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Reclamation plant to boost raw water supply

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The new Colorado River Municipal Water District water reclamation plant is up and running, according to district officials, as the facility goes through a 30-day run to make sure all of the "bells and whistles" are operating as planned.



Grant

CRMWD Manager John Grant said the facility — located on the city's east side, near the municipal animal shelter — is fully operational and adding approximately 2 million gallons of reclaimed water to the district's raw water supply each day.

"The 30-day run is basically a period in which we monitor the plant after construction to make sure everything is operating like it's supposed to. It's part of the

construction process and makes sure everything is right before the construction company is finished," Grant said. "It's sort of like test driving a car before you buy it."

According to Grant, the plant is now taking in the treated sewage water that, in the past, has been dumped into Beals Creek by the city of Big Spring.

"Prior to the new plant, the water would be dumped into the creek by the city and would flow down the creek, eventually ending up in the Colorado River and the area reservoirs," Grant said. "So, even before the reclamation plant was constructed, this wastewater was finding its way back into our water supply, being treated and, in the end, being delivered to municipal water customers.

"What we've been able to do, however, is eliminate that long, unnecessary trip. By bringing in the water directly from the city

plant, we also eliminate a large amount of the water that was being lost due to evaporation and other natural systems associated with the creek and river. Now the wastewater comes in directly from the municipal facility, is treated by our plant and added back into the raw water delivered to the municipalities."

One the water is brought into the reclamation plant, Grant said the process it goes through is very similar to those used in modern-day desalination plants.

"It's basically a desalination plant," Grant said. "And now that we have this technology and we're comfortable with it, it opens the door to a lot of other projects, including cleaning up brackish ground water."

Grant said he understands some area residents have more than their share of reservations

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We at the Herald want to join in wishing all moms in the Crossroads area a happy Mother's Day Sunday.



Howard College and Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held graduation exercises Friday. At top, Howard College students march into Garrett Coliseum at the start of commencement exercises, while SWCID students stand during ceremonies at the school's activity center.



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FISD board considers pay raises

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — Although the amount of state money they will receive this year is yet to be determined, school trustees here will begin addressing budget matters for the coming fiscal year when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.



Johnson

Specifically, the school board will begin looking at two areas which make

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County mulls housing rules

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Proposed regulations for proposed subdivisions, manufactured housing rental communities, as well as trailer and RV parks will be the focus of Monday's meeting of the Howard County commissioners, as the court looks to address housing issues ahead of the expected Cline shale oil boom.

Commissioners are expected to meet with

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Obituaries

Billy Gene Barber



Billy Gene Barber, 88, of Big Spring died Friday, May 10, 2013, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, 2013, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Eddie Prince of Grace Fellowship Church of God officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Billy was born Dec. 12, 1924 in Kent County, Texas to Ormitta (Chambles) and Lewis W. Barber. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific theater during World War II from April 18, 1944 until May 20, 1946.

He married Bennie Jean Holland on Aug. 24, 1947 in Stanton, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 1, 2009.

He retired from Borden's in 1976. He was a devoted Christian, husband, father and Papa. Dad was our "hero," even with Alzheimer's, he found our mother, covered her and was able to get help. He loved his family and enjoyed laughing and cutting up with everyone. He was always ready for fishing

or hunting trips. He enjoyed homemade ice cream, coconut pie and cornbread dressing. He filled our hearts with joy and love and will be missed greatly by all.

He was a resident of Big Spring since 1960 and was a member of Grace Fellowship Church of God.

He is survived by two daughters, Louise Huitt and husband Ronnie of Big Spring and Sylvia Rodriguez and husband Hector of Big Spring; two sons, Wayne Barber and wife Brenda of Greenwood and Bobby Barber and wife Cheryl of Big Spring; his grandchildren, Terry J. Huitt, Jerry Huitt, Teresa Huitt, Preston Huitt, Sheryl Kitchens, Donnie Barber, Jill Moss and Eric Barber; along with numerous great, great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, James Barber of Arkansas.

In addition to his parents and wife, Billy was preceded in death by two sisters, his twin, Betty McGalliard and Hazel Cook; and four brothers, Larlus Barber, Hubert Barber, Dois Barber and Ronald Barber.

Pallbearers will be Terry Huitt, Jerry Huitt, Preston Huitt, Donnie Barber, Timmy Huitt and Eric Barber. Honorary pallbearers will be Casey Huitt and Garrett Huitt.

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

Paid obituary

Thomas S. App

Thomas S. App died April 23, 2013 of brain cancer in Kerrville, Texas, where he lived with his wife, Sherry Williams.

He was born Jan. 5, 1943 in California and grew up in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Archbishop Hoban High School and Creighton University, then entered into the insurance business in Cincinnati, Denver, and Kerrville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bud App of Akron, Ohio.

He leaves behind his wife, Sherry Williams of Kerrville, Texas; mother, Joan App of Akron, Ohio; four children, Michael App of Omaha, Neb., Courtney App of Lakewood, Colo., Kelley App of Ventura, Calif. and Christopher App of Seattle, Wash.; brother, Timothy App of Baltimore, Md.; sister, Christine Smerick of Akron, Ohio; aunts, Mary Louise Traczyk of Big Spring, Texas and Barbara Schweitzer, Boston.

Memorial services will be held in June in Kerrville.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. May 11, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- JUSTIN M. RAMIREZ, 25, of 710 Willia was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- SAMMEAL RAY GRAY, 29, of 1405 Settles was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- FRANKLIN LAMARR CURTIS, 47, of 808 W. Third was arrested Friday for having stood in roadway to solicit ride (contributions, employment or business).
- AMANDA JO MASSEY, 24, of 2438 Whitmire, Midland was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRISTIAN DKOVAN CLAY, 20, of 3701 Dixon was arrested Saturday on a warrant for failing to maintain financial responsibility.
- SAUL MONTALVO, 25, OF 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested Saturday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 24, of 1106 Ridgeroad Dr., was arrested Saturday on charges of bribery and warrants from another agency.
- DERIK BEAU RAY, 20, of 5201 Grande Dr., Amarillo was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 24, of 1103 E. Sixth was

arrested Friday for possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- DUANE JFFREY FRANCIS REMINGTON JR., 22, of 10 Coachmans Circle, was arrested Saturday for public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 2400 block of Driver.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Birdwell Ln. and FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1400 block of Hwy 350.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1700 block of S. Johnson.
- THEFT was reported at the 1600 block of Val Verde.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 100 block of N. Gregg.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 300 block of Gregg.
- DRAG RACING was reported at EB 173.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported at the 400 block of S. Birdwell Ln.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1000 block of N. Main.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at Hilltop and Hwy 350.
- THEFT was reported at the 900 block of Willia.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.

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. 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.

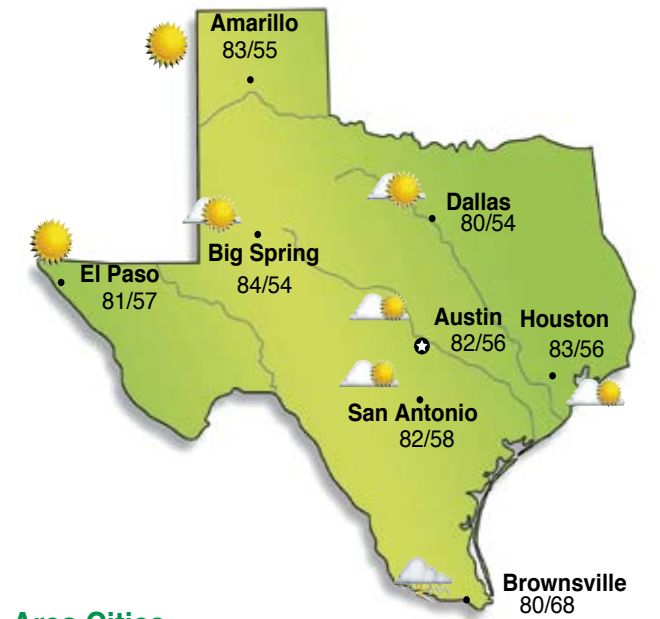
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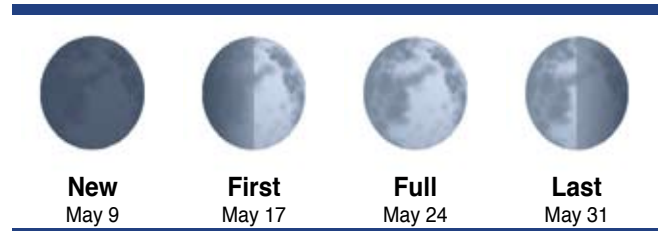
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Austin	82	56	pt sunny	Longview	78	50	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	51	mst sunny	Lubbock	82	53	sunny
Brownsville	80	68	t-storm	Lufkin	83	51	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	54	pt sunny	Midland	83	56	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	66	cloudy	Raymondville	80	67	t-storm
Corsicana	78	52	mst sunny	Rosenberg	83	56	pt sunny
Dallas	80	54	mst sunny	San Antonio	82	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	83	64	cloudy	San Marcos	82	56	pt sunny
El Paso	81	57	sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	53	sunny
Fort Stockton	77	53	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	54	pt sunny
Gainesville	78	51	mst sunny	Tyler	79	53	mst sunny
Greenville	77	50	sunny	Weatherford	78	51	mst sunny
Houston	83	56	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	82	54	sunny

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Chicago	55	36	mst sunny	Phoenix	95	70	sunny
Dallas	80	54	mst sunny	San Francisco	75	56	mst sunny
Denver	75	51	mst sunny	Seattle	65	55	rain
Houston	83	56	pt sunny	St. Louis	64	46	sunny
Los Angeles	85	66	sunny	Washington, DC	67	46	mst sunny
Miami	87	73	t-storm				

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Around the area

Genealogy class to benefit museum

GAIL — Curious about who's in your family tree? Come learn the basics of family history research with the Borden County Historical Commission.

A beginner's genealogy class is slated Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center.

Taught by Lisa Dennis Mahler, the class will cover how to begin, how to stay organized, how to use the internet to find relatives and how to find records at the county level. Lisa was raised in Borden County and now lives in San Angelo, where she serves on the board of directors of the state award-winning San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society and has been teaching beginner classes in San Angelo for several years.

When asked who should attend, Lisa responded "Everyone interested in their family history. Even if you don't have relatives who lived in Texas, beginning genealogists can start their search with online resources."

Proceeds from the class go toward preservation of the Borden County Museum's collection. You may pick up a registration form from the following location in Big Spring: Election Administrator's Office, Room 101, Howard County Courthouse; or email bordenhistory@gmail.com to request an electronic version of the registration form.

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Charles R. Kimbrough, an attorney with Austin-based Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, the law firm hired by the county to assist in these and other regulatory matters expected as a result of the oil boom associated with the discovery of the Cline shale formation.

Monday's meeting comes on the heels of a public hearing the commissioners court held on the proposed regulations April 29.

And while the April meeting drew only a few cursory questions from county residents, County Judge Mar Barr said he's hoping residents with questions or concerns will come forward during the drafting process.

"This is a situation where we need as much input from the people as possible," he said. "We want them to come to these meetings and let us know what their concerns are. That way we can try to address them and try to make these regulations work toward everyone's best interest."

"We're not trying to tie anyone's hands so they can't make money. That's not what we're trying to do with these regulations. We just have to make sure we protect our current homeowners and their interests so this housing boom doesn't hurt Howard County instead of helping it. We have to approach this intelligently."

Access to ground water is the most prevalent issue brought before the court during the public hearing, an issue Kimbrough said the county must approach rather cautiously.

"Not having these types of laws on the books in the past makes this a very significant step for the county," Kimbrough said. "It's important to remember Howard County is a county. It's not a city or municipality, which has the full power of self government. A city can basically do anything that does not violate state law. A county, on the other hand, can only regulate matters that are specifically authorized by the state's legislature."

"With these water issues, the county has a limited ability to regulate water issues. Those are governed by the local wa-

ter conservation district and other bodies. In these cases, the county would have to report these types of issues to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and turn it over to them."

Barr said the county is already seeing a staggering growth in these types of housing projects, including RV and trailer parks and, if projections on the Cline shale formation hold true, likely "man camps" in the not-so-distant future.

