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## County approves sale of land

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer  
 Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead to sell a county-owned tract of land on the north side of Big Spring during their Monday meeting, a prospect that could have a new hotel going

up in the area.  
 The tract of land — a half-block near the county's Road and Bridge Administration office in the north part of the city — has been the focus of attention several times in the past several months, as real estate developers have approached the court about pur-

chasing and developing the property.  
 Commissioners gave the go-ahead to sell the property for slightly more than \$151,000 during Monday morning's meeting, part of a bid submitted by a Big Spring business owner.  
 County Judge Mark Barr

said the benefits of selling the parcel of land are two-fold.  
 "First and foremost, it gets the property back on the tax rolls. That's certainly the most important aspect of this for the commissioners court," