman

Korea in February and sat next to Kim as they watched an exhibition is tapping his friendbasketball game. His ship with North Korean trip came at a time of leader Kim Jong Un to high tension between ask for the release of a Pyongyang and Wash-Korean-American man ington and was not ensentenced to 15 years of dorsed by the U.S. State Department.

Bae is a tour operator who was arrested in North Korea in November. The North's Supreme Court sentenced him last week for unspecified "hostile acts" against the state.

In a Foreign Ministry statement on Sunday, North Korea said the 44-year-old Washington state man entered the country with a disguised identity.

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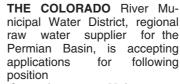
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Estate of James Oliver Murphy, Jr. c/o James Kevin Murphy 501 Edwards

Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 6th day of May, 2013. Shonda K. Folsom Attorney for the Estate of James Oliver Murphy, Jr. State Bar No. 24066591 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)264-1800 Facsimile: (432)264-0785.

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Starkville, Mississippi, 39760 DATED the 6th day of May, 2013. Shonda K. Folsom Attorney for the Estate of Charles R. Campanella State Bar No. 24066591 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)264-1800 Facsimile: (432)264-0785. #7771 May 8, 2013

New Moon Eve

The moon moves into Taurus early in the day, breaking the spell of yesterday's hazy void-ofcourse lunar energy. Tomorrow brings new moon and the first solar eclipse of the year. It will be an exceptionally

lucky starting date, so if you've been planning a project or an improvement effort, consider calling tomorrow

"Day One."

HOLIDAY **MATHIS**

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll benefit knowing from motives of others, and you'll easily figure them out now, too, especially if that someone is a child or seems to have the emotional maturity level

of a child. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Of course you know what bothers you, but your expertise will pale

in comparison to that of a 22-Dec. 21). This is the this year. I would certain person who seems

Tomorrow's Horoscope

to thrive on finding new ways to drive you crazy.

GEMINI (May 21-June An overlap of interests will influence your love life now. Money, work, romance, power, status, family matters and more will play into the action somehow. You'll keep a head clear and compartmentalize when necessary.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Passion isn't dead; it's just sleeping. Enjoy the cooling-off period while it lasts. This is what's needed to recharge your energy. Work and relationships will thrive again once you've rested.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Act on your moneymaking ideas, especially if they involve an open invitation to the general public. You have special luck in matters of publicity and reputation. People want to be around your upbeat

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You won't be deterred by the complexities of romance. The best things in life are a bit messy. Expecting things to be otherwise is naive. You have the gumption to hang in there and try harder to make it work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The time you spend following your curiosity the be best investment of the day. It good makes for conversation, which is an absolutely free pastime that will lead to good fortune in many areas of

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are likely to get mentally swept off your feet by someone who strikes a chord in your heart. You'll try to cover this up to the best of your ability. though, recognizing the benefit of privacy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

best day of the week to physically touch base, exchange information and demonstrate your genuine interest in others. People will open up to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Spending more than you earn creates problems, even if it's just a little more. You'll keep the balance in check. This has to do with both money and more subtle systems of exchange between people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll encounter traffic jam-like situations that feel hopeless as they inch along. Movement, even if it's only a few inches at a time, is still movement. Relax and listen to life's music. You'll eventually get where you want to go.

20). You'll make friends easily. What will you do together? Investigate the goings on in your community. The best outings do not require you to spend a lot of money.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 8). Introductions this month bring luck. most lucrative Your times are now, July and December. The encouragement and support you give others will boomerang back to you as you apply yourself to a big project in June.

affection someone special grows through November, and 2014 brings commitment. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers

are: 3, 5, 42, 38 and 20. **ASTROLOGICAL** QUESTIONS: "I'm a 17-

year-old Taurus with a crush. The guy I like is a Capricorn, and he's 23. You always say that two earth signs are good together. Is there any chance for us? If so, how can I get his attention?"

I don't advise it for you

encourage you to channel your energy elsewhere for instance, into an academic goal, a creative project or a team sport. While it's true that earth signs can be compatible, you are at a time in your life when you need to develop yourself as a person before you can be happy truly relationships. Here's a paradox weird that happens: The more time you spend developing your interests outside of guys the more attractive you will be when you are ready to explore the world of relationships. You'll have confidence, things to talk about and the independent spirit absolutely that is irresistible to a quality date.

Of course, it is nearly PISCES (Feb. 19-March impossible for a Taurus to stop crushing on someone. Your determination tenacity will have your thoughts habitually turning to him for a while, but filling your time with adventures and aims will lessen the intensity of your crush, and eventually, you'll different have a perspective.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Taurus Enrique Iglesias shows off the mad-hot vocal skills his sign is famous for with songs that keep a crowd on the dance floor. The crossover superstar is recording songs for his 10th studio album and is intent on providing his fans all over the world with a fresh sound. Born under a fiery Aries moon, Iglesias is sure to turn up the heat with whatever style he chooses.