"Just during our last regularly scheduled meeting, we had six requests for septic permits for these types of properties," Barr said. "It's not a matter of 'if they come' at this point. The oil business is coming and there are plenty of people out in the county who are looking to capitalize on it."

As the supply for housing in the oil field continues to grow, so does the demand, according to Barr.

"They fill them up just as soon as they get them open," he said. "It's certainly not slowing down. If anything, it's picking up speed. Right now, it's anyone's guess what the total

demand is going to look like once this boom gets into full swing. We'll just have to wait and see."

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are expected to discuss:

- A resolution seeking approval to auction Howard County trustee property to the highest bidder.

- A budget workshop and budget amendments.

- Consideration of a bid for sale of property located next to the County Road Department.

- Consideration of bids for a new chiller for the County Courthouse air conditioning system.

- Discussion to set the speed limit on S. Salem Road, as well as proposals to widen Moore School Road and S. Salem Road.

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

For more information on Monday's meeting, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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FISD

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up the lion's share of the budget — salaries and health insurance for employees.

Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson said officials will try to enact raises for all employees this year, although no one is sure

exactly how much money the district will take in yet.

"Right now, revenue is very much up in the air. That's something we get stuck with every two years (when the Texas Legislature meets and adopts the state's budget)," he said.

Nevertheless, Johnson said the district is looking long and hard at raises for employees this year.

He will recommend to the board a \$2,000 across-the-board raise for at-will employees. For teachers, Johnson will recommend a raise of \$2,000 along with their regular step raises.

In addition, administrators will recommend the district increase its contribution to employee health insurance to \$529 per month (for employees only). With the state cutting its con-

tribution to employee health plans, Johnson said the district is more or less being forced to pick up the slack financially.

"If we didn't do this, our employees would actually be taking home less money next fiscal year," he said.

Johnson stressed Monday's talks will be preliminary in nature — the next budget is not expected to be adopted

until late August.

"This is what we're talking about right now," he said. "How things will end up, we really don't know for sure."

Also Monday, the school board may or may not take action on hiring a construction manager to oversee the building of a new elementary campus and renovations at the secondary campus. This

item, of course, is dependent on voters giving their approval to the \$28.3 million bond issue.

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WATER

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at the idea of drinking water that was treated wastewater a short time ago. However, once the water is treated at the reclamation facility, he said the quality is surprisingly good.

"The plant is permitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," he said. "One the water is treated, it is well within their standards for raw water. It's then blended with the raw water sent to the cities — Big Spring, Snyder, Stanton, Midland and Odessa — which then turn around and treat the water with their systems."

"Although its rated as raw water — which means it's not ready to drink yet — by the TCEQ, the water we're producing at the reclamation plant is as good as the water municipal customers are getting from the taps. I've tasted it and it's a really high quality."

For those still not convinced the water will be

up to par, Grant said the reclamation process has time on its side.

"The truth of the matter is people have been drinking reclaimed water for years," Grant said. "Wastewater from city treatment plants has always run back into the reservoirs and water supplies. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, almost all of their wastewater has been going back into the Trinity River, which feeds water to those cities, as well as Houston."

"Also, the city of El Paso has been doing this for some time now. So, there's a good chance you've been drinking reclaimed water for years, the only difference is now it's going through a second type of treatment instead of just the treatment the cities perform."

While the reclaimed water may have some skeptic water customers a bit uneasy, Grant said the amount of reclaimed

water making its way into homes in the water district is very small.

"Right now, we're delivering approximately 40 million gallons of water a day to our cities," he said. "Approximately 2 million of that is from the new reclamation plant, so that water makes up a very small percentage of the overall water delivered. When the summer gets here, deliveries can get as high as 80 million gallons a day, so it will make up an even smaller percentage. Regardless of the amount, though, I really think people would be surprised at the quality of the water."

Grant said restrictions on water deliveries expected this summer — a result of record low levels at CRMWD reservoirs — will be positively impacted by the addition of the reclamation facility. Unfortunately, that impact is also expected to be small.

The success of the facility, however, could have a more pronounced affect in the future, he added.

"Production of 2 million gallons a day would serve approximately 10,000 people each day," Grant said. "However, that whole equation is based on the amount of wastewater produced by the city. Cities like Midland and Odessa could produce 10 million gallons, which, once reclaimed, would serve 50,000 a day."

"We certainly feel like this pilot program is a viable option for the future. I can see this

growing in the future and having a more pronounced impact on the availability of water to our West Texas cities. Also, by becoming experienced with this type of process, it opens up more avenues for us moving into the future."

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Roaring to the Vietnam Wall

"It is an awe-inspiring, kind of heart-rendering event. It's probably the most powerful thing I've ever done."

Colorado City resident Tom Scott is one of many motorcycle riders who make an annual cross-country ride to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC, arriving in the nation's capital on Memorial Day.

The riders leave California in early May. The trek is named Run for the Wall.

"Run for the wall was started in 1989 by two guys who didn't feel that returning Vietnam veterans got their due," says Tom, "so they started a ride and decided they would go across the country, with no political motivation, stop at radio stations along the way and just talk about Vietnam and how the forgotten were forgotten. Its purpose is to kind of re-emphasize duty and honor."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tom started making the trip in 2006. Initially, he was just going to ride from Colorado City to Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"In Las Cruces, we had a police escort all the way through town and we were on a four-lane road.

"All of a sudden, on the other side of the road, traffic going the other way stopped. People of all ages and all walks of life got out of their cars and saluted until the last motorcycle had passed.

"I got back and told my wife that I was going to ride all the way to Washington. I had to do it."

Tom was making the ride with one of his Navy buddies. He showed me his vest, which has patches for every ride he has made. This year marks the ride's 25th anniversary and thousands of riders are expected to roar into the nation's capital Memorial Day weekend.

When the ride got to Colorado City six years ago, some middle school students were having a car wash. They started talking to some of the riders, found out what they were all about and decided to do something for them. They invited them to lunch.

Shelbi Turner, now a college student, was one of those involved with the planning.

"It's an honor to know that you're helping the veterans," says Shelbi, "just to show them we support what they're doing."

Those first meals took place at the Colorado City Middle School, where Mark Merrill is principal. This year the riders will be in Colorado City on May 18.

"This past year we fixed meals for about 600 people," he says. "It has outgrown the middle school and now we go downtown to the Railhead Building.

"It's not just the middle school involved with this. It's the whole community. Now, the Kiwanis club cooks the meal and members of other service clubs help serve.

"Local businesses provide financial support. The Veterans of Foreign Wars group from Snyder buys gas for the riders. It's a special event."

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces "The Sound Of Texas" syndicated radio show. Contact him at ts@tumbleweed-smith.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Background checks?

TO THE EDITOR:
Background checks is only one of the 23 executive orders issued by the president. Why, I ask, does he want background checks on all firearm purchases?

There are many arguments on each side of the issue, but we should remember that if we ignore past history, we are apt to repeat it.

It has been reported that approximately 56 million defenseless people, men, women and children, were rounded up and exterminated

in the 20th Century. if course most were murdered in the Soviet Union, Germany and China.

Also contained in this figure are the 100,000 Mayan Indians exterminated in Guatemala, 300,000 Christians in Uganda and 1 million "educated" people were killed in Cambodia because they could not defend themselves.

I tend to believe that this number would be a lot larger if records from Cuba and other dictator-controlled countries were included. A cynic might say that this

proves that guns don't kill people — gun control does.

The Jan. 25 edition of the Herald carried an opinion written by Joseph Farah in which he discussed background checks. He states: "I think the American people deserve to see some background checks on Barak Obama." It would be interesting to see his travel and passport records, his academic transcripts, records on how he jumped from Occidental College to Columbia and Harvard universities, a record of who paid for his educa-

tion, his health records and a lot more.

In closing, Mr. Farah wrote, in part: "I'm shocked that no one else has seen the irony in the only man ... demanding background checks on ordinary, hard-working, law-abiding Americans to whom he is pledged to serve."

There is an old saying — "turnabout is fair play." Mr. President, why don't you play fair with the United States citizens?

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Going around in circles

The world would have been short-changed (okay, in some cases, "long-changed") had the wheel not been invented many moons ago.

Geometry would have been incomplete, wagons could not have been circled and there'd have been no tune called Roll Out the Barrel. We'd have missed "going in circles," and chariot rides would have been rough even for the toughest gladiators. Caissons in the Army's chorus would have moved along in some other manner. We'd have needed some symbol other than "zero" to denote lowest test scores at school, and the Arctic would have gone "circleless."

On top of that, we wouldn't have had rolling pins — a foothold for male chauvinism--and one Dale Scarth might not have been able to graphically convey to the former Helen Marie Johnson that the way to his heart was indeed through his tummy.

Scarth, who rose through the ranks of what was then Texas Electric Service Company from engineer to president (1949-1989), in his youth dug post holes for Kansas rural electric lines. The year was 1947; he was freshly discharged from World War II military service. Soon, Scarth was smitten with his true love. He looked forward to walking her home after work each day.

His work day ended 90 minutes before hers, so he often whiled away the time in a Fredonia

cabinet shop. (He's always been handy with his hands, and in retirement has made hundreds of wire "doo-hickies" handy for engaging those pesky top buttons on dress shirts. His invention provides yet another use for welding wire.)

As the courtship advanced, Scarth decided to make Helen a rolling pin. He wasn't about to be the object of fun-poking that inevitably would have been offered by friends in town if he carried it on their walk to her home. Without an auto of his own, he carefully placed it on the back seat of her dad's car parked nearby.

The same evening following dinner, he and Helen cozied up on the front porch swing — a frequent pastime. This setting beckoned when the weather was nice, fireflies cavorted and things were right for sweet nothings to be shared by the light of the silvery moon.

Scarth popped the question, and she accepted. Immediately, she raced back inside to tell her folks about the marriage proposal. Helen's dad responded in a deep, gruff voice. "Does that thing in the back seat of the car have anything to do with that thing on your finger?"

It probably did. Dale and the Scarths' four children agree that she was a world-class baker. The couple was married for 64 years, ending with her death in 2011.

My Uncle Mort identifies with rolling pins, even though their use has diminished greatly in recent decades. (Mostly, they are seen now in museums and rarely in kitchens.)

"When I was a kid, my dad always urged me to search for a 'working wife'," my almost

101-year-old kin told me. Mort asked his dad how in the world he could be sure, and was told to go over to the girl's house "of a morning." There, he could go straight to the woodpile out back to learn if her mom was a "working woman." Mort still was puzzled.

"If there's biscuit dough hanging from the ax handle, a working woman lives there," Mort's dad said....

Some years ago, my wife made one of her occasional trips to Canton for the community's heralded "First Monday" sale. Brenda was gone for a couple of days, hurrying from booth to booth at the big attraction.

While she was away, I decided to do something I'd rarely done before — clean house. I buffed, painted, vacuumed and mopped — the whole deal.

I fully expected to be lavished with praise when she saw all I had done. Upon her return, I escorted her into every room, expecting thankful comments. Instead, she was stone silent, saying nothing. Finally, I asked, "Isn't there something you'd like to say?"

Pausing, she finally responded, "Yes, it's a thankless job, isn't it?"

I have to give her credit, though, for her emphasis on healthy meals.

Nowadays, she's pushing blended diets.

Last night, we drank a chicken.

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you this day, dear Lord, for those who have nurtured and cared for us — our moms.

Amen

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Support groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For in-

formation, 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 infor-

mation, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a

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

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

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.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Imperfect Endplay

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 2
♥ K Q J
♦ K 10 4
♣ 8 7 5 3 2

WEST
♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 3 2
♣ A Q 9

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ J 10

SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 6 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ K 6 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

A declarer who tries to eliminate the element of luck on every deal does not always find the adverse cards distributed exactly the way he'd like them to be.

For example, take this case where South is in four hearts and West leads the king of spades. Declarer sees at once that he might lose a spade and three clubs and go down one if West has the ace of clubs. But having been to the wars before, he sees the possibility of an endplay against West to nullify an unfavorable location of the club ace.

So after he takes the king of spades with the ace, he plays the K-Q of trumps, hoping to find them divided 2-2. In that case, he would next cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond before putting West on lead with a spade to force a losing return.

When East turns up with three trumps instead of two, declarer remains unfazed, as this development provides no reason for him to alter his initial plan. He simply stops drawing trumps for the moment, cashes the A-K of diamonds and ruffs a diamond, as originally planned, and then exits with a spade, also as originally planned.

West unhappily finds himself on lead and must hand South the contract. If he returns a spade or a diamond, declarer ruffs with dummy's jack of trumps while disposing of a club loser from his hand. And if West returns a club instead, he makes declarer's king a trick.

This method of play — where declarer executes an endplay while one opponent still possesses one or more trumps — is called a partial elimination. When it works, though, it is just as effective as a total elimination play.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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LETTERS

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Job well done

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Tommy Duncan for his service to our community for the last two years. I know he spent countless hours working hard to make things better for Big Spring. I know my wife and I will miss him being our mayor, along with many others.

I think we as a community should be very proud of him. He did a great job.

Thanks,

MIKE AND CINDY SEELY
BIG SPRING

Too much water used

TO THE EDITOR:

A few years ago during another oil boom, there was a fellow who sold water from a private source out on Highway 176. He posted an article in the Big Spring Herald about the practice of piping water down highway right of ways. Back then, one of the main sources of this water was from Colorado Municipal Water District transmission lines, especially from Lake Thomas.

In response to his article, the then manager of CRMWD said something to the effect of it's our water and we'll sell to whomever we want to.

Flash forward 20 years and no water to speak of in Lake Thomas and the CRMWD's almost monthly or more often urging conservation of available water resources.

Most city leaders in our area are urging or demanding some sort of restraint to water usage.

Not so in Coahoma, as on a continual basis they allow huge amounts of water from our public water supply to be used at the Coahoma ball field along the interstate.

Some members of the city council will, when questioned about the matter, try to downplay it as an "occasional occurrence," when in fact it's a continual practice.

In January 2013, for instance, when grass should be in a dormant stage, 297,000 gallons of drinkable water "sic" was used at the ball park and that is an actual amount from city records, which city employees risk harassment or worse for releasing.

You would think that after a recent fire in Big Spring and their fire department needing help from Howard County fire trucks to get extra water to the location because of low water pressure, that it would be a wake-up call to at least one member of the Coahoma Council since he is a member of the Big Spring Fire Department.

With actual and projected usage amounts on the increase because of more taps to an antiquated water system, where does that leave Coahoma since we are at the end of the line?

I suppose everyone who gets a bill from Coahoma has noticed the increase now.

PS: Water used at the ball park in a 12-month period was 1,018,104 gallons.

DAN SHELBURNE
COAHOMA

Sudoku Answers on Page 8A

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.

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

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Special people

TO THE EDITOR:

I've met a lot of special people in my life and when I read the April 30 Big Spring Herald I saw that God had took Bill Wallace home and I cried because Bill and his sweet wife Glanda Fay were both very special people.

I met them 25 years ago at a new shop that had opened downtown. It was the Chalet.

They were volunteers. They along with Covie and Mulene Williams, volunteers also, ran that little shop with kindness. Everyone who walked in the door was greeted with a friendly welcome and they cared about their customers too.

If you needed something they would try to help you find it.

Often they would have homemade cookies, a story book or a little toy for my son. It was our favorite place to shop.

Bill, Glenda Fay, Covie and Mulene gave freely of their time and hearts to help others in need of a little kindness and they will always have a special place in my heart.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Readers: Happy Mother's Day. Please phone your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, stepmother or foster mother and wish them the best. And our special good wishes to all the new mommies who are celebrating their very first Mother's Day. Also, please don't forget those for whom this day, for whatever reason, is filled with sadness. Give them a call and say you are thinking of them.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "N.Y., N.Y.," the 34-year-old who is reluctant to visit her elderly grandmother.

The writer stated that the grandmother doesn't know who she is half the time. That means she does know who she is the other half.

I understand that some people have a hard time visiting hospitals and nursing homes or seeing a loved one change. But this grandmother is a living, breathing person with feelings, memories and needs. It is inexcusable to turn your back on a loved one because it makes you uncomfortable.

There are many other ways to support someone who is homebound or living in a facility. Cards, letters, pictures and

phone calls can delight someone who may not be able to communicate in other ways. For the last two years of her life, I sent my aunt postcards on a weekly basis, even though she had dementia. When she died, we found them in her bedside table. Her caretaker said my aunt carried them around with her. They helped her feel connected to me, even though we lived 3,000 miles apart.

It is also important to support the primary caregivers. I was my own mother's primary support. Mom didn't call me by

name for the last eight years of her life, but I could tell by the way she looked at me, even to her last day, that she knew who I was and loved me with everything she had.

"N.Y." is old enough to understand what being part of a family really means. I hope she gets it before her precious grandmother is gone. — *Part of a Family in N.H.*

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.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ORIENTAL	RUGBY	
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PANFRY	WANE	TSA
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mother's Day Moon Message

The void-of-course moon that rules the entire day puts a fuzzy lens on Mother's Day. Tomorrow the spell will be broken when the moon enters Cancer, the sign of mothers. Because it's likely that sentiments won't be delivered or received as expected, try a little harder to articulate your feelings and pay respect to the maternal forces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're sensitive. Even though you want to please the important people in your life, if what they want to do is too exciting, extreme, crowded or loud, you'll probably opt out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Full of confidence, you are a magnet for temptation, especially of the retail variety. Be careful not to spend what you think you'll make in the future. Instead, spend what's really in your wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An adept conversationalist such as yourself knows better than to try to control a conversation. You do, however, make an attempt to steer it away from the subjects that alienate or divide people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't spend too many days in a row doing the same things. If today's accomplishments are very similar to yesterday's, you'll start to grow irritated or, worse, weary. Change it up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you're so busy these days, you will appreciate any bits of time you have that can be devoted to creative work. You just don't feel quite like yourself unless you're putting something new into the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a problem to solve today. When you ask a question and get only dissatisfactory answers, it's a sign that you're asking the wrong question. Small tweaks are all it will take to yield results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things could easily go in a heavy direction, but don't let them. Lighten up. A degree of detachment will help. Remember that you are the person making choices, but you are not the choices themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so many feelings you're dealing with now, but luckily they only come one at a time. You're open to letting emotions flow through you, so you won't stay stuck in one for long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ease is attractive. Strain is unattractive. This rule will be apparent in your work and play. Wherever you create ease, there will be people who want to be a part of

what you're doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each person is born with a certain tolerance for frustration. Experiencing frustration too intensely or too often could be a sign that you are putting more attention on your goals than on you and your life as it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keeping up with someone for a few minutes each day builds more of a relationship than talking for hours once a month. Think of what else might improve over a few minutes each day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whenever you get caught up in worrying about whether someone approves of you, remember how many people there are in the world. You can always attract and develop new relationships.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12). This part of the year casts a dreamy light on your love life, and though your point of view may be somewhat idealistic, you derive so much enjoyment and fun from relationships that it doesn't matter. In June, apply new strategies for moving things along in your career. July brings a financial prize. Make a promise in August. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 41, 28, 3 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The first Mother's Day was a gesture in memorial of a remarkable mother who, among other acts of maternal love and civil service, provided medical aid to wounded Union and Confederate soldiers with neutrality. Anna Jarvis, the daughter who founded Mother's Day, was eventually outspokenly negative in regard to the commercialization of the holiday. Cards and candy had apparently never been her intention for the special day. Since the void-of-course moon has us questioning everything now, it's an

excellent opportunity to come up with a more personal way to honor mom. This moon suggests that to effectively communicate we must reach deeper inside ourselves and try harder to be articulate, thoughtful and demonstrative.

As if to address the hot topic of solar flares, Mercury, the planet of communication, begins a transit through Gemini. Smart ideas will be born, and scientific advancements will address problems associated with contemporary living and our dependence on the grid of electrical forces. It's an excellent time to consider your own relationship with electronic devices and come up with backup systems that will keep you from feeling helplessly attached to them. Preparation is power!

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For an informal review please contact the Glasscock County Appraisal District at 432-/354-2580.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

124 S. Myrl Street
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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Glasscock County Appraisal District
PO Box 155, 124 S. Myrl Street
Garden City, TX 79739
Phone: 432/354-2580

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Lars G. Doubleday

Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Bomber's remark?	1 Drain
11 Mastermind	2 Drop
15 Concert master	3 __ scratch
16 Dexterity	4 Parfait layer, often
17 Second Oscar/Tony/Emy/Grammy actress	5 Confine, with "in"
18 Quote source, for short	6 Dolphin in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
19 Lord Grantham alma mater on <i>Downton Abbey</i>	7 Exceptional
20 Word starter like ceno-	8 Domino's topping introduced in '07
21 Got up	9 Have the best time
23 Alternative to cherry and walnut	10 Punching bags
25 Spell checkers	11 They're not quite final
26 A lot is used for it	12 Catches
31 Come after	13 Holding
32 Move out	14 Demands
33 Issue, with "out"	22 <i>Culture Is</i> (McLuhan book)
36 Blockers' targets	24 PR staff
37 The ultimate in indulgence	25 Not together
40 "By the way . . ."	26 Sand __
41 Pizza base, perhaps	27 Literally, "listen"
43 League	28 What Sunshimmer promises
44 Growth metaphor	29 Kitchen covering
46 1921 Literature Nobel	30 Celebrate
49 Any of the Bee Gees, by birth	34 Hackman Oscar role
51 Sleeve fillers	35 __ per centimeter (measure of surface tension)
52 When "Et tu, Brute?" is spoken	38 Snagged
53 Rice rival	39 Camping gear
55 Largest of the Tuscan Archipelago	42 Butterflies
59 "Aren't you clever?!"	45 City north of Naples
60 Crawl space?	47 "___ dreaming?"
63 <i>Société d'</i> (Canadian Crown corporation)	48 Champagne glasses
	49 Incapacitated, in a way
	50 Shrewd
	53 Leave
	54 "We Need a Little Christmas" singer
	56 Given name for many a 49 Across
	57 Sound of a broken seal
	58 __ Kitchen (organic food brand)
	61 Like
	62 Home of St. Clair College

News in brief

Pakistanis go to the polls in historic election marred by violence; 16 killed in attacks

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Defying the danger of militant attacks, Pakistanis streamed to the polls Saturday for a historic vote pitting a former cricket star against a two-time prime minister and an unpopular incumbent. But attacks that killed 16 people and wounded dozens more underlined the risks many people took just casting their ballots.

The violence was a continuation of what has been a brutal election season with more than 130 people killed in bombings and shootings. Some are calling this one of the deadliest votes in the country's history.

Despite the violence, many see the election — the country's first transition between an elected government fulfilling its term to another — as a key step to solidify civilian rule for a country that has experienced three military coups.

Twin blasts in the port city of Karachi targeted the political offices of the Awami National Party, one of three secular liberal parties that have been targeted by Taliban militants during the run-up to the election, said police officer Shabir Hussain. Nine people died in the attack and 30 were wounded.

In the northwestern city of Peshawar a bomb exploded outside a polling station, killing at least one person and wounding 10 others, said police officer Mukhtiar Khan.

DNA shows Ohio kidnap suspect fathered girl freed with 3 women; relatives call him paranoid

CLEVELAND (AP) — As relatives of the Cleveland kidnapping and rape suspect recounted claims of his unnerving paranoia and violent outbursts, DNA testing confirmed the man who allegedly held three women captive for nearly a decade is the father of a 6-year-old girl who escaped from the house along with the women.

Ariel Castro, charged with rape and kidnapping, remained jailed Friday under a suicide watch on \$8 million bond while prosecutors weighed more charges, including some that might carry the death penalty. Public defender Kathleen Demetz, who said she is acting as Castro's adviser while he awaits a full-time attorney, said Friday she can't speak to his guilt or innocence and said only that she advised him not to talk to reporters.

But those who know the 52-year-old Castro are speaking up, saying he was often angry, paranoid and prone to violent outbursts against the mother of his children. He frequently beat her, played bizarre psychological games and locked her indoors, they said.

The stories, repeated in separate interviews with

The Associated Press by members of Castro's extended family, have surprised people who knew him as a musician who played bass in several bands around Cleveland the last two decades.

Miguel Quinones, manager of a group Castro played with twice as a backup bass player about five years ago, said he had nothing bad to say about Castro based on his own experiences.

