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Mom's gift guide: shrubs, flowers, trees and advice

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

Need a quick but lasting gift for Mother's Day? Look no further than the Green Thumb Cottage.

The Cottage, located at 1604 W. Fourth Street in Big Spring, is home of the Howard County Master Gardeners, who will be holding their annual spring sale this weekend.

Time and date for the event is 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday.

"We know people are busy, and sometimes Mother's Day can sneak up on them. We also know a potted plant or a tree that will keep on living and giving is one of the best gifts we can give that special mom," said Julie Coates, the organization's president.

Available at the sale will be trees, shrubs, roses, vines, perennials and annuals — many

of which are drought tolerant and heat tolerant.

"We are offering the perfect location to find the perfect gift, Coates said. "It's also the perfect place to find plants for spring planting."

Master Gardeners are experienced in knowing exactly what plants grow best in the Howard County area. They've even published a slick, soft-cover book, "Landscape Guide"

which lists 120 plants that perform well in the Howard County area.

"Residents of Howard County ... experience limited rainfall, hot summers, intense sunshine, constant breezes, regularly occurring windstorms, variations in soil and mineral-laden water. It is not a gardening paradise,

What: Spring plant sale

Where: Green Thumb Cottage, 1604 W. Fourth in Big Spring

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

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Shoppers pick up some sturdy plants and other items during a Howard County Master Gardeners spring sale. This year's sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the organization's cottage on Fourth Street.

HERALD file photo

'Share the Road' puts emphasis on cycle safety

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation say increased awareness and caution from Lone Star motorists has contributed to a decline in motorcycle-related traffic fatalities.

According to TxDOT statistics released this month — which is recognized as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month — 460 people died on Texas roadways while riding motorcycles and scooters, down considerably from the 2011 total.

"In 2011, that number was 488," Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director, said. "The 6.1 percent decrease may be attributed to an increase in helmet use and heightened awareness by other motor-

ists through TxDOT lead-campaigns, such as Share the Road. The numbers are trending in the right direction, yet we still have more work to do to save more lives in 2013."

As Texas roadways become increasingly crowded, TxDOT is asking drivers to "Share the Road" and "Look Twice" during National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The campaign is aimed at car and truck drivers who often report a lack of visibility as the reason for crashes and near-misses involving cyclists.

"Safety should be everyone's primary concern when sharing the road with other drivers," Wilson said. "Motorcyclists are not only some

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Courtesy photo/Texas Department of Transportation

Officials with TxDOT say the number of motorcycle traffic fatalities fell in 2012, attributing the drop to increased awareness by motorists and an increase in helmet use. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state and the annual kick off of the agency's Share the Road campaign.

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Sales tax revenue indicates increase

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Several area towns saw their sales tax receipts increase in April compared to the same time last year.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reported Wednesday

that statewide sales tax revenue in April was \$2.15 billion, up 3.9 percent to April 2012.

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive allocations totaling \$668.5

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Graduations

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold an awards ceremony at 7

p.m. today and graduation at 10 a.m. Friday in the activity center on campus.

Howard College nursing program has a pinning ceremony at 6 p.m. today in the coliseum and a dental hygiene ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday at Hall Center for the Arts.

Howard College will hold graduation at 7 p.m. Friday in Garrett Coliseum.

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Obituaries

Alvin L. Smith



Alvin L. Smith, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gail Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013, at the funeral home.

Alvin was born April 28, 1922, in O'Donnell, Texas, and married Opal Howell on Feb. 17, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. She preceded him in death Sept. 23, 1989.

He was a longtime resident of Borden County and retired from the county maintenance crew in 1987. He loved supporting different community events like the FFA stock shows. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a corporal in the United States Army Air Corps and was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring.

Survivors include one son, Chipper Smith and wife Danine of Big Spring; three grandsons, Joshua Smith, Samuel Smith and Conner Martinez, all of Big Spring; three brothers, Leovid Smith of Odessa and J.A. Smith and Everett "Sonny" Smith, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Harlene "Velma" Knowlton and Marie "Missie" Pounds, both of Big Spring and Lola Mae Foster and husband Leo of Duncan, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, Jess and Lola (Howell) Smith; three brothers, L.D. "Bud" Smith, Lee Smith and R.A. Smith; and one sister, Eeaulah Foster.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720; or to his grandson's college fund, c/o Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union, 503 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Opal Jean Magers



Opal Jean Magers, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 4, 2013, at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home in Colorado City. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor William T. Vaughn of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and Pastor

Holston Banks of Shiloh House of Praise officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 5, 1932, in Spur, Texas, to Mary and Matthew Scott. She married Ellihue Magers on June 5, 1955, in San Angelo, Texas. He preceded her in death July 7, 2006. She worked as a cook at the Big Spring State Hospital and Scenic Mountain Medical Center before retiring.

She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. She is survived by six children, Eugene Scott of Big Spring, Sandra Magers of Charlotte, N.C., Rose Magers Powell of Huntsville, Ala., James Magers of Big Spring, Linda Magers of Tampa, Fla. and Nannie Lee Magers of Tuskofoe, Ala.; one brother, Matthew Scott of Corinth, Texas; one sister, Lilly Josey of San Angelo, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, John Magers; and a daughter, Lena Magers.

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

Jim Deel

Jim Deel, 44, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013, at the funeral home.

Jim was born Oct. 14, 1968, in Big Spring to Darrell Deel and Wanda Welch Deel.

He is survived by his three children, Lindsey Deel, Raegan Deel and Shane Deel; his parents, Darrell and Wanda Deel; two sisters, Teresa Rangel and Pam Karwedsky; and the mother of his children, Jolene Bricker, all of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Lyna Faye Horton



Lyna Faye Horton, 89, of Waco, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 8, 2013, in a Waco nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Birthright, Texas, and married James R. Horton on June 28, 1945, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1987.

Lyna attended Elbow schools and graduated from Forsan High School in 1942. She was a member of Baptist Temple, a lifetime member of the DAV Auxiliary, a member of Scenic Mountain volunteers since 1988 and active with RSVP and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include her son, Kirby Horton and wife Jan of Waco; a granddaughter; great-grandchildren; one sister, Raenita Ernest and husband Joe of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Ray and Lucille (Withrow) Dunlap; a great-grandson; and three brothers, J.C. Dunlap, Foy Dunlap and Ray Dunlap.

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

Police blotter

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

- CHELSEA KRISTYNE MILLSPAUGH, 26, of 213 Circle Dr., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 4200 block of Wasson Road.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Washington Blvd.
- HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of S. Nolan.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOSHUA SMITH, 28, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Sterling County warrant for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- CHARLES PAT FERLITO III, 29, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Sterling County warrant for public intoxication.
- NEAL LAVEL SAMPLE, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to appear – evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- ANTONIO JARROD MOORE, 23, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a Falls County warrant for non-payment of child support.
- CODY JAMES CALHOUN, 21, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of