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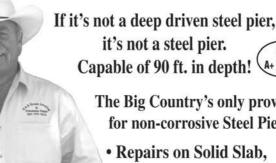
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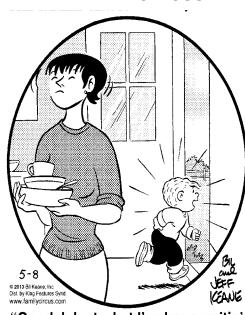
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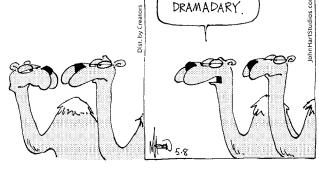




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Today's Highlight History: On May 8, 1945, President

Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe.'

On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier (lah-vwahz-YAY'), the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born in Lamar,

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1921, Sweden's Parliament voted to abolish the death pen-

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru. In 1962, the musical comedy

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway. In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had

ordered the mining of Haiphong

Harbor during the Vietnam

War. In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for ten weeks surren-

In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In 1988, science-fiction author

Robert A. Heinlein died in Carmel, Calif., at age 80.

In 1993, the Muslim-led government of Bosnia-Herzegovina and rebel Bosnian Serbs signed an agreement for a nationwide cease-fire.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 87. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 87. Singer Toni Tennille is 73. Actor James Mitchum is 72. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 71. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 68. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 62. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 62. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 60. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 60. Actor David Keith is 59. Actor Stephen Furst is 59. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 49. Country musician Del Gray is 45. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 41. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 38. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 35. Actress Julia Whelan (WAY'-lan) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done, and why. Then do it." — Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988).

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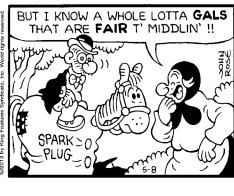
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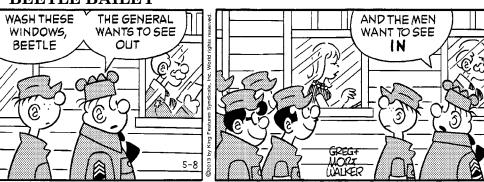








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The duo of Preslie Smithie and Jori Hanlan (top left) won first place in the 7th grade girl's doubles division recently at the District 4-2A track meet. The Coahoma 7th grade players (top right) nabbed the team title.

RANGERS

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"He jumped a little too soon and didn't come up with the ball.'

But because Segura thought Cruz was going to catch the ball near the warning track, he was headed back to first when he saw Braun rounding the base for what turned out to be a long single.

Segura's mistake did not cost his team, how-

One by leftfielder David Murphy later in the inning did.

With two outs, Gomez blooped a two-run double to left-center. Murphy got a bad break on the fly ball hit to his left, and then it bounced passed him as he ran toward it.

"I lost it," Murphy said. "I don't know exactly what I lost it in. I tried to change direction just because I was unsure where the ball was. I slipped. I picked it up again. I went after it, and then I lost it again in the window or whatever that is up above the seats (behind home plate). It was an unfortunate play."

Betancourt followed with his two-run homer, also to left-center, to give Milwaukee a 5-0 lead.

He leads the Brewers with eight homers after hitting seven last sea-

son.

"Leave the ball on home plate and I swing," Milwaukee first baseman said.

Texas got its first run in the second when Moreland hit his fifth homer, a solo shot to

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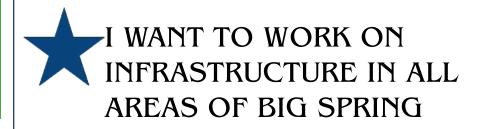
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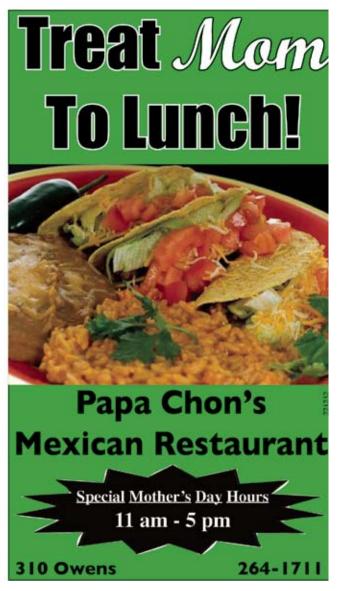
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