New bits of information feed GOP's claim that Benghazi is huge liability for Obama, Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steady drips of information about a horrific night in Libya are fueling Republican arguments and ads designed to fire up the conservative base and undercut the Democrats' early favorite for president in 2016.

Democratic and Republican strategists sharply disagree on the issue's power to influence elections next year and beyond. But after eight months of trying, Democrats are still struggling to move past last September's terrorist attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, which killed ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Democrats insist that an independent inquiry, the dismissal of several State Department officials, and nine congressional hearings leave little new to say on the matter. But Friday turned up the sort of nuggets that feed conservative activists' belief that a major scandal may still be at hand.

Newly revealed communications show that senior State Department officials pressed for changes in the talking points that U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice used a few days after the Benghazi attacks. These senior officials expressed concerns that Congress might criticize the Obama administration for ignoring warnings of a growing threat in Libya.

The White House has insisted that it made only stylistic changes to the intelligence agency talking points, in which Rice suggested that spontaneous protests over an anti-Islamic video set off the deadly attack. The new details suggest a greater degree of political sensitivity and involvement by the White House and State Department.

Amid euphoria of finding woman alive, Bangladesh rescuers return to task of retrieving bodies

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP) — Even amid the euphoria over finding a woman alive in the rubble of a garment factory that collapsed more than two weeks ago, rescuers on Saturday returned to the grim task of dismantling the wreckage and retrieving decomposing bodies, knowing there was little chance of finding any more survivors.

The death toll from Bangladesh's worst industrial disaster is more than 1,000 and climbing. More than 2,500 people were rescued in the immediate

aftermath of the April 24 disaster, but until Friday, crews had gone nearly two weeks without discovering anyone alive.

Then, in the midst of what had become a grim search for decaying bodies following the world's worst garment industry disaster, rescuers found a woman alive, providing a much-needed boost for the weary workers.

For 17 days, the 19-year-old woman, a seamstress, lay trapped in a dark basement pocket beneath thousands of tons of wreckage as temperatures outside climbed into the mid-30s Celsius (mid-90s Fahrenheit). She rationed food and water. She banged a pipe to attract attention. She was fast losing hope of ever making it out alive.

In the ruins of the collapsed eight-store garment factory building above her, the frantic rescue operation had long ago ended.

Va. woman says faith prompted her efforts to bury Boston Marathon bombing suspect

DOSWELL, Va. (AP) — The Virginia woman whose actions led to Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev being buried about 30 miles north of her Richmond home said the angry backlash from local officials, some cemetery neighbors and online critics has been unpleasant, but she has no regrets.

"I can't pretend it's not difficult to be reviled and maligned," Martha Mullen told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday. "But any time you can reach across the divide and work with people that are not like you, that's what God calls us to do."

Tsarnaev, 26, was quietly buried Thursday at a small Islamic cemetery in rural Caroline County. His body had remained at a Worcester, Mass., funeral parlor since he was killed April 19 in a gunfight with police, days after the bombings that killed three and injured more than 260 in downtown Boston. Cemeteries in Massachusetts and several other states refused to accept the remains. With costs to protect the funeral home mounting, Worcester police appealed for help finding a place to bury Tsarnaev.

Newtown panel recommends tearing down Sandy Hook elementary school, rebuilding on site

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Newtown parents Steven Uhde and Peter Barresi didn't want the town to abandon the Sandy Hook Elementary School property where 20 first-graders and six educators were killed in December and build a new school elsewhere, saying that would be like letting the gunman win.

So they were glad Friday night when a task force of 28 local elected officials voted unanimously in favor of a plan calling for tearing down Sandy Hook School and constructing a new building on the same property.

"I think our message should be at that site that love can win over fear," said Uhde, whose son is a Sandy Hook second-grader.

Barresi said he was worried that if a new school was built at a different location, "We didn't just lose 20 children and six adults, we're letting him (the gunman) take the building too." His son attends the first grade and was on the other side of the school from where the shootings happened.

IRS apologizes for inappropriately targeting conservative political groups in 2012 election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is apologizing for what it acknowledges was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status.

IRS agents singled out dozens of organizations for additional reviews because they included the words "tea party" or "patriot" in their exemption applications, Lois Lerner, who heads the IRS division that oversees tax-exempt groups, said Friday. In some cases, groups were asked for lists of donors, which violates IRS policy in most cases, she said.

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Steers top Cooper, force Game 3



By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Despite being slapped 10-1 by No. 9 Lubbock Cooper in Game One of an area round playoff Thursday, the Steers fed off an energetic hometown crowd and playing scorching defense — turning three double plays to edge the Pirates 3-2 and force a third outing.

After retiring the first two batters of the game, Big Spring pitcher Adam Franco allowed a pair of base hits, threw a wild pitch and walked two — the second of which put a run on the board for Cooper.

With the bases still loaded, Franco got the next hitter to fly out as three Pirate baserunners were left stranded.

“We have to limit the walks a little bit more,” said BSHS Head Baseball Coach Bert Otto. “Franco started off a little bit shaky, but he battled out of it. We turned quite a few double plays tonight and we’re going to have to do the same thing (Saturday) if we want to win.”

A RBI single by Max Pappajohn drove Haegan Rodriguez home in the bottom of the first to make it a 1-1 game.

Gunnar Kennedy drew a two-out walk in the bottom of the third. Again, Pappajohn changed the tempo with one swing of the bat, as Kennedy — who had stolen second base — reached home on the cleanup hitter’s single, giving the Steers a 2-1 lead.

The Steers recorded their first inning-ending double play in the top of the fourth.

Franco gave up back-to-back doubles in the top of the fifth as Cooper knotted the game at 2-2, but again Big Spring turned a doubleplay to limit the bleeding.

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Big Spring pitcher Adam Franco leads off the bottom of the fifth inning with a single during Friday’s 3-2 win over Lubbock Cooper, evening the series at 1-1.

Grady best in state, Forsan’s Evans wins bronze, Garden City’s Halfmann takes gold in two events at UIL meet

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Crossroads area 1A schools enjoyed success at the UIL State Track and Field Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Friday, with the Grady boys bringing home the school’s first-ever state championship at the Class A, Division II level.

Grady’s relay teams were forced to handle soggy batons and a near three-hour delay due to thunderstorms, but when the clouds receded, the Lenorah’s track athletes proved the best in the entire state.

The Wildcats picked up the silver medal in 400 relay and gold in the 800 (Beau Lucas, E.J. Rodriguez, Michael Jiminez, Brandon Lucas) and 1,600 (Beau Lucas, Micheal Jiminez, Joseph Briseno, Brandon Lucas), totaling 62 points — 14 points ahead of second place Throckmorton.

“The batons felt like they were damp so I think we all really focused on hanging on to them,” Rodriguez, who ran the anchor leg for the 400 and 800 relays told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. “And my legs really felt heavy, but we had to push through.”

In addition to his duties as relay runner, Brandon Lucas also finished third in the long jump.

Also in the Division II category, Garden City’s Juan Bustos placed fifth in the 200.

Forsan has a state medalist in

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Photo submitted by Tera Evans

Forsan’s Tyler Evans’ (right) time of 10:12.41 was good enough for a bronze medal among the state’s best runners at the UIL track meet in Austin. The Grady boys finished in first as a squad and Garden City fared well in the girls’ division, with Kamie Halfmann bringing home gold in two events.

Ladies Golf Association News

The winners at Thursday’s Comanche Trail Golf Course Ladies Golf Association’s couples play were Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth and Sherrill and Betty Farmer with a four-under par.

Claiming second were Nick and Linda DeWaters and Jerry Roach and Annie Ward with a three-under par showing.

Jimmy Foresyth landed closest to

the pin on Hole No. 3, while Annie Wars landest closest on Hole No. 6.

For more information regarding the Ladies Golf Association, call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

New players are always welcome. The LGA also holds other special activities off the links and regularly dines together. Secretary Daury Booth encourages area ladies and gentlemen to attend an event.

Rangers outlast Astros, 4-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers put on quite the power display Friday night against the Houston Astros.

Nelson Cruz hit a monstrous home run to tie the score in the sixth inning, Jeff Baker’s shot put the Rang-

ers ahead in the next inning and David Murphy added one in the ninth as Texas beat Houston 4-2.

Three relievers threw 3 1-3 perfect innings to help the Rangers get the win.

Baker greeted Wesley Wright (0-1) with a lead-

off home run to right field in the seventh to give the Rangers, who entered the game last in the American League with 14 home runs on the road, their first lead of the night at 3-2.

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Spurs regain control with Game 3 win over Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs suddenly returned to form. The Golden State Warriors went cold, and Stephen Curry's sprained left ankle is once again a serious concern.

So much about this Western Conference semifinal series has turned, too.

Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili reminded the NBA why nobody should ever count them out, leading the Spurs past the Warriors 102-92 Friday night to take a 2-1 lead.

Parker scored 25 of his 32 points in a sizzling first half, Duncan added 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Ginobili had 12 points, five rebounds and four assists to ease coach Gregg Popovich's concerns.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Sunday in Oakland.

"We talked about it, even after winning Game 2, this is going to be a heavyweight championship fight," Warriors coach Mark Jackson said. "This is a different animal that we're going against. They have four future Hall of Famers. They're not going to lie down."

San Antonio outshot Golden State 50.6 to 39.3 percent and curbed Curry and Klay Thompson for the first time in the series.

Thompson scored 17 points on 7-of-20 shooting, while Curry had 16 points while going 5 of 17 from the floor. He also sprained his left ankle again in the final minutes. Curry was icing his ankle in the locker room and limped out without speaking to reporters. His sta-

tus was unclear.

"It wasn't our offense. It was our defense. I personally have to be more physical with Tony Parker," Thompson said.

Kawhi Leonard finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, and Parker added five assists and five boards to help the Spurs wrestle back home-court advantage from the Warriors after withstanding a brief fourth-quarter rally.

After leading for 95 of 106 minutes in the first two games, the Warriors nearly pulled off their own comeback. They scored the first nine of the fourth in fewer than 2 minutes, capping the run by slicing San Antonio's lead to 79-78 when Andrew Bogut blocked Duncan's layup, and Draymond Green made a jumper while drawing a foul on Duncan on the other end.

Parker put San Antonio back ahead by seven with a 3-pointer during another brief burst before leaving briefly after getting kicked in the left shin. Trainers wrapped his leg while he was on the bench and he showed no signs of slowing down when he returned, though he limped around the hallways after the game.

Parker said he will receive treatment and will play in Game 4.

With Parker on the bench, the Spurs never relented. Duncan converted a three-point play and Leonard added a layup to cap an 11-1 run that gave San Antonio a 90-79 lead with 5:39 to play.

"I thought our team was very focused," Parker said.

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can contribute, it is awesome," Baker said. "Especially when you are in the utility role, and you are trying to make the most of your opportunities, getting a big hit. Getting the series started with a win is obviously huge for us."

Murphy's shot leading off the ninth inning against Travis Blackley extended the Rangers' lead and traveled 411 feet.

Cruz tied the score at 2-2 with a big solo home run to left field in the sixth off Houston starter Dallas Keuchel. The 416-foot shot bounced off the glass facade above the railroad tracks for Cruz's eighth homer of the season.

It ended a 0 for 12 skid for Cruz, who has tied four games with four of his long balls this year.

"That one Cruz got was huge to get us back in the ballgame right there after they stole a run from us," Washington said. "And then Baker gets us the lead run and Murphy a little bit of insurance. It was all needed."

Robbie Ross (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 perfect innings before Tanner Scheppers pitched the eighth and Joe Nathan the ninth for his 10th save of the season.

"The bullpen was outstanding," Wash-

ington said. "For Robbie to come in and get us 1 1-3 innings and then Schep came in and had a good breaking ball tonight to go with that live fastball that he has. And then Joe did the rest. It was solid."

Nathan said the bullpen is in a pretty good rhythm.

"The young guys who were question marks coming into the year are throwing the ball great," Nathan said. "Obviously, we are passing the ball along pretty good. We are in a rhythm. We have good confidence down there. We are just trying to throw as many quality pitches as we can and get outs. We know coming out of the pen, we got to be aggressive, throw strikes and get outs for us. Fortunately, it has gone well."

Trevor Crowe put the Astros in front 1-0 in the second with a solo home run to left field off Alexi Ogando.

The home run was Crowe's first in 234 at-bats since July 23, 2010, when he was with the Indians.

Elvis Andrus tied it at 1-1 in the third with a bases-loaded walk. The Rangers loaded the bases with one out on a walk by Geovany Soto and singles by Craig Gentry and Ian Kinsler. Following Andrus' walk, Keuchel struck out Lance Berkman and got Adrian Beltre to fly out to center to

end the inning.

Houston responded with a run of its own in the bottom of the inning as Jose Altuve doubled with one out, advanced to third on Jason Castro's groundout and scored on Ogando's wild pitch to make it 2-1.

"That was a great reaction," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "He broke the minute the ball broke down. That was great anticipation by Altuve, and a good heads up play."

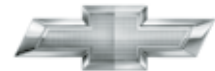
Ogando was rocky in the first, loading the bases on a walk to Chris Carter with two outs before inducing a flyout to center by Carlos Pena to end the inning.

Keuchel, making his first start of the season after appearing in six games this season out of the bullpen, allowed two runs on five hits with two walks and three strikeouts in six innings.

Keuchel said he felt good on the mound and felt he could have gone longer.

"Before the game I told some of the guys that, since I went to the bullpen and then had that one start down in Triple A, my body has been responding well," Keuchel said. "Even though I got a little hot early, I was able to settle in a little bit."

Ogando went 5 2-3 innings, allowing two runs and five hits with three strikeouts and a season-high four walks.



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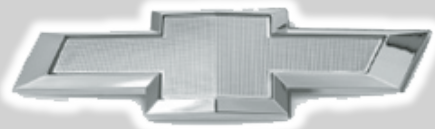
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Tyler Evans.

Representing Class A, Division I, Evans earned the bronze in the 3,200 with a score of 10:12.41, edging Valley View's Micah Davidson by a fraction of a second.

On the girls' side, Garden City's Kamie Halfmann helped lead the LadyKats to a ninth place overall finish with 20 points after taking the gold in two events, the 3,200 and the 1,600. Hannah Halfmann finished seventh in the 800, but it was Borden County which dominated as a team, taking first place with 44 points.

Grady's Cayley Oppgaard claimed a bronze medal in pole vaulting, Ellyn Avery placed fifth in the 200 and seventh in the 400. As a team, Grady finished fifth overall in the 1,600 relay.

Results:

Class A, D-II

Boys

Grady, 1st place overall, 62 points.
400 Relay: 2, Grady, 43.74.
800 Relay: 1, Grady, Beau Lucas,

Brandon Lucas, Michael Jimenez, E.J. Rodriguez; 1:31.21.

1,600 Relay: 1, Grady, Beau Lucas, Brandon Lucas, Joseph Briseno, Michael Jimenez; 3:31.00.

Long Jump: 3, Grady, Brandon Lucas, 21-8.

200: 5, Garden City, Juan Bustos, 23.06.

Girls

Garden City, 9th place overall, 20 points.

1,600: 1, Garden City, Kamie Halfmann, 5:36.88.

3,200: 1, Garden City, Kamie Halfmann, 11:58.74.

800: 7, Garden City, Hannah Halfmann, 2:33.13.

Pole Vault: 3, Grady, Caylee Oppgaard, 8-06.

200: 5, Grady, Ellyn Avery, 27.32.

400: 7, Grady, Ellyn Avery, 1:01.78.

Class A, D-I

Boys

3,200: 3, Forsan, Tyler Evans, 10:12.41

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STEERS

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Showing his versatility, Franco led off the bottom half of the inning with a single, then pinch runner Drake Worthan stole second base during Karsten Knudson's at-bat. A single by Rodriguez advanced Worthan to third. Kennndy singled Worthan home to give the Steers a 3-2 lead.

Neither squad would score for the remainder of the duration, as a strikeout and a doubleplay would close the door on a late Pirate comeback.

"We had Franco to Max to first, the line out to Brett (Brorman) and the fly out to Brett," Otto said as he recalled the double plays. "Not only do you have to make routine plays, sometimes, you have to make outstanding plays. The double plays and Max's catch on the line drive (which ended the top of the second inning) with

runners on first and second and two outs — that was huge. Brett's over-the-shoulder catch and throw it to first — you know that was huge as well."

With Kennedy and Franco already appearing on the mound, Otto indicated that Pappajohn may get the nod to take the mound in Game Three.

"I'm leaning toward Max, but we'll just have to see."

Otto believes his crew could upset the Pirates again and move on to the regional quarterfinal.

"It was a great, great ballgame played by both sides," Otto added. "Give both teams credit. It's two good teams. Everybody's calling us the underdogs — David and Goliath — today we brought our slingshot."

Drama unfolded in the bottom of the fifth when what would have been a run scored by Rodriguez from third was negated by a batter interference call on Pappajohn. Otto questioned

the call — as well as the vocal Big Spring side of the bleachers — but the ruling was upheld.

Results from Saturday's Game Three in Woodrow will be published in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Other area results:

SNYDER — Coahoma continues to cruise through the playoffs.

A 7-5 win over rival Colorado City on Friday at Western Texas College advanced the Bulldogettes to the regional semifinal round, where they will face the winner of Comanche-Kermit series.

CHS Head Coach Jill Bradshaw's team is chugging toward Austin after having opened the season with a dozen losses.

Bradshaw could not be reached for comment at press time.

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Cowboys' top pick out to prove naysayers wrong

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Travis Frederick wants to show critics the Dallas Cowboys weren't crazy when they drafted him in the first round.

The center from Wisconsin figures he will first have to prove to his coaches that he's worthy of a starting job.

"I don't believe the starting line is just going to say, 'Oh, they drafted this guy. He should be the guy,'" Frederick said Friday after his first workout on the opening day of rookie minicamp. "It's not going to be that way. I'm going to have to fight for it. I'm going to have to prove I'm the best guy for it."

And plenty of people will be watching because criticism was rampant when the Cowboys traded down to get Frederick late in the first round of last month's draft. Not only did pundits consider Frederick a second-rounder — he even admitted the same thing — but the consen-

sus was Dallas didn't get enough back from San Francisco when it surrendered 13 spots.

Frederick said it at his introductory news conference, and he said it again the first day he put on a Cowboys uniform (No. 70, by the way): He sure thinks he was worth it.

"For me, it's just about going out and playing the way I played in college and the way that I know that I can play," said Frederick, the first center taken in the first round by Dallas since Robert Shaw out of Tennessee in 1979. "If I can just work as hard as I can and take advantage of ... coaching, I think I can prove some people wrong."

Frederick might be under the microscope, but fans won't need one to find him. He's the 6-foot-3, 317-pound guy with the full, bushy beard who's sticking with the look even though 90-plus degree workout days are just around the

corner in Texas.

He said the night he was drafted that it was time to shave 10 months of growth, but maybe he got word that Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones was impressed by the attitude of the guy who showed up "looking like Santa Claus." He trimmed it a little to make himself look a more "presentable" — clearly more of an off-the-field concern.

"Not quite so dirty," he said. "We'll see how it goes. We'll see how hot it gets."

Jones has been feeling the heat over getting just a third-round pick — some said it should have been a second-rounder — to let the 49ers jump from No. 31 to the 18th pick. The owner said quarterback Tony Romo was "inordinately" interested in upgrading the offensive line, and coach Jason Garrett said Frederick was the highest player on the Cowboys' board at their lower spot.

Dallas is coming off the franchise's worst rushing season since the 16-game schedule started in 1978, and Romo was sacked 36 times — more than twice a game — and was on the run a lot more than that.

"Jason says it right when he says there is competition," Jones said. "But certainly there ought to be a spot for him on that offensive line. We think he has the combination of skill and mental ... to play immediately."

Early signs point to center for Frederick, though Garrett says that's a long way from being determined, and assistant head coach Bill Callahan wants to make sure the rookie can play guard. Frederick spent most of his first workout Friday at center, where the incumbent would have been a top-swap between Ryan Cook and Phil Costa before Frederick was drafted.

Cook came over in a trade just before last sea-

son when Costa missed most of training camp with a bad back. Costa managed to play in three games, but needed season-ending ankle surgery in October. Cook ended up starting 11 games, but could be a salary cap cut. Costa signed a new two-year deal with nearly \$1 million guaranteed.

The Cowboys signed two free-agent guards last year in Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings, but clearly felt they had more upgrading to do. Bernadeau also had to fill in at center when Cook was hurt.

"I don't want to say there's been trouble running the ball," Frederick said. "We've just got to clean some things up. Hopefully I can take advantage of the time ... to get a chance to step in and solidify things up there."

As the top pick, Frederick had the strongest pedigree Friday among 30 players who were

a mix of draft picks, rookie free agents and one-year veterans, plus another 15 "workout guys," as they were listed on the minicamp roster. So it was a small chance for Frederick to show some leadership, one of the assets the Cowboys valued.

"Day 1, just to get out and start talking in front of all these new people and players with all the coaches and the pressure on you, I thought he did pretty good," Callahan said.

If the Cowboys overvalued Frederick, they also did it because he's a thinker who apparently will show a nasty side when the time is right. So far, so good — but it's not very far, says Garrett.

"He's a smart guy," Garrett said. "He's certainly played a lot of football in his life. And he had good command at the center position. But he's a long way off. He's got a lot to learn."

And a lot to prove.

MLB suspends, fines ump after second mistake

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball suspended umpire Fieldin Culbreth for two games on Friday because he was in charge of the crew that allowed Astros manager Bo Porter to improperly switch relievers in the middle of an inning.

Culbreth and the rest of his crew — Brian O'Nora, Bill Welke and Adrian Johnson — were also fined an undisclosed amount after MLB admitted its umpers goofed for the second straight day.

"The rule covering pitching changes was not applied correctly by the umpiring crew," MLB said in a statement.

Culbreth and his crew worked the Padres-Rays game in Tampa, Fla., on Friday night.

He told a pool reporter after the game that he takes "all the responsibility" for what happened.

As for the discipline?

"I look at it that baseball has high standards for their umpires and I have high standards for myself and I didn't meet those standards last night, so I am absolutely OK with everything," he said.

The problem in Houston came a day after Angel Hernandez and his crew in Cleveland failed to reverse a clear-cut home run after looking at a video review. MLB executive vice president Joe Torre said the umpires made an "improper call."

Hernandez was booed when the umpires were introduced Friday night before the Washington Nationals hosted the Chicago Cubs.

It's recently been a rough run for umpers. Crew chief Tom Hallion was fined earlier this month after getting into a verbal spat with Tampa Bay pitcher David Price.

The latest trouble occurred in the seventh inning at Minute Maid Park. And while baseball does have video replay for some hard-to-tell calls — and has talked for a couple of years about expanding its scope — there was no mistaking what umpires saw.

With two outs and the Astros ahead 5-3, Houston reliever Wesley Wright came in from the bullpen and threw several warmup pitches from the mound. Porter, a first-year manager, then ran onto the field to stop him and brought in another reliever, Hector Ambriz.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia argued, correctly contending Wright was required to pitch to at least one batter.

But the umpires permitted Ambriz to stay in and Scioscia put the game under protest — it became moot when the Angels rallied to win 6-5.

Scioscia wasn't surprised by MLB's stern ruling.

"One thing I have found is that in the course of, especially with Joe

Torre and Major League Baseball, that I think there is accountability," he said Friday in Chicago. "That might not always show its face but I know behind the scenes it's there and this is one example."

Pinch-hitter Luis Jimenez was on deck when Wright entered. Once Ambriz took over, Scott Cousins came up as a pinch-hitter.

On Friday, Porter was upset that he caused the problem.

"Personally, I want to apologize to their whole crew for putting them in that position," he said. "It's unfortunate for the game of baseball."

A day later, Culbreth tried to explain what happened.

"We just got to cross-sectioning different rules within the changing of a pitcher, and just had a hard time getting back on track from that," he said. "We got confused."

Porter said he spoke with Culbreth after the game and apologized to him when he realized he was wrong. But he still wanted to make a public apology.

"There are some repercussions, and again as I sit here today, it's more that I feel sorry for the crew chief and the crew for having to wear what it is that happened last night," Porter said.

Culbreth said Porter's mistake was not the problem.

"I look at it that the players and the managers, they go out and play the game and it is our job, whether they are knowingly or unknowingly getting outside the boundaries to get them back in, and I fell short of keeping them inside those lines," Culbreth said. "And that falls on me."