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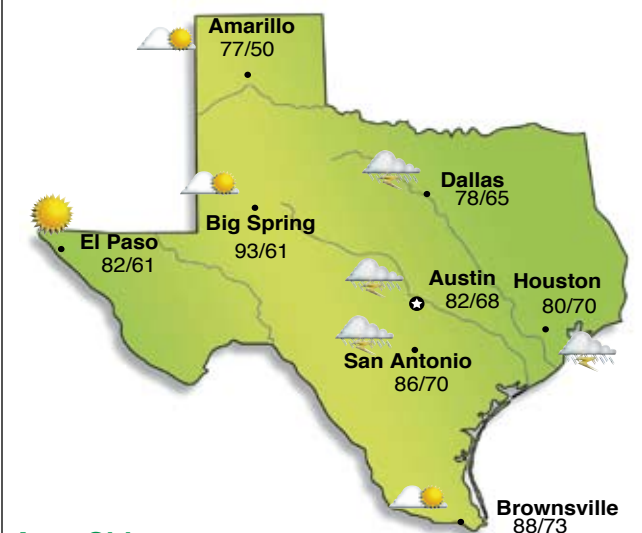
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 5/10	Sat 5/11	Sun 5/12
93/61 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Hot. High 93F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.	75/58 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	79/52 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	61	t-storm	Kingsville	89	73	cloudy
Amarillo	77	50	pt sunny	Livingston	81	66	t-storm
Austin	82	68	t-storm	Longview	79	64	t-storm
Beaumont	78	69	t-storm	Lubbock	84	52	mst sunny
Brownsville	88	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	68	t-storm
Brownwood	83	63	t-storm	Midland	91	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	84	74	cloudy	Raymondville	91	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	64	t-storm	Rosenberg	80	70	t-storm
Dallas	78	65	t-storm	San Antonio	86	70	t-storm
Del Rio	94	71	t-storm	San Marcos	83	69	t-storm
El Paso	82	61	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	63	t-storm
Fort Stockton	91	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	87	59	pt sunny
Gainesville	77	60	t-storm	Tyler	79	65	t-storm
Greenville	77	61	t-storm	Weatherford	76	62	t-storm
Houston	80	70	t-storm	Wichita Falls	85	60	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	61	mst sunny	Minneapolis	59	41	rain
Boston	67	53	rain	New York	66	57	t-storm
Chicago	67	47	rain	Phoenix	83	63	mst sunny
Dallas	78	65	t-storm	San Francisco	62	52	pt sunny
Denver	56	41	t-storm	Seattle	78	53	sunny
Houston	80	70	t-storm	St. Louis	76	60	rain
Los Angeles	70	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	79	61	t-storm
Miami	87	73	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 5/10	Sat 5/11	Sun 5/12
10	8	10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

Martin Luther King Blvd. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Duke. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

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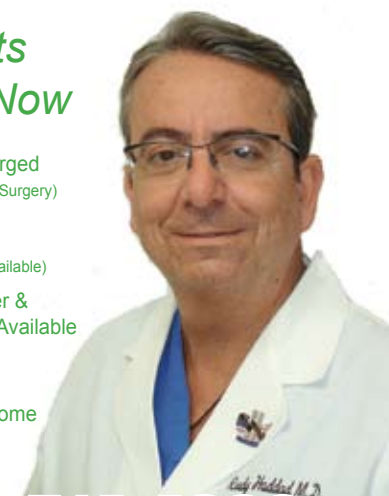
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Take Note

• The Big Spring High School boys and girls sports banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the high school from Mrs. Stuteville, Ms. Trammell, Coach Warren or at the ATC from Mrs. Cook. Tickets are \$10 each and include the meal.

• 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 working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around

your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

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

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

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

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

• 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 non-profit 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.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child

support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for information.

SALE

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but one can nevertheless produce lovely gardens and landscapes armed with a little advice," the book reads.

Master Gardeners will be available at the Cottage on Saturday to answer any questions the public might have, and to help chose "the perfect plant."

Anyone interested in becoming a certified Master Gardener can also gain information at the sale. Informa-

tion on upcoming classes on rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation and making an outdoor plant chair will be available.

The Cottage is located between Brown and Jones streets.

"Everyone, including moms, will

find plants for their own yards and gardens at the sale," Coates said.

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ROAD

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of our most vulnerable drivers, but they often can be more difficult to see than other vehicles. We ask that car and truck drivers always pay extra attention to their mirrors and blind spots, use signals when changing lanes and give plenty of space to motorcyclists."

According to a survey conducted by Texas A&M Transportation In-

stitute, more than half of motorcycle crashes last year involved another driver who reportedly never saw the motorcyclist.

"The campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and when changing lanes, the two places where serious motorcycle collisions commonly occur," Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Chris Glenn said. "Because motorcycles have a much smaller profile

than other vehicles, it can be difficult for drivers to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle. As a result, drivers involved in crashes with motorcycles say they never saw the motorcyclist and were unable to react in time to prevent the crash."

While Glenn urges area motorists to keep a vigilant eye out for motorcycles, it's also up to area riders to take precautions when they hit the road.

"It's important for motorcyclists to know the state's helmet law," Glenn said. "All riders under the age of 21 are required to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle. Riders over 21 may ride without a helmet only if they have completed a safety course or are covered by an applicable insurance plan."

"It's not just one group's responsibility to share the road. It's every motorist's responsibility, no matter what

you drive. We can help bring down the number of motorcycle fatalities if everyone follows these tips and makes a real effort."

Data also showed in 2012, 89 percent of motorcycle crashes resulted in the death or injury of the motorcyclist; 53 percent of motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes were not wearing helmets; and Texas motorcycle deaths were higher in urban areas than rural ones.

"In fact, 44 percent of

motorcyclists who lost their lives were riding in rural areas, while 56 percent died in cities," Wilson added.

As part of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, TxDOT's Share the Road campaign will appear on statewide billboards, television and radio ads and community events across the state, Wilson said.

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REVENUE

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million in May, a 5.6 percent increase from the same time last year.

"Sales tax collections were up in a range of sectors from construction and manufacturing to restaurants," Combs said in a news release. "As expected, the rate of growth in state sales tax revenue is moderating compared to double-digit growth rates we recently experienced."

In Howard County, the city of Big Spring will receive a sales tax allocation of \$837,062 in May, an increase of 10.56 percent from the same time last year. The

city has received \$3.74 million in sales tax allocations so far this year, a 22.05 increase from the same period in 2012.

However, both Coahoma and Forsan will receive smaller allocations compared to last year. Coahoma will receive \$19,411, down 32.5 percent from last May, while Forsan will receive \$11,993, down 43.5 percent from the same

time last year. Coahoma's 2013 allocations to date are up 2.42 percent from the same period in 2012, while Forsan's is down 30.56 percent.

Other area towns' May allocations include:

- Stanton — \$67,822, up 36 percent from the same time last year.
- Andrews — \$569,876, up 3.53 from May 2012.
- Snyder — \$292,437, up 1.5 percent from May

2012.

- Midland — \$5.1 million, up 3.90 percent from the same time last year.
- Odessa — \$3.71 million, up 6.73 percent from May 2012.
- Abilene — \$3.84 million, down 1.26 percent from May 2012.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Revive plans to finance water projects

Death by parliamentary procedure. In the Texas House last week, that was the unfortunate fate that befell the proposal to use \$2 billion from the rainy day fund to finance water projects.

All is not quite lost, not yet. Resurrection is possible if enough House members are willing to practice a little legislative CPR and revive a plan the state can ill afford to do without.

We won't spend much time revisiting the House rule violation that killed the proposal. But House rules are House rules, and in the water fund's case, a proposal to rally tea party support for the plan broke a deadline on when lawmakers can consider particular pieces of legislation.

The sorry episode began in March when House members voted 146-2 to create the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas. Under the approved legislation, the State Water Development Board would administer \$2 billion to be withdrawn from the rainy day fund to create a low-interest loan program that would help state and local entities finance reservoirs, pipelines, desalination plants, and water reuse and conservation efforts over the next 50 years.

According to the State Water Plan, a growing population will increase demand for water by 22 percent by 2060 while the state's water supplies will decrease 10 percent as aquifers become depleted and existing reservoirs lose capacity due to sedimentation. Failure to address the state's growing water needs could cost Texas economically; hundreds of thousands of Texans could lose their jobs.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus back the creation of a water fund, and the March vote seemed to indicate overwhelming support for the proposal among lawmakers.

But a separate vote on a different bill was needed to withdraw money from the rainy day fund, and that bill, debated last week, required at least 100 House members out of 150 — two-thirds — to vote yes. The rainy day fund, thanks to a boom in sales taxes collected on oil and gas production, is projected to reach \$12 billion by the end of fiscal 2015, the second of the two fiscal years the Legislature is budgeting this session.

The 55 Democrats in the House support the water fund, but they don't want to finance water projects if it means cutting education. The rainy day fund should be used to support both water and education, they argue. We agree.

Many of the 95 Republicans in the House, meanwhile, owe their seats to tea party voters who oppose taking money from the rainy day fund, even though the money would be paid back by borrowers and the bill creating it requires an independent audit and includes other provisions designed to avoid the same problems and accusations of cronyism that have plagued the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and Perry's Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund.

The influential Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank, also opposes dipping into the fund to pay for water.

Here's where the water fund met its apparent, and we hope temporary, demise. Republican state Rep. Brandon Creighton of Conroe proposed an amendment to pay for the water plan with money from the general revenue fund rather than the rainy day fund if the plan failed to win two-thirds support. Approval of Creighton's amendment would have required only a simple majority rather than two-thirds, but this amendment would have had to be balanced by cutting education, public safety, health care and other state programs to pay for water.

