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 Firefighters with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the Big Spring Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the area near the intersection of Elder Road and Hickory Tuesday afternoon, shortly after 3 p.m. According to HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan, the fire — which destroyed a travel trailer and a nearby vehicle — was caused by an overloaded extension cord. No injuries were reported as a result of the blaze.

Trade Days returns to Martin Co.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — At least three times a year, this sleepy West Texas hamlet becomes the epicenter of the shopping world, as Old Sorehead Trade Days swells the downtown area with thousands of people.

City officials say a wide array of vendors — hawking everything from antiques to the latest fashions — will descend on the town this Saturday and Sunday.

Organizers say, however, it's the food that draws many Crossroads residents to the event.

Trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out, with the first located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, and a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have

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Big Brothers Big Sisters needing help with challenge grant

Special to the Herald

The Abell-Hanger Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 challenge grant to help bring Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) to Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

A steering committee of Big Spring and Stanton residents has been working to raise \$85,000, required by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to open a satellite office, which would operate as an extension of the BBBS office in Midland.

Under the terms of the



grant, the steering committee must raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31 from Howard County residents to earn the \$10,000 from

the Abell-Hanger Foundation. Coupled with funds already raised, the \$60,000 and \$10,000 challenge grant would bring the committee to the required \$85,000.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally-supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships that will change their lives

for the better.

Deidra Fuller, president of the BBBS Crossroads steering committee, said having a program in this area would reap big rewards for young people.

"Magic Johnson once said, 'All kids need is a little help, a little hope and someone who believes in them,'" Fuller said. "Establishing a Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Big Spring/

Crossroads area will not only give hope to kids, it allows children to have at least one positive and caring adult role model in their life — someone who encourages them and believes in them."

Studies have shown that children who have a mentor are more likely to finish high school and go on to college

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Get your thumb green at gardening classes

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Whether it's learning how to turn a chair into a floral arrangement or maximizing outdoor water usage at your home, the Howard County Master Gardeners have some ideas they want to share with you.

The club will begin its annual summer session of Saturday classes this week, officials said. All classes will be at the club's Green Thumb Cottage, 1604 W. Fourth (between Jones and Brown streets) at 10 a.m.

In the first class, attendees will learn how to create a garden planter chair similar to the one the club offered as a prize at its recent Spring Plant Sale.

Cost of the class is \$25 and people should bring a pair of work gloves.

Club Member Lucy Arcand said participants will need to provide an old wooden chair, also.

"This class is really just for fun," Arcand said. "It's a class on how to make a decorative item out of an old chair."

The other two summer classes are both

- How to build a garden planter chair.
- Maximize water usage in your garden.
- Drip irrigation.

free to the public, but the topics will be much more serious in nature, showing people how to maximize water usage in their gardens during a time of extended drought.

On July 13, the club will offer a class on drip irrigation.

"They will learn how to use an underground hose with little holes punched in it to irrigate their gardens," Arcand said. "The result is very focused water usage — it goes directly to the root system of the plants."

The final summer class, set for Aug. 10, will show attendees how

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Courtesy photo
 Shown is an example of decorative chairs people can learn how to create during Master Gardeners Club summer classes, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the club's Green Thumb Cottage, located on West Fourth Street between Jones and Brown streets.

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Obituaries

Pamela Sue Vines Kirkland



Pamela Sue Vines Kirkland received her invitation to Heaven on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Scott & White Hospital of Temple. She was 66 years young.

A celebration of her life will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Cathedral Oaks Event Center in Belton, Texas, surrounded by family, friends and the countless people she touched.

Pam was born May 23, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas, as the only child of James and Irma Vines. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965.

While attending Big Spring High School, she met and fell in love with Benny Dale Kirkland and they married in Cooper, Texas, on Oct. 2, 1965.

The family moved to Belton, Texas, in 1979, where they went to work at Bell Glass and Mirror Co. in Killeen, Texas. Shortly after, Pam opened her own business in Belton with a dear friend, Lynn's Needle Art Shop in 1985.

Left to honor Pam's memory are Benny, her husband of 47 years; her children, Kristin Tindell and husband Alan of Belton; son, Calvin Kirkland and wife Angela of Duncan, Okla.; and grandchildren, Coby Kirkland, Emily Kirkland, Erin Kirkland, Sarah Tindell, Regan Tindell and Bailey Tindell.

The family will be eternally grateful to the people of the Eighth Floor, Palliative Care Team and Hospice Unit at Scott & White Hospital, as well as Doctors Patel and Henderson (and staff) of Scott & White Cancer Center of Killeen for their love and care of Pam.

If you desire, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a fund set up for cancer research in Pam's name to Pam Kirkland Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank Texas, P.O. Box 909, Killeen, TX 76540.

Paid obituary

Alice Stout



SAN ANGELO~ Alice Stout departed from this Earth to her celestial home on June 3, 2013. Visitation will be all day Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at the funeral home, with family present from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Ellen King officiating. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Alice was born to Otho and Mamie Johnson in Emporia, Kan., on Nov. 17, 1921. She attended Emporia High School and Emporia State prior to meeting and marrying Clark H. Stout on Nov. 30, 1941.

She was a homemaker during their 51 years of marriage. She and Clark traveled extensively around the country, making many friends along the way. Alice was a lifetime member of Miriam Chapter 14 Order of the Eastern Star in Emporia, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five siblings; and husband, who died in 1993.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Marianne and husband J. Fred Simpson; granddaughter, Diane and husband Charles Ditmore; grandson, Jon and wife Barbara Simpson; great grandchildren, Morgan and Haley Ditmore and John Lee Simpson, all of San Angelo.

Alice's family would like to thank Dr. Brenda Owens, Dr. Denver Marsh, the entire staff of Sagecrest (Tucker unit) and Baptist Hospice for their love and care.

Memorials may be sent to Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas or Lighthouse for the Blind in San Angelo.

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Police blotter

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

- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 29, of 3701 La Junta, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.
- DANIEL JOSEPH DAUDY, 20, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 4, was arrested Tuesday on charges of expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, speeding and expired registration.
- MICHAEL LEE MARBEITER, 38, of 2626 Hunter Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ROBERT JAMES HUMPHUS, 32, of 511 S. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- MATTHEW RAMIREZ, 35, of Victoria, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- LEON LEE TREVINO, 31, of 407 W. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- VERONICA LOUISA MORELION, 25, of 600 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER OCTAVI GUTIERREZ, 26, of 1302 Madison, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHELSEA RENEE FRYAR, 22, of 1410 Robin St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLAYTON DOW BIRMELIN, 26, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Valverde.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2100 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

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

- MICHAEL ANGEL ESPUDO JR., 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- CLAYTON DOW BIRMELIN, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DORKISH TRISHAWN YOUNG, 17, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to attend school.
- PAIGE NASHEY PALMER, 17, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury (two counts).
- MICHAEL LEE MARBEITER, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a Taylor County warrant for possession of meth with intent to deliver.
- ROBERT JAMES HUMPHUS, 32, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- MATTHEW RAMIREZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a Victoria warrant for criminal non-support.
- LEON LEE TREVINO, 31, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- VERONICA LOUISA MORELION, 25, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHELSEA FRYAR, 22, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER C. GUTIERREZ, 26, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD WARF, 17, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and no driver's license.

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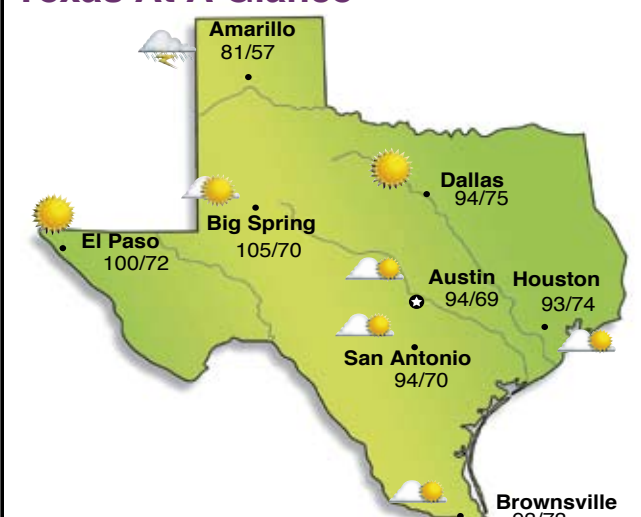
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Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High near 105F.	Thundershowers. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:50 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:51 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	100	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	81	57	t-storm	Livingston	94	71	pt sunny
Austin	94	69	pt sunny	Longview	94	74	mst sunny
Beaumont	93	74	sunny	Lubbock	94	62	t-storm
Brownsville	93	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	95	75	sunny
Brownwood	99	71	sunny	Midland	106	70	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	92	73	sunny	Rosenberg	94	73	pt sunny
Dallas	94	75	sunny	San Antonio	94	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	103	76	sunny	San Marcos	94	69	pt sunny
El Paso	100	72	sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	73	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	104	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	101	70	mst sunny
Gainesville	92	70	t-storm	Tyler	94	75	sunny
Greenville	92	72	sunny	Weatherford	93	72	sunny
Houston	93	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	68	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	65	51	rain
Boston	74	52	mst sunny	New York	74	59	pt sunny
Chicago	68	55	rain	Phoenix	102	75	sunny
Dallas	94	75	sunny	San Francisco	63	53	pt sunny
Denver	61	50	rain	Seattle	76	55	pt sunny
Houston	93	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	80	66	t-storm
Los Angeles	72	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	82	63	mst sunny
Miami	83	77	rain				

Moon Phases



• BRENNNA LEDAE HILL, 21, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street.

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• Hangar 25 Air Museum will be having a clearance sale of all Gift Shop items and some specialty items from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Everything will be 75 percent off! Visit www.hangar25airmuseum.com for information on the Gift Shop items.

• God's Backyard Bible Camp will be held over five days in Coahoma and Sand Springs. Day one will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Coahoma city park. On June 15, the 9-11 a.m. event will move to Sand Springs at the open lot on Texas Road. The final three days will be June 17-19 at Midway Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until noon. Fun-filled activities, games and snacks will be provided. Transportation is available. Children ages 3 through the sixth grade are welcome. Registration is required but there is no fee. Call 432-263-6274 for questions or to reserve transportation.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Chorus rehearsals for July 3's Pops in the Park will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday of the month — June 4, 11, 18 and 25. The location will be at the First United Methodist Church chorus rehearsal room. Enter the north door in the alleyway. Anyone who has the time to attend all four rehearsals is welcome to participate. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann at 432-213-0645 or keithgraumann@yahoo.com

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

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bring-

ing 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.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's

HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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

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

• Kid's Carnival at My Redeemer Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane, Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include face painting, pie throwing, dunking booth, jewelry making, cake walk, and many other games along with food and drinks.

► Support

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• 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.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SOREHEAD

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to offer," Shawna Burch, spokesperson for the event, said. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Old Sorehead Trade

Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 6 p.m., resuming Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," Burch said. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, oil signs, wagon wheels

— if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

Booths and vendors won't be the only merchants putting their best wares forward during trade days, according to Burch.

"Don't miss out on the chance to shop with our local merchants, as well," she said. "Step in, say hello, browse around and meet some of the friendly people. Stanton

has antique stores, gift shops, a clothing boutique, restaurants and many other businesses ready to serve."

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, Trade Days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking.

Burch said those want-

ing to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," she said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the

event can call our trade days hotline at 432-756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stanton-tex.com."

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

BBBS

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and eventually be a productive member of society, Fuller said.

"Studies have also shown that children who do not have a mentor or positive role model in their life, will often seek acceptance in less

positive sources, such as gangs," she added. "As residents of Howard County, we must band together to find a way to bring BBBS to the Crossroads area. We need our future leaders to be successful in school, have good social skills, have a sense of civic responsibility and have hope for a brighter future."

For more information, contact BBS Executive Director Kay Crites at 432-687-0195. Donations should be designated for the Big Spring extension and mailed to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland, 714 W. Louisiana, Midland, TX 79701.

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to construct a rainwater harvesting system for their gardens.

"Basically, we waste a lot of rainwater," Arcand said. "If you can configure a system to capture that, you'll have that much more water to use in your garden, and rainwater is the best water you can use for your garden."

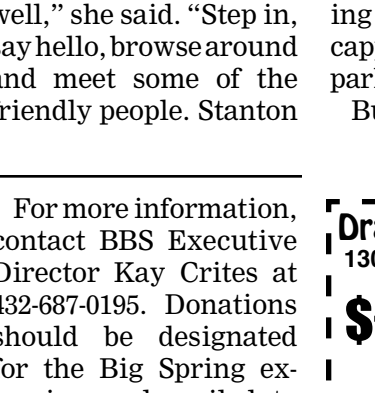
Installing drip irrigation or rainwater harvesting systems don't have to cost a lot, Ar-

cand said. "You can spend a lot, or you can spend a little. It can be high-end or low-end," she said. "You can use a system you put together with PVC pipe and plastic barrels. It can be as simple as you want."

For more information on the club's summer classes, call Joni Boyd at 264-7472 or Julie Coates at 263-2225.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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If it sounds too good to be true ...

Everybody, and I do mean everybody, has heard the age-old warning, “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.” And statistics validate the concern that should be associated with any offer for anything that sounds ridiculously good. Thousands of people have been hoodwinked into buying, calling, sending money, or investing in something that turned out to be nothing short of socialized extortion. It’s a sad commentary on humanity, but there are plenty of callous scam artists working overtime to dishonestly relieve honest hardworking souls of their possessions.

Now, you should know that not everything that sounds too good to be true is a scam. There are occasions when something is a genuine bargain. Sometimes, it’s a case of miscalculation or poor business judgment. Case in point, back in the early ‘90s there was a Hoover promotion that was in the “too good to be true” category. Hoover was giving away free round-trip tickets to Europe (and later, the USA) for purchases of 100 pounds (approximately \$156 U.S.) or more. After checking the small print, people realized it was a genuine offer. Hoover hadn’t figured on savvy customers buying a vacuum cleaner just for the deal, which was worth way more than the product itself. In this case, Hoover did not make good on its promise, as too many people took them up on the offer. It resulted in legal battles, 50 million pounds (something in the neighborhood of \$76 million) in legal fees, and Hoover eventually being sold to the Italian manufacturer Candy, all because the promotions department didn’t do the math.

Regardless of that account, the inescapable truth is that the percentage of “too good to be true” deals being legitimate is so minuscule that one should never believe and act on offers without being well-informed and intimately familiar with every line of the infamous small print. I tend to believe the old adage that says, “If you play with fire you’ll get burned.” Yet it keeps happening every day and unethical thieves just keep finding willing vic-

tims. Americans lose hundreds of millions of dollars every year to investment fraud. Con artists scam the rich and the poor; the sophisticated and the unsophisticated; the timid and the greedy. They take money from widows and widowers, young couples just starting out and from professional men and women with high paying jobs and a good education. It makes no difference. The con artists have a scam for every situation.

I recently read an interesting and very enlightening report that was presented to the UK Office of Fair Trading by the University of Exeter School of Psychology. A few highlights of their research bears addressing here.

Victims are often deceived because the scammers are presented as authorities we should trust. People tend to obey authorities, so scammers use, and victims fall for, cues that make the offer look like a legitimate one being made by a reliable official institution or established reputable business.

Then there are visceral triggers, scams that exploit basic human desires and needs such as greed, fear, avoidance of physical pain, or the desire to be liked in order to provoke intuitive reactions and reduce the motivation of people to process the content of the scam message deeply. In essence, scammers use triggers that make potential victims focus on the huge prizes or benefits they are offering.

Scammers also effectively implement “scarcity cues.” Scams are often personalized to create the impression that the offer is unique to the recipient, which is easily accomplished through computer mail merges and the convenient access to people’s personal information online. They also emphasize the urgency of a response to reduce the potential victim’s motivation to process the scam content objectively or in detail.

The report also included “induction of behavioral commitment.” Scammers ask their potential victims to make small steps of compliance to draw them in, and thereby cause victims to feel committed to continue sending money.

One of the most successful ploys is the disproportionate relation between the size of the alleged reward and the cost of trying to obtain it. Scam victims are led to focus on the alleged big prize or reward in comparison to the

relatively small amount of money they have to send in order to obtain their windfall; a phenomenon called ‘phantom fixation’. The high value reward (often life-changing, medically, financially, emotionally or physically) that scam victims thought they could get by responding, makes the money to be paid look rather small by comparison.

Another contributing factor is the lack of emotional control. Compared to non-victims, scam victims report being less able to regulate and resist emotions associated with scam offers. They seem to be unduly open to persuasion, or perhaps unduly indiscriminating about whom they allow to influence and persuade them. This creates an extra vulnerability in those who are socially isolated, a group that is often victimized.

The report stated that it was striking how some scam victims kept their decision to respond private and avoided speaking about it with family members or friends. It was almost as if with some part of their minds, they knew that what they were doing was unwise, and they feared the confirmation of that that another person would have offered. Indeed to some extent they hide their response to the scam from their more rational selves.

Another counter-intuitive finding is that scam victims often have better than average background knowledge in the area of the scam content. For example, it seems that people with experience of playing prize draws and lotteries are more likely to fall for a scam in this area than people with less knowledge and experience in this field. This also applies to those with some knowledge of investments. Such knowledge can increase rather than decrease the risk of becoming a victim.

I doubt you needed this information. None of my readers would ever fall for any of those too-good offers. But there’s a pretty fair chance you’ll get one of those “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunities someday and maybe you’ll give it just a little more thought.