Wright, one of the pitchers involved in the fiasco, thinks it's unfortunate that Culbreth was suspended. He said when it happened; he figured he was going to have to stay in to face a batter.

"When they told me I was out of the game I was just kind of like: 'Maybe I don't understand the rule,'" he said. "It was just one of those weird situations."

A day earlier, a mistake in Cleveland caused a lot of commotion.

Adam Rosales and the Athletics were certain he'd hit a game-tying home run in the ninth inning against the Indians. Three umpires went to a video review and instead upheld the original call on the field that the ball didn't clear the left-field wall.

Oakland manager Bob Melvin was ejected and was later contacted by MLB officials.

The mistake drew attention all over the majors. Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle said he'd never before seen an obvious miss despite replay.

"This is the first one where there definitely is a line drawn where you go, 'Wow,'" he said.

Garcia-Woods duel takes center stage at Players

PONTE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Players Championship is shaping up to be more than just a duel between Sergio Garcia and Tiger Woods.

There are 18 players within five shots of the lead, including current major champions Adam Scott, Webb Simpson and Rory McIlroy. The list also includes Lee Westwood, Henrik Stenson, Steve Stricker, Hunter Mahan and Zach Johnson.

The star-studded leaderboard should provide plenty of theater on the tricky Stadium Course. The third round begins Saturday morning.

"It's still stacked up with so many guys with a chance going into the weekend," Woods said.

Garcia and Woods are the main attraction, playing together in the final group on the weekend for the first time in nearly seven years.

Garcia made seven straight putts — six of them for birdie — on his way to a 7-under 65 in the second round Friday to match his best score at TPC Sawgrass.

That gave him a one-shot lead over Woods, who took advantage of the par 5s to post his second straight 67.

Woods broke his own 36-hole record at Sawgrass by six shots and couldn't find much wrong with his game right now.

"I'm pretty pleased with where it's at right now," Woods said.

Garcia feels good

about where he's at, too. He even seemed undaunted about being paired with Woods.

"I don't have to measure myself against anybody," said Garcia, who is at 11-under 133. "I know what I want to try to do, and any given day I can shoot a round like this and any other day he can shoot a good round and beat me. Like we always say, it's not a sprint, it's a marathon. So there are going to be good days and not so good days, so just got to enjoy the good ones as much as possible."

They pair were first were linked when the Spaniard was 19 and gave Woods all he could handle at Medinah in the 1999 PGA Championship.

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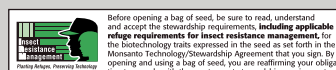
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- Find vintage plates and serving pieces at a local flea market.
- Serve beverages in Mason jars, which can also be used as flower vases.
- Cover a rustic table with gingham tablecloth.
- Fill large wicker baskets with apples to use as centerpieces.
- If hosting in the evening, line the table with tea lights and lanterns.



Strawberry Banana Smoothie Ice Pops

- 1 cup Tree Top Apple Juice
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled, sliced and frozen
- 1 banana, sliced and frozen
- 1 apple, peeled, cored, sliced and frozen
- 6 ounces vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Put all ingredients in a blender and process until smooth. Pour into ice pop forms or paper cups. Place ice pop sticks in center and freeze, inverted, for 3 hours or until solid. Keep frozen until ready to serve.

Baked Apple Pie Layer Bars

Servings: 16

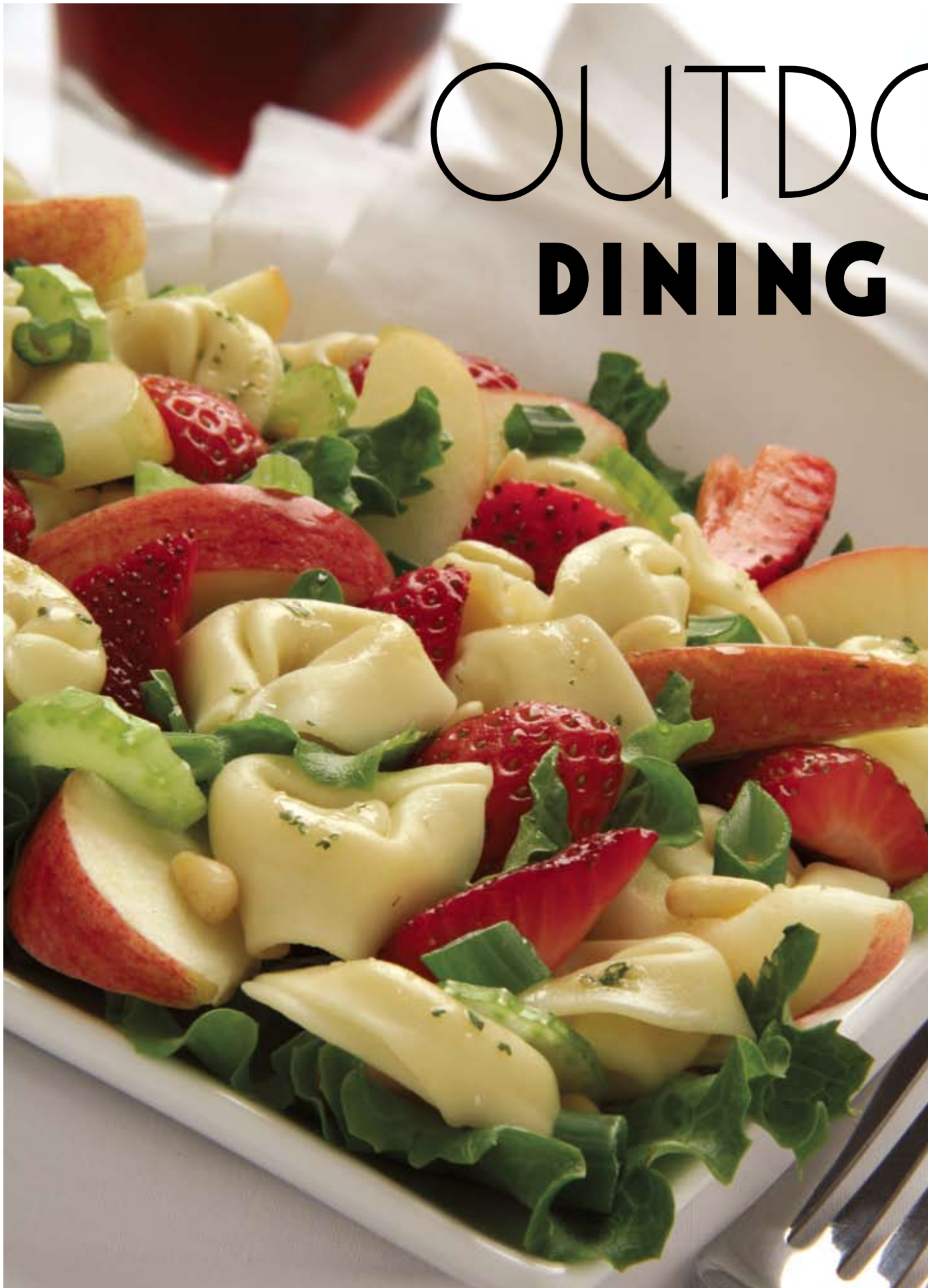
- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- Milk
- 2/3 cup crushed corn flakes
- 1/2 cup Tree Top or Seneca Apple Sauce
- 5 cups sliced, peeled apples
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Sift together flour, sugar and salt. Cut shortening in with pastry blender or two knives. Put egg yolk into measuring cup and add milk to make 2/3 cup. Add to shortening mixture. Mix just enough until dough shapes into a ball. Roll out half the dough into 15 x 11-inch rectangle. Transfer to baking sheet. Cover with corn flakes. Mix apple sauce together with apple slices, and add mixture on top of corn flakes. Mix sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over apple mixture. Roll out other half of dough for top crust. Place over apples. Pinch edges together. Beat egg white until stiff and spread on top crust. Bake in hot 400°F oven for 40 minutes. Cut into 16 squares.

Combine confectioners' sugar and lemon juice to make glaze. While hot, drizzle glaze over top.



Apple Tortellini Salad

Servings: 6 to 8

Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons Tree Top Frozen Concentrate Apple Juice, thawed
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon apple vinegar
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- Ground pepper to taste

Salad:

- 9 ounces cheese-filled tortellini
- 2 cups sliced apples (approximately 2 medium apples)
- 2 cups shredded salad greens
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup sliced scallions
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts (optional)

To prepare dressing, combine apple juice concentrate, corn syrup, brown sugar, vinegar, garlic salt and pepper. Cover dressing and refrigerate.

To prepare salad, cook tortellini, drain and cool by rinsing pasta under cold water. Shake gently to drain thoroughly. In a large bowl, combine tortellini, apples, salad greens, strawberries, celery and scallions. Toss salad gently with chilled dressing. Serve chilled. If desired, sprinkle with pine nuts.

Spiced Pork and Apple Burger with Maple Dijon

Servings: 6

- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 2 pounds ground pork
- 1/2 cup Tree Top Natural Apple Sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 hamburger buns
- Baby Spinach leaves

Stir maple syrup and mustard together in a small bowl. Set aside. Spray a large non-stick grill pan or griddle with cooking spray and place over medium to medium high heat.

Mix pork, apple sauce, salt, chili powder, dry mustard, pepper and cinnamon together in a large mixing bowl. Form mixture into 6 patties. Place patties in pan and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, turn and cook additional 4 to 5 minutes or until done.

To serve, spread bun bottoms with maple mustard mixture. Top each with a patty, spinach leaf and bun top. If desired, toast buns and top with cheddar cheese, grilled onions, pickles, tomatoes or other favorite toppings. Serve with crispy sweet potato fries and steamed beans for an easy but special meal.



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Who's who

Knight graduates from OSU vet school

Jeremy Knight of Big Spring was among 92 students earning a doctor of veterinary medicine degree (DVM) from Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences during convocation and hooding exercises held May 4, in Gallagher Iba arena.

He is the son of Alan and Mitzi Knight of Big Spring.

"Congratulations to the Class of 2013," says Dr. Jean Sander, professor and dean of the veterinary center.

"Now is an exciting time to join the profession of veterinary medicine. Whether these young veterinarians chose private practice, a career in public health, the military service, academia or biomedical research,

each one will play a critical role in keeping our food supply safe, our animals healthy and ultimately our families healthy."

At 92 members, the class of 2013 is the largest class of veterinarians to graduate from Oklahoma State since it opened its veterinary school 65 years ago in 1948.

Medlin earns HC recognition

Andreia Medlin of Big Spring received recognition for being awarded Who's Who among American Junior College's and Outstanding Art Student at Howard College at the convocation ceremonies held April 26.

Medlin was named outstanding art student at the college by Art Department Chairperson Stacy Slaten.

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Yarbrough-Hensley

Meagan Yarbrough of Ackerly and John Hensley of O'Donnell are engaged to be married July 13, 2013 at the Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mark and Tiffany Yarbrough of Big Spring and Tommy and Monica Staggs of Ackerly. She is a 2011 graduate of Sands High School and is currently attending Midwestern State University. She plans to graduate in May 2015.

The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Donelle Hensley of O'Donnell. He is a 2011 graduate of Borden County High School and is currently attending Midwestern State University. He plans to graduate in May 2014.



Menus

Senior Center
Monday: Hamburger steak with onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, cherry crisp, rolls, milk.
Tuesday: Grilled chicken fillet, fettuccini alfredo, Caribbean vegetables, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, mixed vegetables, breadsticks, salad, cake, milk.

Thursday: Ham, sweet potatoes, mixed greens, apple-sauc, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Hamburger, baked potato chips, coleslaw, strawberries and grapes, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, Cocoa Krispies, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese sandwich, baby carrots Ranch, peaches, green beans, orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, bacon scramble pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, sweet and sour chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli, pineapple chunks, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green peas, sliced apples, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken faji-

tas, tortilla, ranch beans, corn, strawberries, grapes, lettuce and tomato topping, salsa, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast quesadilla, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, crispy tacos, sweet potato sticks, Ranch, salsa, lettuce and tomato topping, pears, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, biscuit and gravy, juice and milk variety. Lunch, chicken quesadilla, salad, refried beans, apple-sauce, salsa and milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancake and sausage, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, strawberries and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, omelet, bacon, juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese wrap, charro, beans, corn, orange smiles, salsa and milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken, salad, carrots, apples slices, breadstick and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, burrito, juice and milk. Lunch, hamburger and cheese, garnish, sweet potato tots, sliced peaches and milk.

Coahoma

Monday: Breakfast, sausage pancake on a stick, chocolate chip muffin, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken tenders, chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, romaine garden salad, ranch, apricots, fruit, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, golden apple oatmeal, buttered toast, pears, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken lomein and egg roll, toasted cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, green bean, romaine garden salad, ranch, chilled pineapple tidbits, fruit, cantaloupe, fortune cookies.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, apricots, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken tetrazzini, garlic breadstick, Italian meatball sub, California blend, sweet potatoes, romaine garden salad, ranch, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles with sausage patty, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, peach-

es, fruit, milk. Lunch, crispy beef tacos, Spanish rice, soft chicken fajita tacos, charro beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, salsa, Mandarin oranges, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, biscuit and sausage patty, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, mixed fruit, whole fruit. Lunch, chicken and sausage gumbo, stamed white rice and crackers, barbecue chicken on a bun, Baked Lays potato chips, steamed broccoli, corn on the cobb, romaine garden salad, ranch, tropical frit, fresh fruit, ketchup, tartar sauce, roll, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage pancake on a stick, chocolate chip muffin, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken tenders, chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, romaine garden salad, ranch, apricots, fruit, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, golden apple oatmeal, buttered toast, pears, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken lomein and egg roll, toasted cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, green bean, romaine garden salad, ranch, chilled pineapple tidbits, fruit, cantaloupe, fortune cookies.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, apricots, fruit, milk. Lunch, chicken tetrazzini, garlic breadstick, Italian meatball sub, California blend, sweet potatoes, romaine garden salad, ranch, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles with sausage patty, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, peaches, fruit, milk. Lunch, crispy beef tacos, Spanish rice, soft chicken fajita tacos, charro beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, salsa, Mandarin oranges, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, biscuit and sausage patty, dry cereal variety, buttered toast, mixed fruit, whole fruit. Lunch, chicken and sausage gumbo, stamed white rice and crackers, barbecue chicken on a bun, Baked Lays potato chips, steamed broccoli, corn on the cobb, romaine garden salad, ranch, tropical frit, fresh fruit, ketchup, tartar sauce, roll, milk.

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BSSH honors RNs, LVNs



Courtesy photo
Alice Carson, LVN, was named Big Spring State Hospital LVN of the Year Wednesday during the hospital's annual Nurse Appreciation Day. Presenting the award were Amy Clemmer, BSN, RN, assistant chief nurse executive; Stormy Ward, RN, MSN, chief nurse executive; and Vanessa Munoz, RN, Carson's charge nurse on the Bluebonnet Unit. Carson was nominated by her peers and chosen by Nursing Administration. She has worked for the hospital for more than five years.

Courtesy photo
Fred Morales III, RN, was named Big Spring State Hospital RN of the Year Wednesday during the hospital's annual Nurse Appreciation Day. Presenting the award were Amy Clemmer, BSN, RN, assistant chief nurse executive; Stormy Ward, RN, MSN, chief nurse executive; and Jocelyn Carrillo, RN, Morales III's charge nurse on the Oak Unit. Morales III was nominated by his peers and chosen by Nursing Administration. He has worked for the hospital for more than five years.



Energy Watch



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



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

Worries over a global economic slowdown, fear of a financial collapse in Europe or heightened tensions in the Middle East. Those are just a few examples of the types of issues that have traditionally pushed investors worldwide toward the perceived safety of U.S. Treasury bonds. Current global concerns have caused investors to pile into U.S. government securities, forcing the yield on the 10-year Treasury note below 1.65 percent.

And how about the U.S. stock market? As uncertainty reigns supreme in many parts of the developed and emerging world the S&P 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average have both been hitting record highs. This has been happening despite a string of reports over the last couple of months showing the domestic economy is growing at only a modest below-trend pace. Many are wondering if this economic stumble will turn into a summer swoon for stocks. The "sell in May and go away" crowd is getting louder.

Let's keep in mind that the S&P 500 has rallied more than 18 percent off the November lows. At some point there will be a pullback (a.k.a. buying opportunity) but our instinct tells us the market is not ready to retrace a meaningful portion of the recent advance in the nearer term. A stall at or near current elevated levels? Very possibly. Or maybe trading slightly higher before taking a time out. At this point, worse than expected domestic or international economic data has not put a dent in the rally.

There are a number of positives playing into the stock market advance this year. The economy seems locked in a modest growth/modest inflation mode, valuations are below the historical average and, of course, the Federal Reserve continues to pump hundreds of billions of dollars into the financial system.

But we need to also consider another factor. Just like our government bond market, the domestic equity market has become the global investment haven for relative security. Relative to most of the rest of the world, the American economy is growing at a dependable, albeit modest, pace. Europe is in recession and growth in the emerging world has slowed as these nations struggle to move toward economies driven more by domestic consumption with less reliance on the export sector.

This perception of the American economy as one of the most dependable bets on the planet is helping to pull investment dollars in from overseas that are targeted for equities. That line of thinking is not likely to change any time soon in our opinion. The U.S. stock market, relative to others around the world, has performed very well even with a dysfunctional Washington and while apparently hitting a bump in the economic road in March and April.

Money is coming into the U.S. financial markets looking for a home in a less than certain world. Bond yields are near historic lows while the S&P 500 is near a historic high. The correlation? Perceived safety.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced May 1 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 432-684-7335. The material is published solely for informational purposes and is not an offer to buy or sell or solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any security or investment product. Opinions and estimates are as of a certain date and subject to change without notice. You should be aware that investments can fluctuate in price, value and/or income, and you may get back less than you invested.

Alon sees substantial 1st Q profit

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. has announced that net income for the first quarter of 2013 was \$54.2 million, or \$0.86 per share.

"We continue to profit from the strategic operational decisions that improve our crude slate at our refineries as evidenced by our adjusted EBITDA of \$157 million for the quarter and adjusted EBITDA for the last 12 months of \$524 million," said Paul Eisman, CEO and president. "Also, we had net income of \$74 million before non-controlling interest for the quarter. We achieved these results despite reduced refinery throughput rates resulting from maintenance at both Big Spring and Krotz Springs during the quarter.

"During the first quarter, we made additional progress towards our goal of strengthening our balance sheet by reducing net debt an additional \$137 million to \$334 million. At the end of the first quarter our net debt to total capitalization was 32 percent and net debt to adjusted EBITDA for the last 12 months was 0.6:1 compared to 70 percent and 3.7:1 for

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Internet sales tax bill faces tough sell in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Traditional retailers and cash-strapped states face a tough sell in the House as they lobby Congress to limit tax-free shopping on the Internet.

The Senate voted 69 to 27 Monday to pass a bill that empowers states to collect sales taxes from Internet purchases. Under the bill, states could require out-of-state retailers to collect sales taxes when they sell products over the Internet, in catalogs, and through radio and TV ads. The taxes would be sent to the states where a shopper lives.

Current law says states can only require retailers to collect sales taxes if the merchant has a physical presence in the state.

That means big retail-

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

"This bill is about fairness," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., the bill's main sponsor in the Senate. "It's about leveling the playing field between the brick and mortar and online companies and it's about collecting a tax that's already due. It's not about raising taxes."

The bill got bipartisan support in the Senate but faces opposition in the House, where some lawmakers regard it as a tax increase. Gro-

ver Norquist, the anti-tax advocate, and the conservative Heritage Foundation oppose the bill, and many Republicans have been wary of crossing them.

Supporters say the bill is not a tax increase. In many states, shoppers are required to pay unpaid sales tax when they file their state tax returns. However, states complain that few taxpayers comply.

"Obviously there's a lot of consumers out there that have been accustomed to not having to pay any taxes, believing that they don't have to pay any taxes," said Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark., the bill's main sponsor in the House. "I totally understand that, and I think a lot of our members understand that."

Rainwater harvesting demo slated

STANTON — While West Texas has been in a severe drought the past two years, the little amount of rainfall received could have filled a rain barrel. One inch of rain on 1,000 square feet of rooftop area generates 600 gallons of water. Imagine the possibilities of capturing large amounts of water to store in your own personal rain barrel.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will host a Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration and informational session May 16 from 5-6 p.m. A Master Gardener representative from Howard County will present the basics of rainwater harvesting and provide information on how to create a rain barrel.

Rainwater harvesting is a great

practice in dry, arid regions because one heavy rain can fill a rain barrel. Stored rainwater can be used for landscape, small wildlife, indoor plants, fire protection or storm water management.

While the practice of rainwater harvesting is not commonly known, the benefits of capturing rain can make a positive difference on your

outdoor water use.

The event will take place at the PBUWCD office, 708 West Saint Peter St. in Stanton.

For more information, contact PBUWCD personnel at 432-756-2136 or email our education coordinator at savegroundwater@gmail.com. Come and catch some rain knowledge with us!

Public records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Jose Manuel Avina, 1404 Nolan, Big Spring
Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock
Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring
Jennifer Leigh Black, 1405 E. Barton, Temple
William Riley Bounds, 1818 Corsicana, Dallas
Joe Ray Brown, 902 Hickory, Abilene
Cassie Christine Cantu, 1101 E. 12th St., Big Spring
Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring
Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring
Kimberly Gaston Cogburn, 6697 Loop 106, San Antonio
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
Steve Allan Crim, 8381 Petunia, San Angelo
Jennifer R. Crow, 1714 Fort Worth, Brownwood
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock
Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth
Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring
Teana Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring
Michael Angelo Dorado, 2202 William Rd., Big Spring
Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland
Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow
Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring
Brittany Vanessa Escanuella, 302 Circle, Big Spring
John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo
Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
Joey Lee Garcia, 3102 Ave. C, Snyder
Noel Garcia II, 1604 Robin, Big Spring
Pedro Garcia, 806 Johnson, Big Spring
Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring

Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton
Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene
Nicholas Gonzales, 903 Creighton, Big Spring
Rebecca Irene Gonzales, 2659 Maple, Abilene
Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring
Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa
Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd., Abilene
Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler Apt. 502, Atlanta, Ga.
Joe Guzman, 1313 Mesquite, Big Spring
Kimberly Dee Hargrove, PO Box 1985, Big Spring
Bryan David Hernandez, 1500 Kentucky Way, Big Spring
Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring
Danny Holt, 125 Farney Rd., Lorena
April M. Horton, 1705 Charles, Portsmouth, Ohio
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Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O. Box 837, Coahoma
Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring
Christopher Shawn Jones, 112 McDonald Rd., Big Spring
Nicholas Vance Jones, 600 Johnson, Big Spring
Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring
Jacob Leos, 507 Edwards Blvd., Big Spring
Jesse Paul Lopez, 1011 Scurry, Big Spring
Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18th, Big Spring
Joe Anthony Loya, 432 Westover Rd., Big Spring
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa
Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland
Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring
Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa
Lee Allen Mathis, 101 Falcon Lane, Hillsboro, Texas
Dustin Tyler McLeod, 108 Landon Dr., Llano
Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City

Betty Jane McWilliams, 2511 Hunter, Big Spring
Hutchinson McWilliams, 4900 W. Highway 80 No. 12, Big Spring
Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto
Darryl Lee Miller, 600 W. I-20 Apt. 119, Big Spring
Joshua Nathaniel Miller, 2210 Cecilia, Big Spring
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Eddie Glen Mills, 5142 PDQ Rd., Colorado City
Jose Munoz, 3804 Connally, Big Spring
Melissa Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring
Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Courtney Place Apt. 108, Big Spring
John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring
Elisa Sanchez Ortiz, 1609 Bluebird, Big Spring
James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring
Michael Lynn Perkins, 11601 CR 4164, Hermleigh
Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth Apt. 107, Big Spring
Taylor James Perry, 2105 Sydney Baker Apt. 228, Kerrville
Austin Healey Petersen, 1 Haven for Hope, San Antonio
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring
Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake
Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Randy Randolph, 2514 Albrook, Big Spring
Shenna Leean Reeves, 615 Gene Lee Rd., Mineral Wells
Sheila Fay Richardson, 1707 Donley, Big Spring
Liza Leigh Rios, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 30, Big Spring
Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring
Melissa Rodriguez Ruiz, 303 N.E. 11th, Big Spring
Miguel Andres Sanchez, 64 McCaleb Rd., Montgomery
Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring
Warren Victor Schneider, 803 Atlantic, Coahoma
Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana
Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma
Angela Gay Smith, 102 N. Ash, Coahoma

Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring
Stephanie L. Sterling, 13550 Clark St., Millersport, Ore.
Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring
Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring
Keristine Marie Thompson, 1408 Keith St., Midland
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder
Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 133, Big Spring
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring
Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring
Jacklynn Yvonne Watson, 1503 Tucson, Big Spring
Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska
Michael Wade Welch, 700 S. Aylesford, Big Spring
Candida Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Byran Paul Williams, 1409 E. Main St., Round Rock
Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring
James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Michael Dale Preston, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Richard Glen Thurman, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Ellaine Davidson Griffin, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Tyre Cole Watts, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Kenneth

Alan Potter, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Rosendo Deanda, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joshua Steven Walker, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Priscilla Leann Torres, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings:

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Jessica D. Paredez, accounts, notes and contracts.
Tracy L. Johnson vs. Jesse R. Boatright, injuries or damages involving a motor vehicle.
Patsy Castillo vs. Pedro Castillo, divorce.
Mary M. Castellano vs. Isa Castellano, divorce.
Jennifer R. Chandler vs. Michael W. Chandler, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:

Joshua T. Fonda, 27, and Michael M. Daves, 29, both of Big Spring.
Tommy Zambrano, 53, and Michelle Ann Zambrano, 42, both of Big Spring.
Marcos Aurelio Salinas, 39, and Sarah Jo Burch, 33, both of Big Spring.
Billy P. Darrow, 45, and Randi D. Fruman, 28, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Kathy Greene and William Robert Greene
Grantee: Cetus Operating LLC
Property: A 2.22-acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 3, 2013
Grantor: Jeremiah Torres and Randi Torres
Grantee: Zhi Xiong Liu and Kam Sing Wong

Property: Lot 9, Block 2, Whip-poorwill Hill
Date: April 1, 2013

Grantor: Ana Garces
Grantee: Mary Gracia
Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Mesa
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Ana Garces
Grantee: Mary Gracia
Property: Lot 5, Block 2, Mesa
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Toby J. Green and Tara Green
Grantee: Kenneth Lane and Sue Lane
Property: Lot 14, Block 3, Washington Place
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Kenneth Walker
Grantee: Harry Gopaliji
Property: Lot 3, Block 20, Boydston Addition
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Kenneth Walker
Grantee: Harry Gopaliji
Property: Lot 4, Block 20, Boydston Addition
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Brian Hawes and Catherine Hawes
Grantee: Horace E. Tubb
Property: An 8-acre tract out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Brian Hawes and Catherine Hawes
Grantee: Horace E. Tubb
Property: A tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date: March 28, 2013

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Joann Davis and Janet Hilbers
Grantee: Amber L. Ritz
Property: Lot 1, Block 2, Stanford Park
Date: March 28, 2013

Grantor: Roxann Rich
Grantee: Carroll C. Kohl
Property: Lot 1, Block 5, College Park Estates
Date: March 28, 2013

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the same periods last year.

"During the first quarter, we generated very favorable margins of \$28.76 per barrel at our Big Spring refinery, benefiting from the strong margin environment as well as the WTI less WTS differentials. At Krotz Springs, we generated an operating margin of \$13.14 per barrel as we were able to take greater advantage of cheaper WTI priced crudes.

"In California, as mentioned last quarter, we are continuing our engineering study at our Bakersfield refinery location. Concurrently, we are monitoring the progress of the submitted permit applications

that would allow us to ship via rail lighter mid-continent crudes to replace the heavier West Coast crudes used in the California system. We still expect to receive these permits, as well as to complete required infrastructure build out and to enter into the required supply arrangements, during the fourth quarter of this year. In the meantime, we have signed agreements with major companies to utilize our logistical assets.

"For the second quarter of 2013, we expect the average throughput at the Big Spring refinery to be approximately 72,000 barrels per day and only 57,000 barrels per day at the Krotz Springs refinery due to repairs being performed on the reformer unit. At Krotz Springs,

we are planning to process 30,000 barrels per day of WTI during the second quarter of 2013. In addition, we are in the process of completing a railcar unloading terminal facility at the Krotz Springs refinery with plans to ship an additional 6,000 barrels per day of WTI crude oil with our existing railcars."

First Quarter 2013

There were no material special items that affected earnings for the first quarter of 2013. Special items reduced earnings by \$37.8 million for the first quarter of 2012 which primarily included after-tax losses of \$27.2 million associated with losses on commodity swaps, \$4.9 million associated with heating oil call option crack spread contracts,

\$5.8 million associated with the write-off of un-amortized original issuance discount due to the repayment of the Alon Brands term loan offset by \$0.1 million associated with gain recognized on disposition of assets.

The combined refinery throughput for the first quarter of 2013 averaged 117,915 barrels per day ("bpd"), consisting of 59,476 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and 58,439 bpd at the Krotz Springs refinery, compared to 135,190 bpd for the first quarter of 2012, consisting of 69,512 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and 65,678 bpd at the Krotz Springs refinery. The lower throughput rates for the first quarter of 2013 were due to maintenance work at both refineries.

Refinery operating margin at the Big Spring refinery was \$28.76 per barrel for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$15.24 per barrel for the same period in 2012. This increase is mainly due to higher Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spreads and a widening WTI to WTS spread. The Krotz Springs refinery operating margin was \$13.14

per barrel for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$5.81 per barrel for the same period in 2012. This increase is mainly due to the higher utilization of lower crude oil costs with the addition of WTI priced crude oils.

The average Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spread for the first quarter of 2013 was \$28.40 per barrel compared to \$24.78 per barrel for the same period in 2012. The average Gulf Coast 2/1/1 high sulfur diesel crack spread for the first quarter of 2013 was \$8.20 per barrel compared to \$12.46 per barrel for the same period in 2012.

The average WTI to WTS spread for the first quarter of 2013 was \$11.41 per barrel compared to \$2.16 per barrel for the same period in 2012. The average LLS to WTI spread for the first quarter of 2013 was \$20.22 per barrel compared to \$12.61 per barrel for the same period in 2012.

Asphalt margins for the first quarter of 2013 were \$61.51 per ton compared to \$55.18 per ton for same period in 2012. On a cash basis (i.e. ex-

cluding inventory effects), asphalt margins in the first quarter of 2013 were \$61.44 per ton compared to \$3.01 per ton in the first quarter of 2012. The average blended asphalt sales price decreased 5.6 percent from \$572.54 per ton in the first quarter of 2012 to \$540.48 per ton in the first quarter of 2013 and the average non-blended asphalt sales price increased 14.7 percent from \$341.49 per ton in the first quarter of 2012 to \$391.77 per ton in the first quarter of 2013.

Retail fuel sales volume increased by 7.5 percent from 41.3 million gallons in the first quarter of 2012 to 44.4 million gallons in the first quarter of 2013.

Alon also announced that its board of directors has approved an increase in its regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per share to \$0.06 per share, or from \$0.16 per share to \$0.24 per share per annum, and a special non-recurring dividend of \$0.16 per share. Both dividends are payable on June 14 to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 31.

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New baby names suggest high hopes

By S OHLEMACHER

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON

Talk about high expectations for a newborn: King and Messiah are among the fastest-rising baby names for American boys.

They're just a little behind Major, the boy's name that jumped the most spots on the Social Security Administration's annual list of popular baby names.

Jacob is the most popular for boys — again — and Sophia is the top name for girls, according to the list released Thursday.

It was Jacob's 14th straight year at the top. Next were Mason, Ethan, Noah and William. Liam cracked the top 10 for the first time, coming in at No. 6. Daniel slipped out of the top 10 for the first time since 1998, to No. 11.

It was Sophia's second year in a row at the top for girls. Next were Emma, Isabella, Olivia and Ava.

But what about those rising boys' names?

Typically, says Laura Wattenberg, author of "The Baby Name Wizard" and founder of Babynamewizard.com, "You don't get a lot of Messiahs. You can have a lot more Majors."

"I have no doubt Major's rising popularity as a boy's name is in tribute to the brave members of the U.S. military, and maybe we'll see more boys named General in the future," said acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin.

Wattenberg said Americans have long given their children "aggrandizing names." She noted that Noble and General were on the list of popular boys' names for much of the 20th century, though neither ever cracked the top 100.

"We've pretty much

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Top baby names for girls	Top baby names for boys	Fastest-rising baby names for girls	Fastest-rising names for boys
1. Sophia	1. Jacob	1. Arya	1. Major
2. Emma	2. Mason	2. Perla	2. Gael
3. Isabella	3. Ethan	3. Catalina	3. Jase
4. Olivia	4. Noah	4. Elisa	4. Messiah
5. Ava	5. William	5. Raelynn	5. Brantley
6. Emily	6. Liam	6. Rosalie	6. Iker
7. Abigail	7. Jayden	7. Haven	7. King
8. Mia	8. Michael	8. Raelyn	8. Rory
9. Madison	9. Alexander	9. Briella	9. Ari
10. Elizabeth	10. Aiden	10. Marilyn	10. Maverick

run out of presidential names, all the Jeffersons and Jacksons and Madisons, so we're moving on to the aristocracy, I guess, or to the military."

Jennifer Moss, author of "The One-in-a-Million Baby Name Book" and founder of Babynames.com, says she discourages parents from giving children "expectation names, like Justice and Chastity."

"We feel that it kind of puts an undue pressure on the child when you use those kinds of grandiose or purity names," Moss said.

Chastity was in the top 1,000 for more than two decades before dropping off the list in 1994. Justice was on the list in 1880 but then fell off for more than 100 years. The name reappeared in 1992 and was No. 518 last year.

Jacob's popularity endures because the name has much of what parents look for in a boy's name, said Moss.

"It's easy to pronounce, and it's easy to spell. It's a solid manly name," she said. "It's a biblical name, and biblical names are always in style."

On the girls' side, Sophia first cracked the

top 100 in 1997. Isabella dropped off the list from 1949 to 1990.

The Social Security Administration's website provides lists of the top 1,000 baby names for each year, dating to 1880. The top baby names that year were John and Mary. John is now No. 28 and Mary has fallen to No. 123 — the lowest for both names.

The list, which also includes top baby names by state, draws millions of viewers. The agency hopes that people go to the website to see the baby names and stay to learn about other services.

The website also shows which names are gaining — and losing — popularity. Among the boys' names that are spiking, Major jumped 505 spots, to No. 483, followed by Gael, Jase, Messiah and Brantley. Messiah gained 246

spots, to No. 387.

Jase Robertson is a character on the reality TV show "Duck Dynasty," about a family that runs a business making duck calls and other duck hunting gear. Gael García Bernal is a Mexican film actor and director.

Among the other boys' names gaining in popularity: Maverick, Armani and King, which jumped 133 spots, to No. 256.

Among the rising girls' names, Arya jumped 298 spots, to No. 413, followed by Perla, Catalina, Elisa and Raelynn. And Raelyn with one 'n' was eighth.

Arya Stark is a character in the TV show, "Game of Thrones."

Among the girls' names that are losing popularity, Dulce dropped the most, 159 spots, to No. 574. Next were Mikaela, Estrella,

Danna and Audrina.

Among the boys' names that dropped, Braeden fell 105 spots, to No. 581. Next were Yahir, Kieran, Cullen and Brayan.

The popularity of Cullen was fleeting. In 2010, it was the fastest rising name for boys. Edward Cullen is a vampire in the "Twilight" books and movies.

The list shows that

top names for boys have been more stable over the years than names for girls. William, for example, has been a popular boy's name for more than 100 years, never falling out of the top 20. Mason is an exception, entering the top 100 for the first time in 1997.

Today's top names aren't nearly as popular as the top names were a generation ago.

For example, 18,899 babies were named Jacob last year. Two decades ago, that wasn't good enough to crack the top 25. In 1992, Michael was the top name for boys, with more than 54,000 boys getting the name.

"We're seeing a total revolution in terms of the diversity of naming," Wattenberg said. "Parents are really focused on choosing a distinctive name that will make their child stand out."

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