Though Republican state Rep. Allan Ritter of Nederland, the primary author of the legislation creating the state water fund, said his measure appears “doorknob dead,” the proposal could return.

One possibility: State senators passed a resolution that would put the proposal to use \$2 billion from the rainy day fund to create the water loan program before voters as a constitutional amendment to be approved or rejected in November. It's a path forward for the House.

— Austin American-Statesman

Hunting down the deadly

It seems so obvious: If we do a comprehensive study of domestic terrorists, assassins, school shooters and violent stalkers, we can come up with a “profile” of who they are. Then law enforcement can look for the people who fit that profile and stop them.

If only it were that easy.

Robert A. Fein is a forensic and national security psychologist. He has pioneered in the field of threat assessment. He worked for more than 20 years with the Secret Service and co-directed two major studies, one focusing on assassination and the other on school attacks. He left the Secret Service about 10 years ago and is now on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the Harvard Medical School.

“Early in the 1990s, my colleague, Secret Service Agent Bryan Vossekuil, and I were asked to do an operational study of assassination,” he told me, “a study that might help Secret Service agents prevent attacks on those it protects.

“We studied 83 persons involved in 74 attacks and near-attacks from 1949 to 1996. We interviewed 20 of them. Their targets were persons of prominent public status: presidents, other Secret Service protectees, governors, major Hollywood stars, even baseball players.”

Fein and Vossekuil talked to people whom history has forgotten and some whom it may never forget, like Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated Robert Kennedy in 1968. But did these killers and would-be killers have common demographic backgrounds or psychological traits that could lead to a “profile” that law enforcement could use?

No. “For many years, people thought perhaps we could find a profile of assassins, attackers, school shooters,” Fein

said. “After Columbine, many thought that there was a ‘profile’ of a school shooter: a depressed, alienated, male teenager.”

But there was no profile. Fein and Vossekuil found shooters who did well in school and others who did poorly. Some had friends; others did not. Some had disciplinary problems, and others didn't.

“When we teach this (to law enforcement agents),” Fein said, “we say that there is no descriptive, demographic or psychological profile of a school shooter. But let's just imagine that there is a profile. The profile is of a Caucasian male between 14 and 17 who dresses in clothes that grown-ups think are a bit weird, who is not doing well in school, who is grumpy much of the time, and who has problems in his social relationships.

Does anyone know a kid like that?”

Yeah, just about everyone.

“So, if there was a profile — and there is not — the profile would not be useful in identifying potential school shooters because so many kids would fit the profile,” Fein said. “And very, very few of these kids would ever be a school shooter.”

The same dynamic is true for other killers. “Too many persons fit any profile of assassins and terrorists for a profile to be useful in figuring out who is likely to act,” Fein said. “Plus, a given assassin or terrorist may not fit a profile.”

All presidential assassins have been male, for example. But in 1975 both Lynette Fromme and Sara Jane Moore, two women, broke the “profile” by attacking Gerald Ford in separate assaults. An assassination profile would not have identified them in advance.

Threat assessment, on the other hand, searches for “pre-attack” behaviors of people who have come to the attention of law enforcement.

According to Fein, pre-attack behaviors by potential assassins or terrorists might include making efforts to find out where a target is or might be, deciding

what kind of weapon to use, obtaining weapons, investigating what kinds of security might be present at a site where a target might be and deciding whether or not to try to escape.

If some of this seems obvious, some of it is. But it also has proven effective, though Fein hastens to add that threat assessment does not “predict” future violence, which is notoriously difficult to predict. What it does do is assess how far a person is down a pathway to violence.

In terms of domestic terrorism, a person who has extreme ideas will not necessarily ever act on them. “But if someone engages in pre-attack behavior, such as researching how to make a bomb, concern might grow,” Fein said. “If the person tries then to buy ball bearings, concern would be increased because it appears that they are moving on a path toward mounting an attack.”

Another threat assessment expert I interviewed who has worked with high government security agencies for many years told me: “We will never have enough agents to watch everyone who makes threats on the president. This was especially true during the administration of George W. Bush and now is true during the administration of Barack Obama. Threat assessment allows us to identify the ones to be most worried about.”

The same is true for bombers and other terrorists.

“We have encouraged protectors and investigators to examine a subject's motives and planning capacity,” Fein said. “Is there information that suggests a person is on a path to attack? If so, where is the person on the path? How fast is he or she moving? And what needs to be done to stop them?”

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Biggest healthcare breakthrough

A 180-degree change in how doctors and hospital administrators think about germs is likely to almost eliminate the biggest risk of being hospitalized: getting an infection.

Until now, doctors and hospital administrators routinely dismissed questions about cleanliness by saying “germs are everywhere.” But at last week's meeting of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiologists of America in Atlanta, the focus was on making patients' rooms germ-free by testing for bacteria after cleaning and using ultra-violet light and room fogging machines.

Finally, the medical community is acknowledging that inadequately cleaned rooms and equipment are to blame for infections and doing something about it. “There's been a complete turnaround,” says Dr. Curtis Donskey from the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

In 1970, when antibiotics cured most hospital infections, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Hospital Association advised hospitals to stop testing surfaces for bacteria. Visually clean was enough.

To this day, most hospitals don't test, even in operating rooms, and neither does the Joint Commission that accredits U.S. hospitals.

Patients have no control over which room they're assigned, but it's the biggest predictor of

who picks up a hospital germ such as VRE (vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus), according to Tufts University researchers. A germ from one patient lingers on a bedrail or other object for even two weeks and then is picked up on the hands of a doctor treating another patient — a deadly chain reaction. Even when doctors and nurses clean their hands, they become re-contaminated seconds after washing — as soon as they touch a keyboard, bedrail or other bacteria-laden object.

The deadly HIV virus is easy to kill on surfaces. But the most prevalent hospital infection, Clostridium difficile or C. diff, has a hard shell that makes it toughest to kill. Dr. Robert Orenstein of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., reduced C. diff by 80 percent by wiping surfaces around the patient's bed daily with bleach and testing surfaces regularly to guard against the biggest challenge — human oversight.

Human error is prompting the development of automated disinfection devices.

Bleach wipes work better than these options, but only if cleaning is thorough. It usually isn't. A 2007 survey of hospitals from Washington, D.C., to Boston showed that cleaners overlooked half the objects.

Ultra-violet disinfection devices, being adopted by hundreds of hospitals, are effective wherever the light hit directly, but less so going around beds or corners. Hydrogen peroxide vapor machines, also being rapidly adopted, fill the room evenly with a germ killing fog, regardless of corners or angles, but require a dedicated operator and sealing the room for at least a half hour.

Another alternative likely to be on the market soon uses peracetic-acid, which sterilizes the room without leaving it wet. Still another, silver-based Steriplex, kills even C. diff without being toxic. The Huntsman Cancer Hospital in Utah reports zero infections in a bone marrow transplant unit during a three-month trial using Steriplex.

Some doctors at the Atlanta meeting predict it will take five years for the Joint Commission to decide how hospitals should test surfaces and whether machines are cost-effective. Five years — another 500,000 deaths at current rates.

How much more evidence is needed to prove that a clean room is better than a dirty one?

The Atlanta meeting also showcased a new study that will likely change how hospitals are constructed or renovated. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and two other hospitals found that outfitting intensive care units with copper bedrails, overbed tables, IV poles, computer mice and other frequently touched surfaces cut infection rates by more than half. Copper continuously kills bacteria before they can contaminate caregivers' hands. The scientists called the findings “far reaching.”

Betsy McCaughey is a former lieutenant governor of New York, founder of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths and the author of “Beating Obamacare.” Visit www.betsymccaughey.com. To find out more about Betsy McCaughey and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.



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New officers for the Sands chapter of the Future Farmers of America are (back row, left to right) Sloan Shaw, treasurer, Jerad Staggs, secretary, Colby Latimer, president and Will McMorris (Vice-President); (front row, left to right) Reagan Hamlin, reporter and Trevor Blagrove, sentinel.