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

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EDDY PRINCE

Dying drug war’s last victims

The power to prosecute is an awesome power that confers the ability to ruin people’s lives, which is why an attorney general should use that power judiciously.

There should be, to borrow from language in currency at the Obama Department of Justice these days, “balance.” When authorities uphold federal drug laws, they should target the worst offenders first, not prosecute and jail their biggest critics.

When Barack Obama ran for president in 2008, a campaign spokesman told me Obama “believes that states and local government are best positioned to strike the balance between making sure that these policies are not abused for recreational drug use and making sure that doctors and their patients can safely access pain relief.”

When Oregon’s Willamette Week asked Obama if he would stop federal raids on medical marijuana facilities, he answered, “I would, because I think our federal agents have better things to do, like catching criminals and preventing terrorism.”

Those remarks suggested that,

as president, Obama would leave marijuana enforcement to local officials in the 18 states that have legalized medical marijuana.

Yet under Attorney General Eric Holder, the Obama Department of Justice has declared war on medical marijuana dispensaries. Last week in Sacramento, U.S. Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced that his office had cut a plea agreement with Matthew Davies, 35, a bistro owner and small-business man with an MBA, who “set out to build a lucrative marijuana empire in the Central Valley, even though he knew that this conduct was illegal under federal law.” Davies will serve five years in prison and pay a big fine.

Already, he has forfeited \$100,000.

The smart and humane course would be to place Davies, who already has been wiped out financially, on probation or home detention. By putting him behind bars for five years, the Feds end his ability to hire workers for his bistro and other concerns, erase the taxes he would have paid, and take a father from his wife and two daughters.

And for what? Will illicit marijuana use go down? I don’t think so.

After a high-profile press campaign waged by attorney Steven Ragland and public relations ace Chris Lehane to win a pardon or lenient sentence, Davies caved

because federal mandatory minimum sentences lack all proportion. Wagner asserts that Davies faced a 40-year sentence if found guilty of three of the 10 counts filed against him. That’s an insane sentence for a first-time nonviolent drug offender.

“It’s not just incarceration” that bleeds taxpayers, noted Kris Hermes of Americans for Safe Access. “It’s also the investigation. It’s also the prosecution.”

After Colorado and Washington voters chose to legalize recreational use of marijuana, the president told ABC’s Barbara Walters he had “bigger fish to fry” than going after recreational users.

But for all the president’s talk about a need for “balance” when dealing with intelligence leaks and First Amendment rights, he will not demand balance in his own Department of Justice.

Hermes sees the “dying gasp” of drug warriors refusing to accept the verdict of voters — so they’re kicking folks like Matt Davies and using your tax dollars to feed their nasty habit.

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DAILY PRAYER

Be with us, dear Lord, when patience is thin and emotions are high.

Amen



DEBRA SAUNDERS



Top Rotary Club students

Courtesy photo
Above, Coahoma High School student Laurel Nix was named the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Student of the Month for April. Pictured left to right are Carrie Conley, Coahoma ISD; Angel Brooks, Laurel's mom; Nix; and Rotary Club President Ken McIntosh.



Courtesy photo
At right, Forsan High School student Elena Flores was named the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Student of the Month for May. Pictured left to right are Ken McIntosh, Rotary Club president; Jim Rhodes, FHS band director; Flores; and assistant Misty Hoelscher

► Around the area

Western Swing Festival

SNYDER — The West Texas Western Swing Festival is under way at Scurry County Coliseum. The festival annually attracts 2,500 or more fans, many of whom arrive in RVs.

The festival began with a welcome home Burgers and Beans Jam on Tuesday. Beginning today, the music begins each day at noon and continues until after 11 p.m. The lineup features a dozen bands.

Bands include: Today: Jimmy Burson, Amber Digby and Midnight Flyer and Mark Powell and Lariat.

Thursday: Tommy Hooker, Landon Dodd and the Dance Hall Drifters, Jake Hooker.

Friday: Justin Trevino, Kelly Spinks and Miles of Texas, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Saturday: Larry Lange and the Lone Star Trou-

badours, Eddie McAlvain and the Mavericks and Billy Mata and Texas Tradition.

Daily tickets are \$25 each. An all-week pass is \$80.

For more information, visit www.snyderchamber.org or call 325-573-3558.

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."

The class will cost \$10 per person for pre-registered and pre-paid participants. Deadline for early pre-registration is June 17. Cost will be \$20 at the door for non-registered participants.

The Historical Commission will provide coffee, iced tea and desserts. Participants

should bring a sack lunch and note-taking materials.

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 bordencohistory@gmail.com to request an electronic version of the registration form.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to Borden County Historical Commission, c/o Kenny Bennett, P.O. Box 152, Gail, TX 79738.

Coahoma Reunion

Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coaho-

ma. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Rather than a theme, the emphasis will be visiting with old friends and renewing acquaintances.

Invitations will not be mailed, so everyone is asked to help spread the word to all CHS alumni. A barbecue lunch will be prepared by school organizations as a fundraiser, and pre-payment of \$10 per person is requested by July 1 to: CHS Reunion, P.O. Box 84, Coahoma, TX 79511. Include the names; tickets will be waiting at the registration desk.

The reunion is ex-

pected to last until 2 or 3 p.m. and will include an auction and drawings to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Attendees are asked to bring new or novelty items for the auction. That evening, a CHS Reunion social for all classes will be held in Big Spring at Kokapelli's.

If you need further information, contact:

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News in brief

Houston police chief:

Videotaped beating sickening

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's police chief told jurors on Tuesday that the 2010 videotaped beating of a black teen burglary suspect made him "sick to my stomach" and gave the police department a "black eye."

Police Chief Charles McClelland Jr. testified that fired officer Drew Ryser — one of four officers who were indicted in the case — mistreated the teen during his arrest and failed to follow proper procedures.

Ryser, 32, is on trial this week on a misdemeanor charge of official oppression. He faces up to a year in jail if convicted.

"It made me sick to my stomach because it was an egregious use of force and the men and women of the Houston police department are better than that ... they did not deserve that type of black eye," McClelland told special prosecutor Jonathan Munier.

Ryser's attorneys have said the ex-officer was following textbook procedures to arrest a suspect he had been told might have been armed.

In video footage from a security camera that caught the March 2010 beating, then-15-year-old Chad Holley is seen falling to the ground after trying to hurdle a police squad car. He's then surrounded by at least five officers, some of whom appear to kick and hit his head, abdomen and legs. Police said that Holley and three others had tried to run away after burglarizing a home.

Holley's beating prompted fierce public criticism of Houston's police department by community activists, who called it an example of police brutality against minorities.

McClelland said that in seeing the video footage, he was disturbed that Holley, who had given up, offered "no active resistance and the force that was being used against him was excessive and unnecessary."

Federal judge accused of making racial comments

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A coalition of civil rights organizations filed a judicial misconduct complaint Tuesday against a conservative federal judge for comments she allegedly made during a speech that are seen as discriminatory.

Judge Edith Jones of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in New Orleans addressed the University of Pennsylvania law school on Feb. 20. Her comments were not recorded, but five students and one attorney who were in attendance signed affidavits on what was said.

Those were used to generate a 12-page complaint filed in New Orleans stating that Jones "has engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts, undermines public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, and creates a strong appearance of impropriety."

Jones is accused of saying that certain "racial groups like African-Americans and Hispanics are predisposed to crime," and are "prone to commit acts of violence" and be involved in more violent and "heinous" crimes than people of other ethnicities.

The judge also allegedly said Mexicans would prefer to be on death row in the United States than serving prison terms in their native country, and that it's an insult for the U.S. to look to the laws of other countries such as Mexico.

Ex-West Texas border official admits corruption

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — A former West Texas border county commissioner has pleaded guilty to corruption involving accepting a bribe.

A statement from the U.S. attorney's office says former Maverick County Commissioner Roberto Baine Heredia has pleaded guilty to receiving a bribe. He admitted that he rigged public works bidding in 2010 and 2011 by instructing private contractors to submit bids bloated enough to pay for the construction, provide a profit and pay him a bribe.

Court documents show he collected thousands of dollars in bribes and that his actions cost the county between \$200,000 and \$400,000. He faces up to 10 years in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 25. Also, Heredia has agreed to pay restitution.

Prosecutor in Texas fired after friend's arrest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A prosecutor in South Texas who showed her badge during a traffic stop as a friend was charged with driving while intoxicated has been fired.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Tara Richardson also advised her male friend not to do a breath test during the May 25 stop.

The now-former Bexar County assistant district attorney said Tuesday that part of the San Antonio police report was a misunderstanding. Richardson says she only showed her badge as identification.

Further details weren't immediately available on the DWI charge against Ricardo Ramirez. Richardson was listed in police documents only as "passenger" or "P." Her name was revealed after the newspaper filed an open records request for attorneys who ceased employment last week.

The DA's office cited personnel issues and declined comment.

6 finalists named in Cliburn competition

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Six finalists have been named in the 14th Van Cliburn International

Piano Competition in Texas.

Organizers in Fort Worth late Tuesday announced the finalists are American Sean Chen, Fei-Fei Dong of China, Vadym Kholodenko of the Ukraine, Nikita Mndoyants of Russia, Beatrice Rana of Italy and Tomoki Sakata of Japan.

The final round begins Thursday. Award winners will be announced Sunday.

Thirty contestants from 13 countries have taken part in the competition that's held every four years and showcases the world's best pianists.

Cliburn died in February at age 78 at his Fort Worth home after battling bone cancer.

Gun cleaned by Texas man fires, kills sister, 13

JOSHUA, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a North Texas girl has died on her 13th birthday after being accidentally shot by her 19-year-old brother as he cleaned a gun.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office says the shooting happened Tuesday night at a home near Joshua. The girl was transported to a Fort Worth hospital where she died.

The Tarrant County medical examiner on Wednesday identified the victim as Emilee Bates.

No charges were immediately filed. The sheriff's office didn't immediately provide additional details Wednesday.

Joshua is 15 miles south of Fort Worth.

\$10,000 reward offered in fatal Texas carjacking

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A \$10,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a man who killed an elderly woman during a North Texas carjacking.

Dallas-based Oak Farms Dairy is offering the reward for clues leading to solving the Tuesday morning death of 83-year-old Leona Faye Swafford.

An Arlington police statement says a man approached and assaulted the woman as she pulled into her driveway. After a struggle, the assailant drove off in the woman's car with her inside.

Police say the woman's body was found around about 1½ hours later, dumped a couple miles from her home. Her car was later found abandoned in an apartment parking lot.

Police say the victim suffered head trauma. An autopsy has been ordered.

South Texas man charged in infant son's drowning

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man is jailed on a manslaughter charge after his infant son was found drowned in a canal.

Officials say 21-year-old Enrique Medina was drunk when he lost track of 2-month-old Enrique Medina Jr. after the vehicle in which they were riding crashed near Edinburg. The crash killed the child's uncle, 21-year-old David Lopez, who was at the wheel, and injured the child's mother. The infant's body wasn't found in a canal until more than 24 hours later.

Hutchison: Governments should invest in higher ed

DALLAS (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison called for more funding for research universities on Tuesday amid a debate over whether higher education budgets should be cut.

The Republican said federal and state governments should make

research universities a priority, calling government funding "the seed corn" for development.

"The federal government is retreating, but they've got to set the priorities," Hutchison said at an event for business and civic leaders at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. She added that if state support for higher education declined further, "pretty soon we're not going to be able to call them public universities."

Just under 30 percent of the operating sources for universities come from the state, according to Dominic Chavez, spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa said in an interview that he was content with the state Legislature's work this year after lawmakers approved an expansion of the UT system's medical school to the Rio Grande Valley.

"What we want to do is to continue to put higher ed, and our research universities, front and center," he said.

He added that universities need to market positive results to those who wish to cut the institutions' budgets.

"We haven't been very good at telling our message, or the message has been missed," Cigarroa said.

Lawmakers and the UT board of regents have been mired in a battle over university research, particularly in the arts and humanities, where critics say money is wasted.

Fort Hood suspect says he was protecting Taliban

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — An Army psychiatrist charged with gunning down Fort Hood soldiers said Tuesday his defense would show that he was compelled to do so because deploying U.S. troops posed an imminent danger to Taliban fighters.

The military judge asked Maj. Nidal Hasan if he has evidence to support his "defense of others" strategy, hinting that it could be thrown out.

Such a defense requires Hasan to prove the 2009 killings were necessary to protect others from immediate harm or death, and military law experts not involved in the case said the judge is unlikely to allow him to present that defense.

"A 'defense of others' strategy is not going to work when you're at war and the 'others' are enemies of the U.S.," said Jeff Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. "And what makes it more egregious is that he targeted medical personnel whose primary purpose was to heal, not to kill."

While Hasan's argument may have been a bit more sympathetic if he said the rampage was necessary to protect Muslim women and children, that defense strategy does not apply in a war situation, said Lisa M. Windsor, a retired Army colonel and former judge advocate.

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HOLLIS MCCRIGHT
director of the Howard County Library.

We have a couple of "back to basics" books on pigs and chickens. Each of them go into great detail on how to choose a particular breed (depending on what you wish to do with it), housing, feeding, showing and then ultimately the most humane way of killing said animal for consumption. I can remember from childhood mother using a somewhat dull hatchet (with four children around, do you think it would be sharp?) and the chicken running around with the head not quite severed (that may account for my warped world view and dislike of pinfeathers). Joe, on the other hand, when asked what he wanted for supper, wanted another "wound up" chicken just like Aunt Katie had fixed the night before.

Be that as it may, one can find all the information needed in "The Complete Guide to Poultry Breeds" (636.5 NEL M) by Melissa Nelson. Or, if you are a piggy person, try "The Complete Guide to Raising Pigs" by Carlotta Cooper (636.4 COO C). If you had not noticed, Texas is just like a whole different country! In that respect, what works in a garden in Harlingen certainly won't work in Amarillo. Check out "Texas Fruit & Vegetable Gardening" (635.097 GRA G) by Greg Grant to find out



the best way to adapt to your own particular piece of Texas gardening heaven.

For people who may live in a very confined space, patio area, entry ways or pathways you want to accent, check out Taunton's "Container Garden Idea Book" (635.097 TAU P) from Taunton Press. It is filled with many, many ideas to fill those areas with color and texture to welcome your guests or merely refresh you after a hard and stressful day.

Lee Marvin was perhaps the first "tough guy" role in modern film and television. "Lee Marvin: Point Blank" (B MAR L) by Dwayne Epstein provides a deep look at a complex man who took risks with his acting career, many times

joining forces with unknown directors and playing a supporting role with major stars of his day (Burt Lancaster, Vivien Leigh, John Wayne, Marlon Brando and Paul Newman). Not much was known about his early life; however, Epstein, after years of research, has unearthed the essential Marvin from interviews with family members, friends and colleagues that provide a full understanding of a complex and troubled man.

Other biographies that are in: "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks" (B PAR R) by Jeanne Theoharis; "Instant Mom" (B VAR N) by Nia Varadalos; and "Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape" (B

HIL J) by Jenna Miscavige Hill. Several of these I have already written about.

Some new audio books have come in and they are companions to books I have already reviewed. We have "Breaking Point" (AUCD F BOX C) by C.J. Box with Joe Pickett looking into a good friend's disappearance and the EPA — not a good mixture. Jonathan Kellerman's "Guilt" (AUCD F KEL J) with Alex Delaware and Milo Sturgis, who are drawn into a decade's long case associated with a hospital with a notorious reputa-

tion, a beautiful nurse and a handsome doctor who is too good to be true. Harlan Coben's "Six Years" (AUCD F COB H) is the story of a man's devotion to a woman who breaks off a relationship with him to marry another without an explanation. When he sees the death notice of her husband, Jake goes to pay his respects to his long-ago love, but the wife is not "his" love. What happened? Coben's books twist and turn, so be prepared.

On Nov. 5, 1942, a U.S. cargo plane on a routine flight slammed into the Greenland ice

cap. Four days later, a B-17 on a search and rescue mission became lost in a storm and also crashed. Miraculously, all nine crew members survived. The U.S. sent a Grumman Duck to rescue the men, and it also vanished in a blinding snow storm. Mitchell Zuckoff offers a spellbinding account of these harrowing disasters and the fate of the survivors and their would-be rescuers. Check out "Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival" (940.542 ZUC

M) that tells the story of the amazing search for the Duck and its discovery and recovery.

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6			2	4		3		5
					9	2		
4								7

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Exploratory Process

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♥K 8
♦7 6 4 2
♠Q J 6 4

WEST
♦8 4
♥9 5 2
♦K Q J 9 5
♠10 3 2

EAST
♠J 9 7 2
♥10 7 6 4 3
♦8
♣9 8 5

SOUTH
♦A Q 10 6
♥A Q J
♦A 10 3
♠A K 7

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 3 NT Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Counting out a hand might be thought of by some as a difficult exercise, but the fact is that the process is fairly easy, and anyone who can count to 13 should be able to meet the challenge.

Assume you're in six no trump and West leads the king of diamonds. When dummy appears, you can count 11 sure tricks, and your problem is to find a 12th. The only suit that offers any real hope of producing an extra trick is spades, where you have a reasonably good chance

to make four tricks instead of three.

Scoring a fourth spade trick might appear to be simply a matter of finding the suit divided 3-3 or dropping the singleton or doubleton jack, but there's much more to it than that. To begin with, you should duck the king of diamonds as the first step in a campaign to learn all you possibly can about the distribution of the adverse cards.

Let's say West continues with the queen of diamonds, on which East discards a heart. The wisdom of holding off on the previous trick immediately becomes apparent because you quickly learn that West started with five diamonds and East with only one.

After taking the second diamond with the ace, you test the East-West distribution still further by cashing three hearts and four clubs, in the course of which you learn that West started with three hearts and three clubs, as well as five diamonds.

With 11 of West's 13 cards now accounted for in those three suits, he cannot have started with more than two spades. Accordingly, you cash the ace of spades, cross back to the king and then lead dummy's last spade. When East produces the nine, you finesse the ten with absolute certainty that it will win the trick.

Tomorrow: Pinpoint defense.

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

Thompson to take position with Midland Greenwood

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School will be hiring or promoting at least one more head coach, this time on the heels of Head Basketball Coach Cliff Thompson's departure after three years of managing the Steers.

Like his colleague, Bert Otto — who recently announced he would be relinquishing coaching duties — Thompson cites family as the reason he is leaving Big Spring.

"This wasn't something I was looking into hard," Thompson explained.

"We never wanted to leave Big Spring, but with my wife's career, we knew we needed to be in a city with a bigger hospital eventually. She's also pregnant with our first child, but both of our families are in West Texas, so I wanted to stay

in the area. Unfortunately, there aren't too many big cities in West Texas. There aren't too many options. Greenwood is a good school. It was kind of unexpected — a position came open and I couldn't pass it up — it's good for my family."

Thompson spent three years in Big Spring and said the list of things he's learned as a head coach during his tenure here is too long to list. He was thankful his first job as a head coach was here and described leaving the Steers as "bittersweet."

"I've learned tons," Thompson said. "I came in here at 25 years old with no head coaching experience. I will miss working here. What I'll miss the most is the administration and the parents. They've all been great to work with. I was blessed

with good players and they have been good kids. Big Spring sort of has a stigma as a rough place, but that's not the case with most of these kids. They have been good, respectful kids for the most part."

Thompson credits the players for their success, which included this year's mid-season turnaround. The Steers — who lost four straight games to open District 4-3A play — ended with a 5-5 division record, winning four of their last six games.

"Big Spring basketball will be fine with or without me," Thompson said. "They have a lot of talented players coming up. The biggest downfall about leaving, is now I have to compete against Big Spring after coaching them for three

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Photo submitted by Big Spring High School Journalism

Steergolfers (from left) Tate Kennedy, Ryan Pollard, Devin Roberson, Tyler Bryan and Jason Guevara, received their medals Tuesday at Big Spring High School for their performance at the Class 3A state golf tournament in Austin. The Steers finished in third place overall. Not pictured is Head Golf Coach Chris Joslin.



Rangers routed by Red Sox, 17-5

BOSTON (AP) — Justin Grimm is accustomed to pitching with a lead.

The Texas Rangers' rookie right-hander was hit so hard by the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night, his teammates had little chance to try and give him one.

Grimm couldn't make it through the second inning in his first start against Boston, getting tagged for a career-high eight runs in a 17-5 loss that snapped the Rangers' five-game winning streak against the Red

Sox. "I didn't give our team a chance from the get-go," Grimm said. "It's tough to play a ballgame, as you can tell, when everybody's just lackadaisical when you fall behind quick like that. Just seems to steamroll when stuff like that happens."

"I accept full responsibility for this loss."

Grimm (5-4) came in leading the majors with an average of 8.03 runs of support per nine innings, a comfortable cushion provided by

a potent lineup that's backed him with seven or more runs four times already this season, including his last three starts — all wins.

It went sour swiftly against Boston, though.

"From the get-go, I had no fastball command at all. I was working behind hitters and leaving it up when it came across the plate," Grimm explained.

"A tough lineup like that, you can't work from behind. This is my loss. It's not this team's loss."

After allowing two runs in the first inning, the 24-year-old yielded six more in the second, including a two-run homer to Jackie Bradley Jr. and a two-run triple by David Ortiz.

Five of the seven hits Grimm gave up went for extra bases, including a combined cycle by the Red Sox during their six-run second. He surrendered three walks with one strikeout in 1 2-3 innings, allowing his ERA to rise from 3.93 to 5.14.

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Rested Spurs ready to take on defending champion Miami

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs spent most of the past week resting, answering the same questions from the media and battering each other during practice.

Mainly, though, the Western Conference champions spent their time off impatiently waiting to find out who they would play in the NBA Finals. San Antonio finally got the answer when the defending champion Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 99-76 on Monday night in Game 7 of the Eastern finals.

Did the Spurs get a chance to watch any of that grueling series?

"No, I watched one of those island shows," coach Gregg Popovich said, shaking his head at the query. "Unbelievable."

The week off certainly didn't dull Popovich's sarcasm, but could it impact the hot streak the Spurs have been on as they attempt to go a perfect 5-for-5 in the NBA Finals?

San Antonio is 12-2 in the playoffs, including series sweeps of the Los Angeles Lakers and Memphis Grizzlies. But the Spurs will have had a nine-day layoff when the Finals open Thursday in Miami, while the Heat will be only two days removed from a physical series as they attempt to win the franchise's third title.

"They are going to be in more of a rhythm than us," point guard Tony Parker said. "But, hopefully, we will be rusty like in the first quarter or first half and we will be better in the second half."

Although the Spurs did some light preparation for both Miami and Indiana, they couldn't focus on either until an hour-long practice Tuesday morning.

San Antonio can't even fall back on its season series against Miami for research since neither team was at full strength in either game. Popovich sent Parker, Tim Duncan, Danny Green and Manu Ginobili home rather than have them travel to Miami on Nov. 29 to play the second

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Sooners take 2nd NCAA softball title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With a loaded lineup and the returning national player of the year, Oklahoma breezed through its softball season in dominant fashion.

If it seemed easy at times, it was because the Sooners knew how good they were and didn't mind showing it.

Keilani Ricketts homered and drove in four runs, Michelle Gascoigne pitched a three-hit shutout and the top-seeded Sooners won the NCAA softball championship on Tuesday night, beating Tennessee 4-0 in Game 2 of the Women's College World Series finals.

Anything less would have been a disappointment.

"We knew that we were the favorite all year, and it was cool just because we weren't able to

feel any of that pressure because we were able to go out there and have fun with each other," said Ricketts, who repeated as national player of the year.

Ricketts drove a 2-1 pitch from Ivy Renfro (22-5) halfway up the right-field bleachers for a three-run homer and tacked on an RBI groundout in the seventh.

Ricketts got the night off in the circle after throwing a career-high 12 innings in Game 1 and moving to 35-1 on the season, but that just put the other half of her well-rounded game on display. She hit her 15th home run of the season and pushed her RBI total to 60.

Seventh-seeded Tennessee (52-12) managed just three singles

against Gascoigne (19-3), who struck out 12 with no walks.

Oklahoma (57-4) also won it all in 2000 and was the runner-up to Alabama last season, squandering a 3-0 lead in the finale of the best-of-three series.

"After last year's national championship game, it definitely gave us one of the most painful feelings I'm sure all of us have ever felt," said Ricketts, who was chosen as the most outstanding player of the World Series. "And we just accepted the fact that God didn't want us to win it that year and it wasn't our time."

Following deadly tornadoes across the state, the Sooners wore batting helmets that replaced the usual OU logo with an image of the state of Oklahoma.

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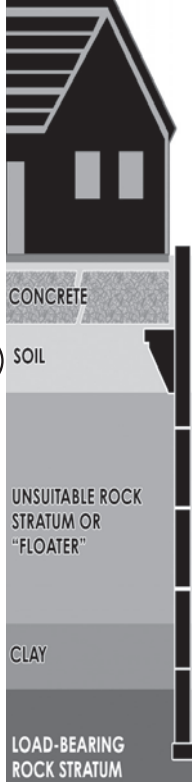
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Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork formation, Chalk, Sloan Well No. 29W. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles Northeast of Forsan, Texas in the Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 2500 feet to 4200 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512/463-6792). #7814 June 5, 2013

Legals

Notice is hereby given that Laredo Petroleum, Inc., Operator 486610, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in Neumann 2 SW/4 of Section 2, Block 33, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey; all in Glasscock County, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who wish to protest this application must do so by contacting the Texas Railroad Commission, P-17 Department, P.O. Box 12987, Austin, TX 78711-2987. #7796 May 22, 29 and June 5, & 12, 2013

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Cautions: The Taurus moon is an appetite stimulant. Senses come alive, food is tastier, luxuries look more appealing, and money seems like no barrier. While that's not all an illusion, do remember that everything has a cost. Calories and dollars have a way of catching up with you if you're not counting. Stay in control of this sensual stimulant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Here's the magic phrase that will save you from a medium-sized mountain of regret: "I don't know right now, but I'll get back to you." You'll be in an entirely different headspace by the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel that you're over-scheduled, and indeed you are stretching things a bit. But some of what's on the agenda won't pan out, so there's no need to cancel your plans just yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

The goal you have in mind is extremely doable. Thousands of people have done it before you, and you know some of them personally. But you have to believe in yourself. Believe!

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Haste makes waste — not to mention tempers, accidents, thoughtlessness, insensitivity,

disconnection, oversight, mistakes, lost opportunity... In short: Slow down!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Argumentative males, aggressive drivers and other intense energies may be part of the day's challenges. The good news is that your peaceful position and personal sunshine will melt the opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You often overlook your many stellar qualities because you're so busy trying to build on them. But at times like this, when you're so hard on yourself, it's important to remember that people love you just the way you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You may be slightly spacey in the morning, and you'll require more motivation than usual to get into gear. Rekindle an interest that used to put you in a good mood. There's new energy to mine there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Cautions and precaution prevent burnout. What dangers do you need to ward against? What inconveniences could you avoid if you thought ahead to future possibilities?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

It will be fun to listen to the wild antics, fantastic schemes and out-there ideas of your craziest friends, and their escapades will be especially interesting today. Some of said "friends" are public figures you follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

If you don't like the street you're

on, you can always turn a corner and head down the next one. The key is to move. As long as you're moving, you're going places.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an enthusiasm in your body. You're light on your feet and ready to dance, fight, run or fly. You are living the Jimi Hendrix lyric: "Excuse me while I kiss the sky."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you're in a highly sensitive and intuitive phase, you realize there are certain life skills you lack. Logic and instruction manuals will be involved. You're up to the task, so dive in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 5). You may be sweet and gentle when it counts, but you are also mighty — an aspect of you that will be highlighted in the coming year. Your friends will help you actualize a goal over the next 10 weeks. August is a romantic month for you. In September, cash in on something you've held on to for a while. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 23, 41, 2 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My problem is that I have a serious connection with my neighbor. I feel like we're soul mates. Do you think we might be? I'm a Sagittarius, and he's an Aquarius. You should probably know that this is a completely inappropriate relationship, and were it to materialize, it would affect many. Still, don't I deserve a bit

of happiness?" Yeah, it sounds impulsive and dangerous to me. The friendly Gemini sun along with Mars and Jupiter in this sign, too, has us making fun social connections rife with flirtatious banter, intellectual stimulation and quick interest. Mercury, the communication planet, is now in Cancer, which adds a bit of soul, depth and moodiness. But things are changing quickly. You can't trust that your interest won't blow over in three weeks. Your feelings will definitely shift.

You should know that your Sagittarian nature craves change, loves the thrill of the chase and seeks adventure at all costs. But "at all costs" is not a good price tag for adventure. So don't do anything rash. Speak to a reasonable friend or mentor. Avoid your neighbor for a while. See if this doesn't blow over in four weeks.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Versatile Gemini Mark Wahlberg has reinvented himself several times over the course of his life and career to tremendous effect. The model, pop star, actor and producer has Hollywood buzzing once more over the movie version of "Entourage." Wahlberg was born when the moon was in sizzling Scorpio, the sign of sex appeal. Mercury, Venus and Taurus speak to his tenacity.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I have worked for many years at a small family-owned company. I believe my boss has been the victim of a scam, but I can't tell her. For several years, my boss has been communicating with a gentleman who claims to be Nigerian. He keeps telling her he is supposed to come to America in the near future and will bring her a check for \$40

Annie's Mailbox

million. I don't see it happening. There are three people sending this man money. By now, they have probably given him more than \$100,000.

When I am at work, my boss asks whether the man has sent any emails, and if not, she wants me to write to him.

Every few weeks, he says the trip has to be postponed, and then he needs more money for a new ticket. How do I tell her I don't want to be involved with this any longer? — Seeing a Scam

Dear Seeing: The "Nigerian scam" has been around for a very long time, and we are surprised people still fall for it.

This man will never come to this country with \$40 million, but he's certainly doing a good job of collecting money from naive people like your boss. Not only should you stop contacting this man, but you also should protect your boss by informing her that this is a scam and she should report it to the local FBI office or register a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Of course, if she chooses to ignore you and contact him on her own, there is nothing you can do. Some people have to learn the hard way.

Dear Annie: My husband and I live on a quiet dead-end street. Quiet, that is, until the neighbors rev up their Harleys. They have two motorcycles that have been altered to be much louder than the factory intended. These neighbors often come home well after midnight and sometimes leave early on Sunday mornings, making it impossible to sleep with our bedroom window open.

When they travel back and forth during the day, the thunderous noise is quite disturbing. I realize that some Harley owners feel that the loud pipes and leather are a form of prestige, but I wonder whether they ever consider their neighbors. Please, Harley owners, pipe down! — Hate Those Harleys

Dear Hate: Have you asked your neighbors directly whether they would please muffle the noise until they are out on the open road? D

oes your neighborhood have a noise ordinance prohibiting such volume at certain hours? Is there a neighborhood association to resolve conflicts? Don't give up without first checking to see whether you have any recourse in the matter.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Helpless, Tired Granny," who is raising her four grandchildren, and two of them are terribly messed up. That letter moved me.

My two oldest sons were wonderful little boys, but something changed in middle school, and they became rebellious and angry. They would skip school and run away. They were so out of control that we could not have family events. Counseling didn't work until we took our older boy to a psychiatrist when he began using drugs. They eventually were both diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Now, even though we still have our ups and downs, we have our happy family back, and my sons are preparing for their futures.

My suggestion for "Helpless" is to get help. She should get a referral to a psychiatrist and find out whether her local health department has a program for grandparents in her situation. Government programs have a lot to offer, but you have to ask. She needs to be strong. — Been There

Dear Annie: I was overweight throughout most of my childhood and became morbidly obese after high school. When I was in college, I had terrible self-esteem and a horrible body image. I never dated.

Three years ago, I had gastric bypass and have since lost more than 200 pounds. I've been trying to start dating, but the individuals I have approached are either seeing someone else or are not interested. I tried online dating

sites, but the men who responded all live far away, some in other countries, and I'm leery of proceeding. I am not sure about the bar scene and am unaware of any singles groups in my area.

So, I guess I would like some advice on how and where to start relationships. — Breaking Out of My Shell

Dear Breaking: There are better online dating sites that will match you up with men in your area (or at least in the same country). Try again. You also should ask your friends and relatives to introduce you to available men they know. Local churches and synagogues often have singles groups, and you should be able to attend some functions without having to be a member. Most importantly, project a confident, positive exterior. Smile. Guys like women who are fun to talk to. And while you are searching for a date, participate in activities that interest you. This will have the added benefit of making you more interesting to be around. Good luck.

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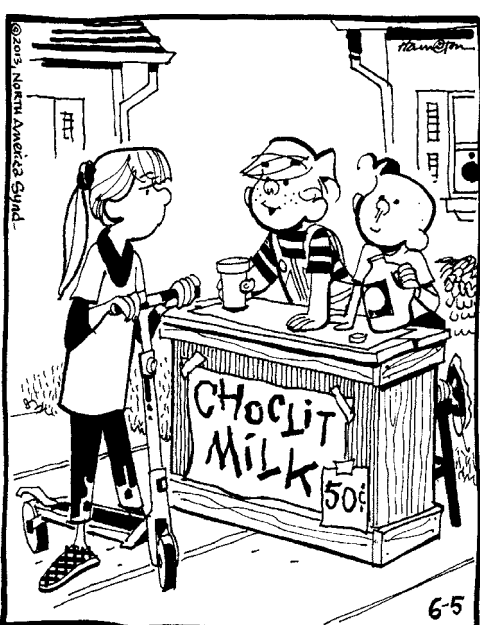
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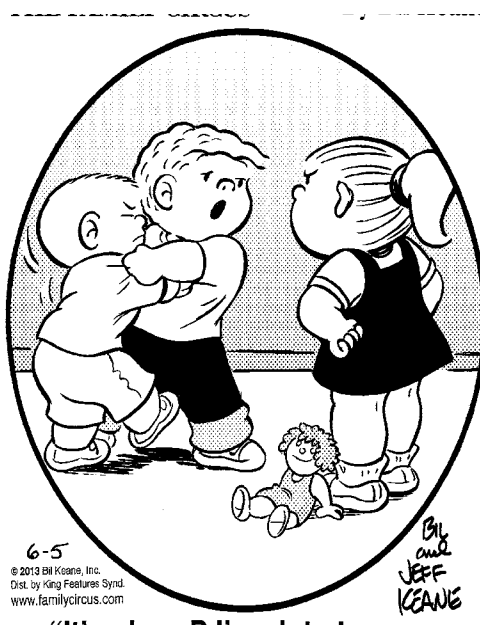
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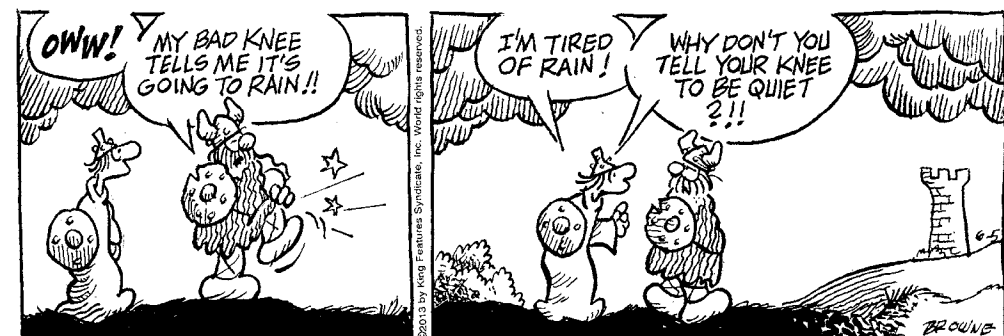
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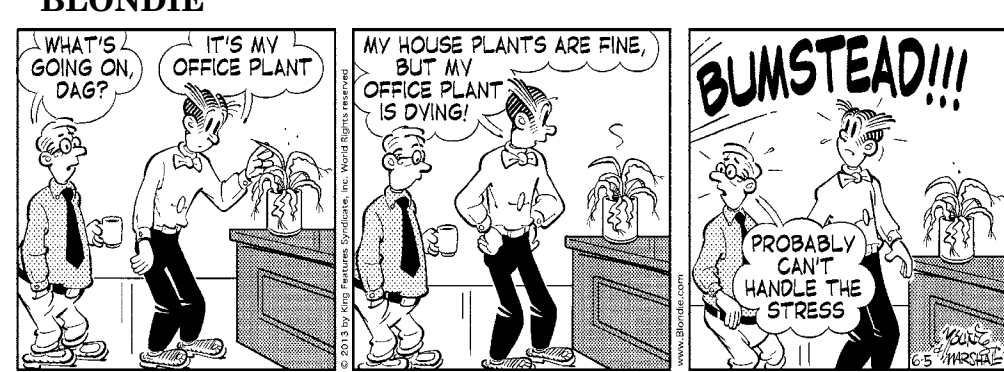