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Outgoing officers for the Sands chapter of the Future Farmers of America are (back row, left to right) Zane Parker, reporter, Jerad Staggs, treasurer, Will McMorris, secretary and Sloan Shaw, sentinel; (front row, left to right) Callie McMorris, vice-president, Angelica Diaz, president.

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 ccart@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 ccart@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 consent 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 will be available for sale.

Support groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Edu-

cation Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at

Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at

the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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Texas news in brief

House approves guns in cars on college campuses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has approved a bill allowing students with proper licenses to keep guns in their cars on college campuses. Passed by a voice vote Wednesday night, the measure was previously approved 27-4 in the state Senate last week. It still must clear a final, procedural hurdle in the House.

The bill sparked more debate in the upper chamber and passed only after Democrats received assurances it wouldn't be expanded to allowing carrying guns on campus. But a separate measure permitting that was approved in the House last weekend.

Under current law, universities can post a sign prohibiting guns like any private property owner. The bill would override that.

Supporters noted that it simply extends to students a right faculty and staff members, and others on campus, already have.

Thursday marks deadline for bills to pass chambers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lawmakers have until midnight to pass their bills out the Texas House and Senate.

The Thursday deadline means hundreds of proposed laws will die. Beginning Friday, the House can only vote on Senate bills and the Senate can only vote on House bills.

The Texas Legislature only has 19 days left before it adjourns. Unless Texas Gov. Rick Perry calls lawmakers back for a special session.

Lawmakers only have to pass one bill, and that's the state's two-year budget. But Perry says that unless the Legislature sends him \$1.8 billion in tax cuts, he won't sign their budget.

Perry would then have to call a special session this summer. He is also expected to call lawmakers back next year if the Texas Supreme Court rules the school finance system unconstitutional.

Texas troopers arrest gay rights protesters

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers have arrested five gay rights protesters after they blocked traffic in front of the state Capitol to demand equal rights.

A dozen demonstrators screamed, "End discrimination now," on Wednesday.

The group Get Equal wants Texas to pass a law making it illegal to discriminate against someone for being gay or transsexual in the workplace. Under current Texas law, employers may fire someone based on their sexual orientation or deny them health benefits.

Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte has introduced Senate Bill 237 to ban workplace discrimination, but conservative Republicans have blocked the measure. If the Senate does not take up the bill by Thursday, it will not be considered again this year.

Troopers arrested three protesters from the group when they occupied a lawmaker's offices last week.

Judge rules for cheerleaders in Bible banner suit

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge ruled Wednesday that cheerleaders at a Southeast Texas high school can display banners emblazoned with Bible verses at football games.

But the ruling might not have settled the issue of whether the banners are protected free speech, according to an attorney for the cheerleaders' school district.

State District Judge Steven Thomas determined the Kountze High School cheerleaders' banners are constitutionally permissible. In the ruling, Thomas determined that no law "prohibits cheerleaders from using religious-themed banners at school sporting events."

The Kountze school district had initially said the banners could not be displayed after receiving a complaint about them in September from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The foundation argued the banners violated the so-called First Amendment Establishment Clause that bars government — or publicly funded school districts in this case — from establishing or endorsing a religion. Thomas ruled that the establishment clause does

not prohibit the use of such religious-themed banners at school sporting events.

Chemical leak in Lubbock sends dozens from homes

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A chemical leak at an agricultural company in West Texas has forced about 100 families from their homes but nobody has been hurt.

Lubbock police say the evacuation continues Thursday in a zone extending several blocks.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused Wednesday night's leak at Bayer CropScience near Interstate 27.

Company employees noticed a leak from an apparent faulty valve on a tank.

The Lubbock Fire Department says the leak involves hydrogen chloride that when released forms hydrochloric acid.

Bayer CropScience spokesman Monty Christian says the chemical used to get fiber off cotton seed is not explosive but can be corrosive to skin and lungs.

Christian says the leaking cylinder is from another company that will provide hazmat experts. The name of that other company wasn't immediately released.

Bryan man guilty in school bomb hoax gets prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A Central Texas man convicted in a 2012 Texas State University bomb hoax has been sentenced to nearly three years in prison.

A federal judge in Houston on Wednesday sentenced 22-year-old Dereon Tayronne Kelley of Bryan.

Kelley last month was convicted of three counts of using the Internet to make a false bomb threat to an academic institution. Kelley also was ordered to pay nearly \$16,000 in restitution and a \$300 fine.

Prosecutors say Kelley last October hacked into the email account of his ex-girlfriend, who's a former student at the university in San Marcos.

The ex-girlfriend was initially charged but that case was dropped after prosecutors traced the threats to Kelley.

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These young men spent their Wednesday afternoon playing some 3-on-3 basketball at the Big Spring YMCA.

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National/world news in brief

Women held captive in Ohio endured lonely, dark lives; kidnapper suspect due in court Thursday

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three women found alive after a decade in captivity endured lonely, dark lives inside a dingy home where they were raped and allowed outside only a handful of times in disguises while walking to a garage steps away, investigators say.

The 52-year-old former school bus driver accused of kidnapping and raping the women will make his first public appearance in court Thursday after emerging as the lone suspect.

While many questions remain about how Ariel Castro maintained such tight control over the women for so many years before one of them made a daring escape Monday, the horrors they suffered are beginning to come to light.

Police say the women were apparently bound by ropes and chains at times and were kept in different rooms. They suffered prolonged sexual and psychological abuse and had miscarriages, according to a city official briefed on the case.

Castro has been charged with four counts of kidnapping — covering the captives and the daughter born to one of them — and three counts of rape, against all three women.

Arias trial now turns to whether she should live or die for killing lover in 2008

PHOENIX (AP) — The jury has rendered its verdict — Jodi Arias is guilty of first-degree murder — but the trial is far from finished.

The same jury now returns to the courtroom Thursday to decide whether she deserves to die for killing her one-time boyfriend on June 4, 2008 at his suburban Phoenix home.

The sheer brutality of the attack and previous testimony from the Maricopa County Medical Examiner that Travis Alexander did not die a quick death will be at the heart of the prosecution's argument that Jodi should receive the ultimate punishment for her crime.

Alexander was stabbed and slashed nearly 30 times, shot in the forehead and had slit his throat from ear to ear, leaving the motivational speaker and businessman nearly decapitated. His decomposing body was found in his shower about five days later by friends.

Arias spoke out about the verdict minutes after her conviction Wednesday, telling a TV station that she would "prefer to die sooner than later."

Top Boston cop to tell Congress he's OK with more cameras, not 'police state,' after bombings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boston's police commissioner told lawmakers conducting the first congressional hearing on the Marathon bombings that government should tighten security around celebratory public events and consider using more undercover officers, special police units and technology, including surveillance cameras — but only in ways that don't run afoul of civil liberties.

"I do not endorse actions that move Boston and our nation into a police state mentality, with surveillance cameras attached to every light pole in the city," Commissioner Edward Davis said in prepared remarks for the House Homeland Security Committee. "We do not and cannot live in a protective enclosure because of the actions of extremists who seek to disrupt our way of life."

Investigators used surveillance video from a restaurant near one of the explosions to help identify Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died in a police shootout, and his younger brother, Dzhokhar, who survived, as the bombing suspects.

"Images from cameras do not lie. They do not forget," Davis said. "They can be viewed by a jury as evidence of what occurred. These efforts are not intended to chill or stifle free speech, but rather to protect the integrity and freedom of that speech and to protect the rights of victims and suspects alike."

The Associated Press obtained a copy of Davis' remarks.

New fire in Bangladesh garment factory kills 8 as death toll from building collapse hits 930

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A fire in an 11-story garment factory in Bangladesh killed eight people, including a ruling party politician and a top official in the country's powerful clothing manufacturers' trade group, as the death toll from the collapse of another garment factory building passed 900 on Thursday.

The fire Wednesday night engulfed the lower floors of the Tung Hai Sweater Ltd. factory — which had closed for the day — said Mamun Mahmud, deputy director of the fire service. The blaze, fed by huge piles of acrylic products used to make sweaters, produced immense amounts of smoke, he said.

The victims died of suffocation as they ran down the stairs, Mahmud said.

"Apparently they tried to flee the building through the stairwell in fear that the fire had engulfed the whole building," he said.

Had they stayed on the upper floors they would likely have survived the slow spreading fire, he said.

AP Exclusive: Lawmakers granted Calif. health exchange unusual secrecy in contracting records

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California law that created an agency to oversee national health care reforms granted it sweeping authority to conceal spending on the contractors that will perform most of its functions, creating a barrier from public disclosure that stands out nationwide.

The degree of secrecy afforded Covered California appears unique among states attempting to establish their own health insurance exchanges under President Barack Obama's signature health law.

An Associated Press review of the 16 other states that have opted for state-run marketplaces shows the California agency was given powers that are the most restrictive in what information is required to be made public.

In Massachusetts, the state that served as the model for Obama's health overhaul, its Health Connector program is specifically covered by open-records laws, rather than providing exemptions from them, as is the case for contracting in California.

In Idaho, where its exchange was established as a private, nonprofit corporation, and in New Mex-

ico, agencies specifically must comply with open-records laws.

The Maryland Legislature subjected its exchange to the state's public information act, but protected some types of commercial and financial information.

Wearable robots that help paralyzed people walk are getting lighter and more portable

CHICAGO (AP) — When Michael Gore stands, it's a triumph of science and engineering. Eleven years ago, Gore was paralyzed from the waist down in a workplace accident, yet he rises from his wheelchair to his full 6-foot-2-inches and walks across the room with help from a lightweight wearable robot.

The technology has many nicknames. Besides "wearable robot," the inventions also are called "electronic legs" or "powered exoskeletons." This version, called Indego, is among several competing products being used and tested in U.S. rehab hospitals that hold promise not only for people such as Gore with spinal injuries, but also those recovering from strokes or afflicted with multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy.

Still at least a year away from the market, the 27-pound Indego is the lightest of the powered exoskeletons. It snaps together from pieces that fit into a backpack. The goal is for the user to be able to carry it on a wheelchair, put it together, strap it on and walk independently. None of the products, including the Indego, are yet approved by federal regulators for personal use, meaning they must be used under the supervision of a physical therapist.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

No major injuries were reported as a result of a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Main and Eighth streets Wednesday afternoon.

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

sudoku

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

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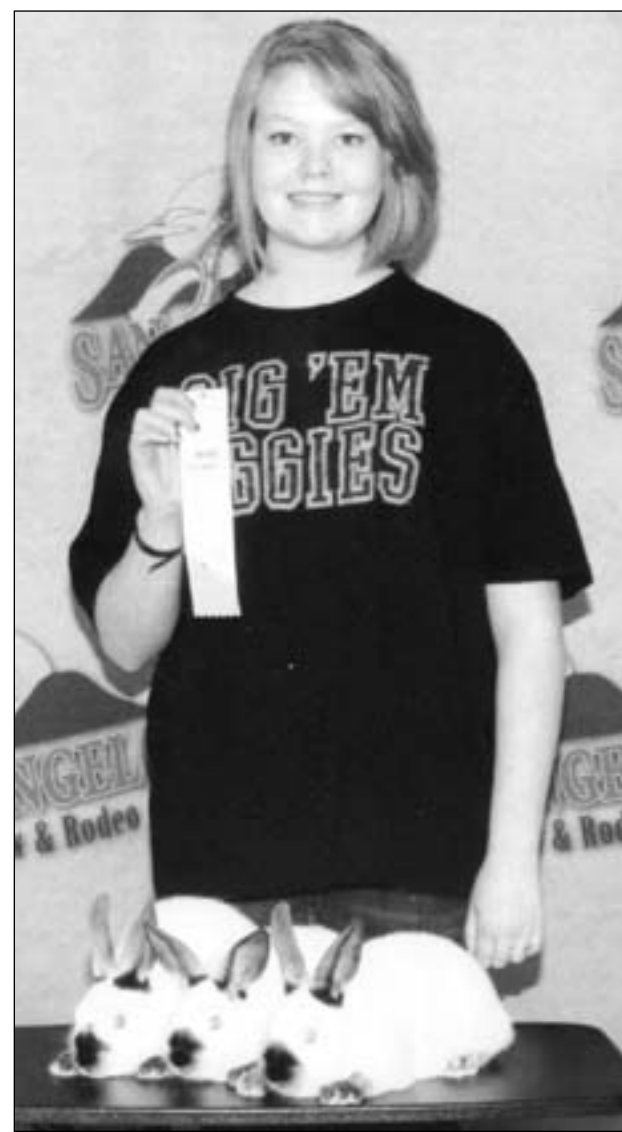
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Photos submitted by Perry Gamble

The Howard County 4-H Youth Take recently participated in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, where Faith Parum (top left) was crowned Grand Champion, Christian Gamble (center) claimed Reserve Champion and Aubrey Parum (right) placed third; all in the Meat Pen Division. Competition was stiff — more than 120 rabbits were entered at the show.

Spurs can't rally as Warriors even series

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs said they were going to treat the opener of the Western Conference semifinals as a loss rather than the historic victory it was.

They don't have to pretend they lost to the Golden State Warriors at home anymore.

Klay Thompson had a career-high 34 points and 14 rebounds, Stephen Curry added 22 points and Golden State withstood another furious rally by the Spurs for a 100-91 victory Wednesday night to even their series and snap a 30-game skid in San Antonio.

The Warriors had not won in San Antonio since Feb. 14, 1997. None of their previous losses was as painful as the one Monday.

Golden State blew a 16-point lead with 4 minutes left in regulation in the series opener and lost 129-127 in double overtime. No NBA team had blown such a big lead with such little time left in a playoff game.

"What happened in Game 1 wasn't about their inexperience," Spurs veteran Manu Ginobili said. "It's one of those things that hap-

pens very rarely. We shouldn't have won that game. They came out hungrier and with more determination. They just did a much better job than us."

Golden State coach Mark Jackson insisted the Warriors' collapse would only help his team's growth, and indeed it did.

"I truly believe the trials and tribulations are transportation for where you're going," Jackson said. "Game 1 made us better. We didn't panic. We made plays. That's a heck of a basketball team that's extremely well-coached and has no quit in them. We don't have any quit in us, either. The bottom line is we made the plays we needed to make."

Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Tony Parker added 20 for San Antonio, which had won five straight in the postseason. Ginobili had 12 points and Kawhi Leonard had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

It appeared Golden State was headed for a similar collapse to Game 1 on Wednesday night, but the heartbreaking loss actually helped

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Holland, Kinsler lead Texas over Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — When Derek Holland got in some trouble, his defense bailed him out.

The Brewers' blunders on the basepaths didn't hurt, either.

Holland allowed one run over seven shaky innings and Texas benefited from two Milwaukee baserunning mistakes last Wednesday night.

"This was a true nine guys doing ev-

ery little thing for us to win a game," Holland said. "That's a lot of hits, but I've got to trust my guys."

Holland (3-2), who struck out six and walked none, yielded 10 hits — including two in the second, three in the third and three in the sixth. He escaped with the help of some sloppy baserunning by the Brewers, who had a runner thrown out at the

plate to end the third and another thrown out at third base in the sixth.

"The out at the plate was big for us," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

"Great throw and nice block of the plate. We had a shot and we took it."

Tanner Scheppers pitched the eighth and Joe Nathan finished for his ninth save. The

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Astros take series with Angels

HOUSTON (AP) — Bud Norris had the best performance of the season for Houston's beleaguered pitching staff, and it helped the Astros take a series from a division foe.

Norris pitched into the ninth inning and Chris Carter homered for the second straight game to help the Astros to a 3-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

The victory gives Houston its third series win of the season. The Angels dropped to 4-13 away from Anaheim.

Norris is the first Astros pitcher to reach the eighth inning this season and the performance was much-needed on a staff that has

been plagued by short outings. Houston's pitchers have combined for a 5.62 ERA, which is the highest in the majors.

"I really hope that the rest of the starters take heed of what can happen when you attack the strike zone," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "We have a pretty good defense and when you make the other team feel like they have to swing early in the count (and) put the ball in play (and) allow our defense to play, we get starts like we got tonight from Bud Norris."

Marwin Gonzalez and Jimmy Paredes hit RBI doubles in the third before Carter connected on his team-leading eighth homer in the fifth inning to make it 3-0.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

• Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Lubbock Cooper, area round - Game 1, 7 p.m.