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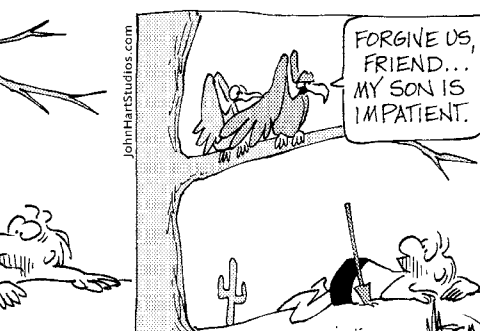
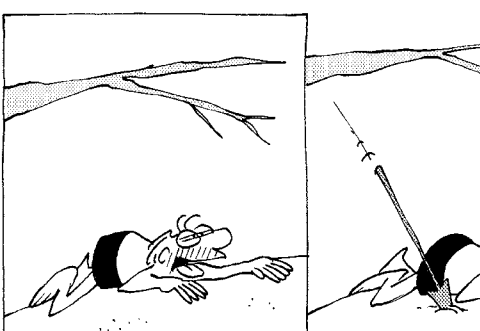
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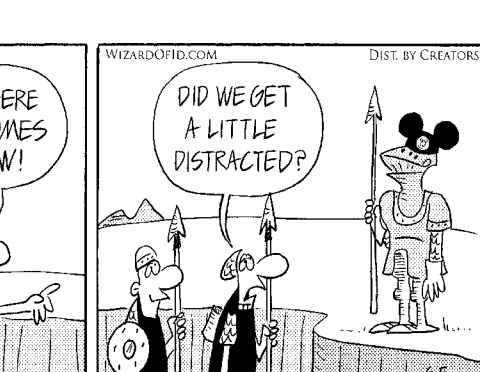
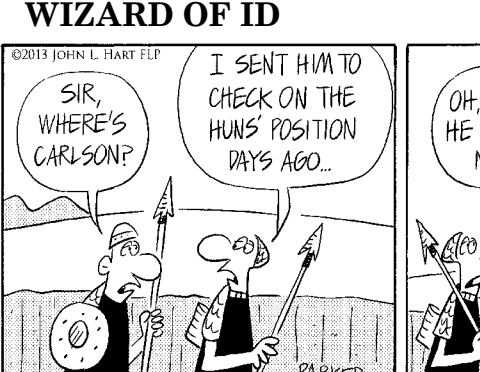
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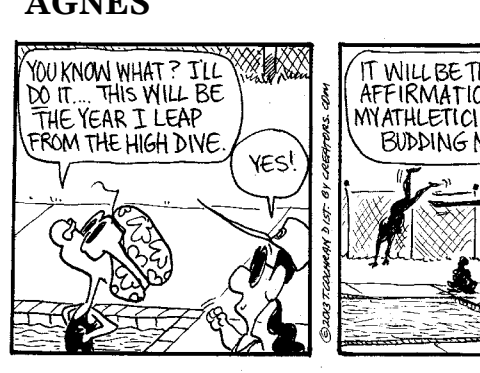
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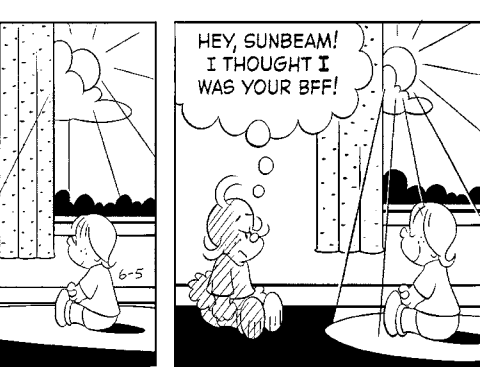
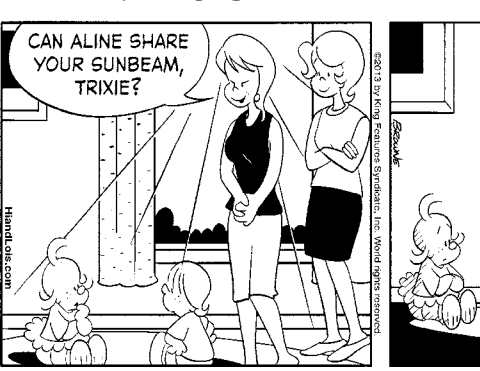
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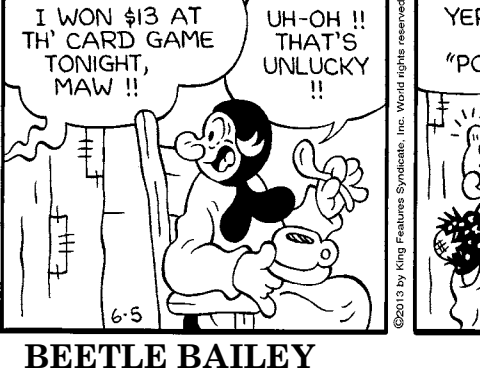
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2013. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1663, Britain's Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, resigned after acknowledging an affair with a call girl, Christine Keeler (who was also involved with a Soviet spy), and lying to Parliament about it; while there was no finding of a security breach, the scandal helped bring down the Conservative government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

On this date:

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1916, the Arab Revolt against Turkish Ottoman rule began during World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Mo., at age 59.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 88. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 79. Former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark is 74. Author Margaret Drabble is 74. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 68. Rock musician Fred Stone (AKA Fred Stewart) (Sly and the Family Stone) is 67. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 66.

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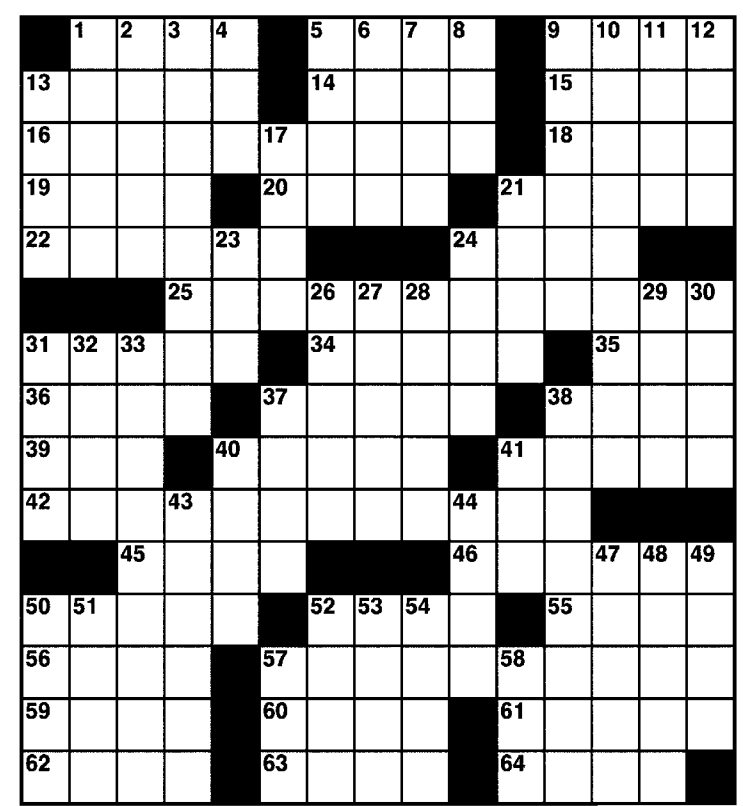
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 - 22 Emphatic agreement
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 - 38 Readied for planting
 - 39 Knight's title
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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you want to advance your career or make the change to a new career, it's up to you to make it happen.

"Sometimes hundreds of professionals are sending resumes for one open position, so you cannot leave things up to chance," said University of Phoenix School of Business Dean Dr. Bill Berry. "You need to put a solid plan in place that will help you set the right career goals and obtain the skills you need to give you a competitive advantage."

Determine Your Career Goals

Think about what you really want to do with your career — and be specific. Ask yourself some questions:

- What are the things that interest you most?
- What motivates you?
- In what kind of work environment do you thrive?
- What kinds of jobs fit these criteria?

If you're not sure, it can be helpful to take a personal assessment. "Doing so can help you uncover your passions and preferences," said Dean Berry. "It can help you identify strengths and can help you make an informed decision about your career."

Identify Skills Gaps

There are more than three million job openings in this country, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, yet many companies are finding it difficult to fill those positions. A common reason given for this is that employers can't find qualified people with the appropriate skills.

A survey by University of Phoenix found that many people are recognizing the need to add skills in order to improve their careers:

- 89 percent of working Americans believe there is still room for them to grow in their careers, and can point to at least one skill they will need to learn.
- 58 percent who are not currently enrolled in school full-time believe that going back to school would be crucial if they were considering a new career path.
- 36 percent say they need additional education in order to get to the next level of their careers.

"Taking an objective look at the skills you currently have and comparing them to the skills required for the type of job you desire, gives you a clear picture of what it will take to make the job changes you want," Dean Berry said.

- Start by writing down the skills, knowledge and qualifications you currently have.
- Next, research the types of jobs you want, and write down the qualifications needed.
- Compare the two lists, and take notes on the skills you're currently missing.

"Once you do that, you can make decisions on how you're going to bridge that skills gap," said Dean Berry. "At the University, we are seeing

working adults pursuing education in order to address their own skills gaps — and it's helping position them for career growth."

Bridge the Gaps

If you have a skills gap in one area, such as knowledge of current computer software, you can take a single course or seminar to catch up. But for many, getting or finishing a college degree is the key to making a positive career change.

University of Phoenix's survey found that having a degree has given those surveyed tangible benefits:

- 63 percent of those with bachelor's degrees or higher believe that their education led to more responsibility.

- 60 percent of those with bachelor's degrees or higher believe that their education positively affected their ability to get promoted.

- Those with bachelor's degrees also say they perceive that their education led to other benefits including receiving raises (58 percent), keeping a job (58 percent) and being given more management opportunities (57 percent).

"For those returning to the classroom after many years, they'll find that learning tools and platforms have changed significantly," said Dean Berry. "With online learning and other innovations, the classroom is evolving to mirror the workplace and the skills that employers want."

Online coursework is one way that many adults

are achieving their goals while holding down a job and/or raising a family. Fifty-nine percent of those surveyed say they are currently taking such a course, or plan to in the near future. When investigating education opportunities, look into your online options to help you maximize your time and pursue the degree plan that best fits your needs.

"The bottom line is that you have to take charge of your career," said Dean Berry. "With a good plan and clear goals in place, you can make yourself more marketable and put yourself on the path to a more fulfilling and rewarding career."

Learn more about available education programs and career services at www.phoenix.edu.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CAREER



TOP 10 SKILLS YOU NEED

According to research by Apollo Group, parent company of University of Phoenix, successful workers in the 21st century need certain skills. Here's what employers are looking for — and how you can get them through education:

- **Leadership** — Being a great employee is different than being a great leader. Look for coursework that emphasizes leadership skills and enables you to lead teams.
- **Critical thinking** — Take coursework that offers an opportunity to engage in self-directed, project-based and applied learning.
- **Communication** — Learn in an environment that requires participation in many modes of communication.
- **Collaboration** — Choose courses that are collaborative and also measure success by team results.
- **Productivity and accountability** — Develop an organization and communication system that accounts for short-term and long-term projects.
- **Adaptability** — Take advantage of flexible course schedules and learning platforms in order to work, raise a family, volunteer and learn.
- **Innovation** — Seek out learning environments that build technology and media fluency.
- **Accessing, analyzing and synthesizing information** — Seek out a market-driven curriculum focused on real workplace issues to help you think about how to interconnect.
- **Entrepreneurialism** — Improve your problem-solving abilities with class projects and case studies that tackle issues and require analysis and strategic planning.
- **Global citizenship** — Learn in a diverse classroom to build cross-cultural understanding.

SPURS

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night of a back-to-back. The Spurs were fined \$250,000 by the NBA for the decision.

Even without four starters, San Antonio nearly bested Miami, holding a one-point lead with a minute remaining before LeBron James and Dwyane Wade rallied the Heat for a 105-100 victory.

Miami then sat James, Wade and Mario Chalmers on March 31 in San Antonio. The Heat responded by beating the Spurs 88-86 after Chris Bosh hit a 3-point-

er with 1.9 seconds left. San Antonio didn't spend much time reviewing either game during the week's film sessions.

"For the most part, yes, they don't really have much to do with anything that we're working on," Popovich said.

Instead, the Spurs spent much of their time off playing five-on-five in an attempt to maintain a rhythm that has them playing some of their best basketball of the season.

"I don't think we've had this much rest all season," Green said. "Hopefully it helped us and the extra games hurt them. That's

what we're hoping for, that they're tired a little bit and that we're fresh."

San Antonio is averaging 101.6 points in the playoffs, slightly fewer than its regular season average (103.0). More importantly to the Spurs, their added defensive focus has enabled them to hold postseason opponents to 91.5 points compared to 96.6 during the regular season.

While staying sharp is important, remaining healthy is even more critical. Parker, Duncan and Ginobili have battled injuries all season, but all three — and the rest of the Spurs — escaped the downtime

without any new ailments. "That's always the fear right there," Duncan said. "You need to go in there, you need to knock heads, you need to go hard, you need to get that game rhythm and you've got to just hope everybody comes out on the other end unscathed — and we did."

So is it better to be rested or in rhythm entering a playoff series?

"You want to play," Ginobili said. "You don't want to lose your rhythm. That's what makes it a little harder, but, as I always said, you can't complain when you win a series in four instead of going to a Game 7."

THOMPSON

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years. I feel a little bit like a traitor. I just hope the kids understand that I am leaving because of my family. It's about them. The kids I coached here are great. The administration is great. I didn't have to worry about being second-guessed or stabbed in the back. It's been a great place to work."

Thompson noted that the Greenwood job was offered to him and he has verbally accepted, but it won't be official until Monday's school board meeting.

A successor for Thompson has not been publicly named at this time.

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RANGERS

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"I think the Red Sox hitters affected him," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "You can't leave all those pitches out in the middle of the plate, up in the zone, and that's what they do with it."

"They came out today, they jumped on us early and they didn't stop."

They did, eventually, but not until left fielder David Murphy pitched a scoreless eighth in his first appearance on the mound since high school.

"Just throw the ball over the plate, don't go out there messing around, get us off the field," Washington said of his instructions to Murphy. "And he did."

Bradley Jr. hit his first career homer and finished with three RBIs as Boston set season highs for hits and runs. Stephen Drew, Mike Carp and Jarrod Saltalamacchia also homered for the Red Sox, who scored at least one run in every inning through the first seven and finished with 19 hits, eight of them doubles.

It was an abundance of run support for Ryan Dempster (3-6), who ended a streak of five winless starts with his first victory in a month.

David Ortiz had three RBIs, driving in one run with a double in the first before legging out a rare triple in the second. Carp also drove in three runs.

Jeff Baker hit a two-run homer for Texas in the fourth and Nelson Cruz hit a solo shot out to straightaway center in the fifth — Dempster's only mistakes against his former team. He allowed three runs on five hits over seven innings, striking out six with one walk.

The Red Sox had just set a season high with 18

hits Saturday in an 11-1 win at New York and topped that when Daniel Nava doubled in the eighth off Murphy.

Jose Iglesias led off the second with a double and scored on Bradley's homer to right. By the time Iglesias struck

out in his second at-bat of the inning, Boston led 8-0.

"I told them when they came in, when they take their shower, let it go down the drain and we bounce back tomorrow," Washington said.

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