Softball

• Forsan vs. Albany, regional quarterfinal round - Game 1, Western Texas College, Snyder, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball

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

Softball

• Coahoma vs. Colorado City, regional quarterfinal 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, Austin.

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.
• Forsan vs. Borden County, area round - Game 1, Clyde, 7:30 p.m.

Softball

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

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

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 264-3662.

Country Club to host Parent-Child tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will host 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.

Entry fee is \$100 per team in 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.

For more information, call 267-5354.

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

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic at the Big Spring Country Club with a shootout

beginning June 21 and a two-day tournament slated for June 22-23.

The event is limited to the first 100 paid two-man teams. The scramble format tourney will be pre-flight by tournament committee and local golf pro (handicap required).

Winners will receive pro shop merchandise at 100% of winnings or may take cash at 70% winnings. 100% of entry fees will be returned to participants.

All entries must be accompanied by cash, check or credit card — no charges or unpaid reservations.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

New Moon and Solar Eclipse

In ancient days, the disappearance of the sun was a highly distressing omen, and who could blame early humans for wondering where the sun went and when it was coming back? As if to lighten the attitude for what's to come, Venus slips into Gemini hours before this solar eclipse, which for some of the world occurs tomorrow.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know what you want before everyone else does — possibly before what you want is even “a thing.” Your proactive attitude will have you at

the front of the line this afternoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The Venus change may have you feeling a bit ignored. This might be a welcome state, though, because it takes the pressure off. With all of the demands on you lately, you might see solitude as a luxury.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A burst of energy has your step lighter and your smile brighter. Romantic attention could be part of the fun. You could suddenly realize who has a crush on you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Consider taking your work to a new environment. Being able to focus without distraction will make you twice as productive as you would be in the hubbub of your familiar surroundings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel more animated

than usual. You want to take up space and share all the friendly energy that's been bottled up inside you. Lively socializing leads to interesting developments in your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't like being told what to do. But once you remove your resistance to life's road signs and guides, you'll see how life can be made easy simply by following the directions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People don't want to say no to you today. But if that's really the answer, make them say it. It's better to get a fast no than to waste your time chasing a maybe that eventually leads to a no anyway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've heard that it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. You'll question this logic now. Time is your most precious resource, and you don't want to waste it in scenarios that won't end well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your powers of observation are so dialed in that you can read what some people

are thinking. Group dynamics will be especially interesting to you. You'll sense correctly who the real leader is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Part of your charm is that you don't psychically lean into people. You hold your own. You don't say “do you know what I mean,” because you explain yourself well and you don't need the validation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A burst of energy this afternoon has you tackling a list of random tasks that's been building for weeks now. It will feel wonderful to get small things accomplished en masse.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things are off to a good start, partly because you are not worried about how they will end. You go forward with lots of curiosity and very little expectation. You're ready for the adventure to unfold.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9). Smart strategies help you earn bigger this year. For instance, you will gain clients and customers and your fine reputation will spread as you network at local

chapters of professional associations. Your love life takes a fun turn in July. Travel together, and you'll get close quickly. Family additions happen in January. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 14, 33 and 20.

CURRENT COSMIC CHANGEUPS: It's been a quiet week in the cosmos up until now. But when it rains, it pours. Today features many changeups that will influence the days to come, starting with Venus moving into Gemini. This passage brings to mind one of the most popular tattoo and design symbols around: the winged heart. What does this image mean to you? For some, it symbolizes a free spirit. For others, it tells the story of people in love who feel that their relationship emboldens them to soar with the eagles. Still others identify the winged heart as a symbol of memorial. When loved ones pass, our affections do not die with them but are carried on angels' wings to wherever they are. Venus in the air sign of Gemini attaches wings to our hearts. It's up to us to

decide how to interpret the lighter feelings we have inside.

The second changeup accompanies the new moon in Taurus and the first of two solar eclipses that will occur this year. The new moon is always an auspicious start date for new projects and relationships. This time the energy focuses on money and luxuries — and also food. Taurus rules the appetite, and this is the ideal day to start a nutritional regimen.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Piano Man Billy Joel is a six-time Grammy winner and one of the bestselling artists of all time, with hits spanning three decades of music. Joel is a fine example of the identifiable style and strong vocals associated with Taurus, which rules the throat. This superstar was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were all in Taurus, a Venus-ruled energy that thrives in connection with art, music and beauty.

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Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.153 and Texas Natural Resource Code §71.005, Big Spring Independent School District ("BSISD") hereby gives public notice of its intention to lease its mineral interest in certain real property (the "Mineral Interest"), located within Howard County, Texas, and legally described as:

*Beginning at a 3/4" Iron Pin in the South right of way line of Midway road from which a 1" I.P. in Concrete, the N.W. corner of Section 3, Block 32 Township 1 South, T&P RR. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas bears N. 14 deg. 40' W. 40.0 ft. and S. 75 deg. 20' W. 1266.7 ft. Said 3/4" Iron Pin being the N.W. corner of this tract;

*Thence N 75 deg. 20' E along the South right of way line of said Midway Road and parallel to the North line of said Section 3, 600.0 ft. to a 3/4"

*Thence S. 14 deg. 40' E. at a right angle to the North line of said Section 3, 400.0 ft. to a 3/4" Iron Pin for the S.E. corner of this tract;

*Thence S. 75 deg. 20' W. parallel to the North line of Section 3, 600.0 ft. to a 3/4" Iron Pin for the S.W. corner of this tract;

*Thence N 14 deg. 40' W. at a right angle to the North line of Section 3, 400.0 ft. to the place of beginning containing 5.5 acres of land.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the term "Mineral Interest" does not include hard minerals such as, but not limited to, coal or lignite, that require surface mining.

BSISD will accept sealed bids for the lease of the Mineral Interest in the above-described property. Bidders must be willing to implement all reasonable procedures and precautions to maintain student safety, as deemed necessary by the District, in accordance with the District's mineral lease.

Sealed written bids should be addressed to "BSISD Oil and Gas Lease Bid c/o Debbie Green, Business Manager, Big Spring ISD, 708 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX 79720." Sealed written bids for the

lease of the above-described mineral interests may be submitted, beginning April 25, 2013. All bids must be received by the BSISD business office no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2013. Sealed written bids may be submitted by U.S. mail or hand delivery. No faxed bids, electronic bids or late bids will be accepted. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to sender unopened. Prospective bidders may obtain a copy of the District's proposed mineral lease and bid instructions by contacting Debbie Green, Business Manager, at (432)264-3620.

Bids will be presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting on May 16, 2013, at which time the Board will conduct a public hearing for consideration of such bids. Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and accept the bid of the highest and best bidder in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code §71.006. The transfer of any interest real property, including the Mineral Interest, by Big Spring ISD to any successful Bidder is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

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#7753 April 25 and May 2 & 9, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband is the youngest of seven siblings. While they are all successful, some are more financially comfortable than others.

Five years ago, the oldest sibling wanted to give their mother an 80th birthday party. She planned a huge party for hundreds of her mother's friends and neighbors. She rented a party place, hired a band and catered an elaborate buffet and open bar. She then emailed all of the siblings and informed them that they each owed her \$1,000.

Annie, my husband didn't have that kind of extra money. He had recently moved, found a new job and married me, a graduate student. He also pays child support for a daughter and the mortgage on another daughter's home, as well as our rent.

He explained this to his sister and said he could pay \$150. We attended the party and enjoyed ourselves. There was no animosity from the sister about the money at that time. But now she has started making rude comments to my husband and the other siblings via Facebook and email that she is still waiting for my husband to “step up to the plate” and pay the rest of his share.

Is it right for one member of a

family to plan an event without consulting the others and then expect them to pony up the money requested? This has caused a serious rift between my husband and some of his siblings. — *Wife of Mr. 15 Percent*

Dear Wife: Obviously, your husband's sister should have discussed the finances with her siblings if she expected them to split the bill. And if she is having a problem with your husband, she shouldn't be slamming him on Facebook or in group emails. However, she did go through a lot of trouble to plan the party, and for five years, she's been out of pocket the amount she thought your husband would pay. He doesn't “owe” her the rest. But in order to maintain good family relations, your husband might speak privately with his sister and ask whether he could contribute whatever additional monies he can afford on an installment plan.

Dear Annie: Please tell the men in your reading audience that women interpret their wedding vows differently than we do. I finally proposed to my girlfriend of many years. It made such a huge difference in our relationship, which had been

floundering a bit. I never realized how hurt she was by my lack of commitment. She thought I didn't love her enough and told me it made her feel as if she wasn't a part of my life or a member of my family. She said she felt like a housekeeper with privileges.

Now our ability to communicate and enjoy things together is so pleasurable again. It scares me to think we had almost given up on each other and might have ended up living out our lives apart and unhappy. We men don't think about the sense of security it gives a woman to know, with legal vows, that a man wants to spend the rest of his life with her. — *Happy and Alive Again*

Dear Happy: In all fairness, not all women feel this way. But we are glad you figured out what mattered to your girlfriend and told her so. The inability to commit is a problem we hear a great deal about, so we appreciate your spelling it out for the relationship challenged.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
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5:PM	News ABC	Casa	Two Men	News CBS	Noticias	News	King	Yohanán	Charlie Rose	King	Backyard	Town	Movie: Resident Evil, Eric Mabius	Castle	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good Jessie	Around Pardon	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Corona de Lágrimas	Big Bang	News CBS	Caso Cerrado	News	Seinfeld	Rik	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Backyard	Town	Castle	Movie: Lakeview Terrace, Kerry Washington	ANT Farm	Gravity	NFL Live	NBA
7:PM	Wipeout	Porque el Am.	American Idol	Big Bang	Pasión Prohibida	Commun Office	Fam. Guy	1st Fruits	Daytrip Parks	The Vampire Diaries	Backyard	Town	IMPACT Wrestling	Castle (DVS)	Good Dog	ANT Farm	Movie: Catching Hell	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.
8:PM	Grey's Anatomy	Amores Verdaderos	Glee (DVS)	Person of Interest	La Patrona (SS)	The Office	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	TED Talks Educ	Beauty & Beast	Hillbilly	Town	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Hunt to Kill, Gil Bellows	Good Austin	Movie: Civil Brand, Monica Calhoun	Baseball Tonight	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.
9:PM	(:02) Scandal	Qué Bonito Amor	Simpsons	(:01) Elementary	El Señor de los	(:01) Hannibal	Men-Work	Big Bang	Antiques Roadshow	Cops	Buying Al.	Town	Castle (DVS)	Movie: CSI: NY	Good Austin	Movie: Rebound, Breckin Meyer	Baseball Tonight	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	Rules	Hillbilly	Town	Castle (DVS)	Movie: CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Wizards	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno	Men-Work	Called	World	King	Buying Al.	Movie: High Crimes, Jim Caviezel	Jail	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Wizards	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.
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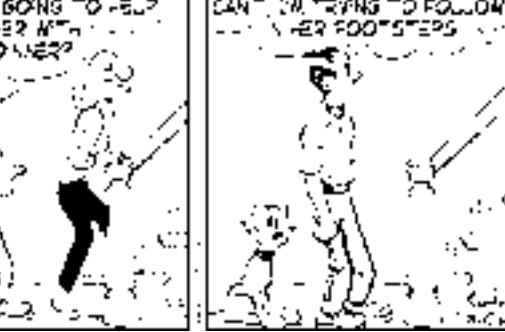
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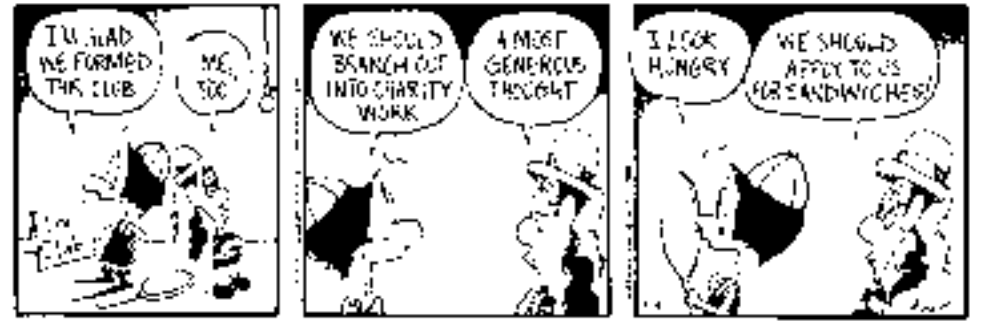
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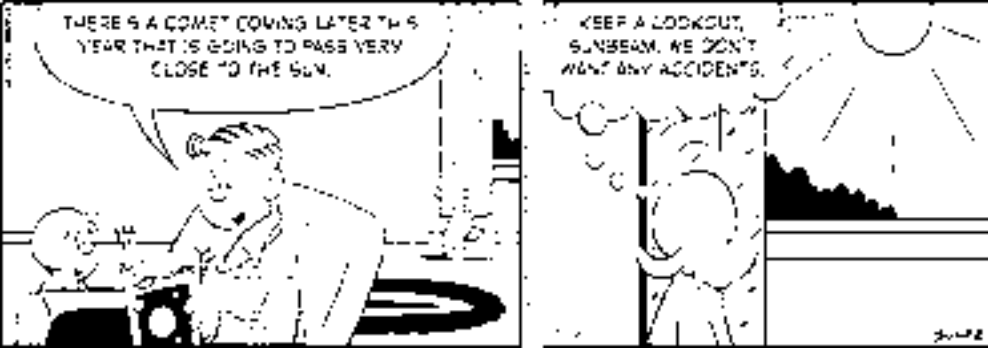
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 9, the 129th day of 2013. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1754, a political cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette depicted a snake cut into eight pieces, each section representing a part of the American colonies; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."

On this date:

In 1712, the Carolina Colony was officially divided into two entities: North Carolina and South Carolina.

In 1883, Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset was born in Madrid.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1958, "Vertigo," Alfred Hitchcock's eerie thriller starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, premiered in San Francisco, the movie's setting.

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

In 1962, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology succeeded in reflecting a laser beam off the surface of the moon.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, who'd been abducted by the Red Brigades, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

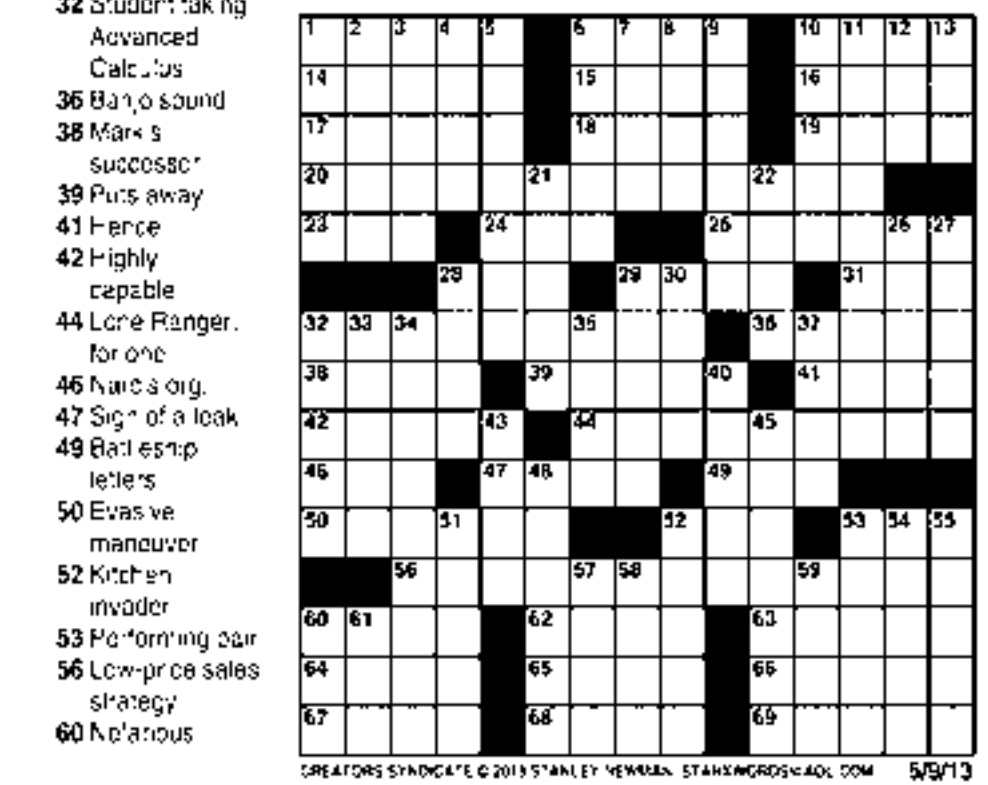
In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Geraldine McEwan is 81. Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 79. Rock musician Nokie Edwards (The Ventures) is 78. Actor Albert Finney is 77. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 77. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 76. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 76. Singer Tommy Roe is 71. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 69. Actress Candice Bergen is 67.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Rise illegally
 - 6 A/C measures
 - 10 Questionable
 - 14 Anger's boot
 - 15 Sway gently
 - 16 "Later, dude!"
 - 17 More than
 - 18 Confederate
 - 19 OPEC charter member
 - 20 Female New Testament disciple
 - 23 Suffix for infant
 - 24 Part of the Treasury Dept.
 - 25 "Count me in!"
 - 28 Stage signal
 - 29 "Count me out"
 - 31 Triad
 - 32 Student taking Advanced Calculus
 - 36 Bongo sound
 - 38 Mark's successor
 - 39 Puts away
 - 41 Fence
 - 42 Highly capable
 - 44 Lone Ranger for one
 - 46 Name's org.
 - 47 Sign of a leak
 - 49 Bad step letters
 - 50 Evasive maneuver
 - 52 Kitchen invader
 - 53 Peforming pair
 - 56 Low-price sales strategy
 - 60 Notorious
- DOWN
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settle the players' nerves.

"Coach told us to have amnesia at halftime," Curry said.

"We're a young team so that might help that we can forget about it and just keep playing and having fun, not worry about that 19-point lead getting cut to six. That's going to happen; you're on the road against a great veteran basketball team, so you can't get too rattled."

Golden State led by 20 points with 8:38 left in the third quarter, but San Antonio pulled within 97-89 on Ginobili's 3-pointer with 4:23 left in the game.

But it was the closest the Spurs would come, as they missed six straight shots before Cory Joseph sank a 16-footer with 18.9 seconds remaining.

"We put a couple of good minutes together and finally started getting a defensive rhythm," Duncan said. "We felt we were getting a couple of stops in a row and getting that together. We got some great shots on the other end in conjunction with that. It just wasn't enough."

Thompson, who scored 29 points in the first half, finished 8 for 9 on 3-pointers and 13 for 26 overall.

"Klay was unbelievable," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"A lot of those shots were tough. Some of them were wide open because of mistakes, but other ones were difficult shots, either contested or off-balance, but he knocked them down. That's what the playoffs are about; players have to make shots."

The Warriors did so as a group.

Harrison Barnes had 13 points, Carl Landry added 10 and Andrew Bogut had six points and 11 rebounds.

After scoring 44 points in the opener, Curry's total was cut in half as he shot 7 for 20 from the field.

"I thought it was polite of (Curry and Thompson) to at least take turns and not both be on fire on the same night," Popovich said. "Maybe the next iteration (of that) will be neither one of them will be hot in Game 3, that's what I'm hoping."

The Warriors host Game 3 on Friday night and Game 4 Sunday.

"It changed the whole dynamic of the series and we honestly have the best home court in the NBA," Thompson said. "They're the greatest crowd I ever played in front of. To go back 1 and 1 and give them a show on Thursday or Friday, I'm getting jitters already thinking about it. To go back with a split and potentially go up 3-1 is everything for us."

The double-overtime victory game appeared to leave San Antonio drained in the first half, while the Warriors were energized.

After missing his first two attempts in the series opener, Curry opened Game 2 with a pair of 3-pointers, one over a charging Duncan. He finished with 11 points in the quarter, going 3 for 4 from the field and 2 for 3 on 3s. He was limited to 9 minutes after picking up two fouls.

Curry's second 3 sparked a 14-6 run that gave Golden State a 17-12 lead. He had eight points in the run and Thompson added five.

San Antonio went on an 8-2 run to pull within 46-39, forcing a 3-second call on Golden State's defense and a pair of missed shots.

The Spurs focused their defense on Curry in the first half to varying success.

Curry did not score in the final 10 minutes of the first half, but his drives drew the defense and freed his teammates for open jumpers. He was credited with only two assists in the quarter, but his presence helped Golden State outscore San Antonio 30-24.

Thompson hit consecutive 3s sandwiched around three missed 3s by Danny Green to give the Warriors a 52-39 lead.

Thompson went 7 for 8 on 3s in the first half and was 11 for 18 overall, while being defended by Green and Leonard.

"It was amazing," Curry said. "The shots he was hitting, to go 8 for 9 in a game from the 3-point line in the playoffs is just unheard of. He was just aggressive. He was confident in every shot he took. He was just feeling it. You ride a guy that's feeling that hot, especially when he's in rhythm."

The Spurs went on a 16-4 run to pull within 79-72 with 1 minute left in the third quarter.

Bogut, a 50 percent free-throw shooter during the regular season, was 2 for 4 at the line after being intentionally fouled.

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remain the only team in the major leagues without a blown save, 10 for 10.

Ian Kinsler and Mitch Moreland each homered for Texas.

The Rangers scored one run in each of the first three innings off Kyle Lohse (1-4), who allowed four runs on nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Lohse escaped a 33-pitch first inning, allowing just one run, despite three consecutive singles to open and a one-out walk. He escaped a bases-loaded jam by striking out Geovany Soto and David Murphy to end the inning.

"To start off the game, they came out swinging and finding holes," Lohse said. "The first two guys, the ball didn't leave the infield. I got myself in a jam. Then I left a changeup up to (Adrian) Beltre. That was the pitch that hurt me was my changeup. I left one up to him, I left one up to Kinsler and I left one up to Moreland. I've got to do a better job of executing."

Kinsler's seventh homer, a two-out shot to left field, made it 2-0 in the second. Moreland increased the lead in the third with another solo homer, his sixth.

"You get out of that first with one run, then I made two mistakes," Lohse said. "One each the second and third inning. That puts the team in the hole against a guy who's going pretty good."

Milwaukee cut the lead to 3-1 in the sixth, but managed just one run despite two triples and a double. Ryan Braun, who extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a third-inning single, led off with a triple and Aramis Ramirez followed with an RBI double to right-center. Ramirez, still rounding into shape after missing 23 games with a sprained knee, was out trying to advance to third when the ball squirted away from catcher Soto, who recovered in time to make the throw.

"Aramis, that's a judgment call," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "He thought he could make it easy. Sometimes you see things a little different. Any time a ball bounces off a catcher and rolls off, your in-

stincts take over as to whether to go or not."

Carlos Gomez tripled with two outs when right fielder Nelson Cruz misplayed a fly ball, but struggling Rickie Weeks grounded out to end the inning.

The Rangers added a run in the seventh on Moreland's RBI single.

Texas center fielder Leonys Martin prevented another run in the third,

throwing out Jean Segura on a slide at home to end the inning. Segura tried to score from second on Ramirez's single.

"Segura did slide at home, but he slowed up a little bit because they deked him," Roenicke said. "He should have ran hard and slid."

Gomez also had two singles and a double, extending his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games and raising his league-leading average to .386.

"We had a couple opportunities, but Holland knows what he's doing," Roenicke said. "I think he steps it up when he's got people on base. All of a sudden you see the 95s (mph). He's got good stuff. He can get out of jams."



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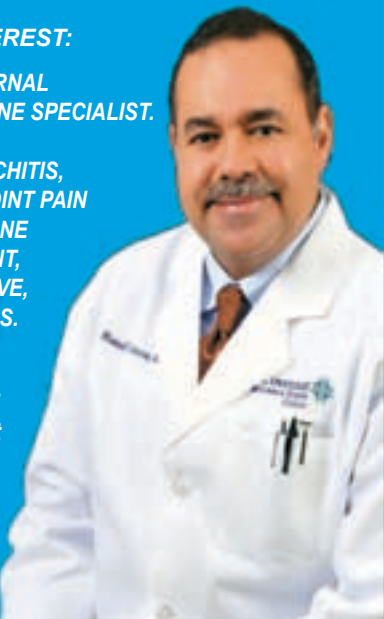
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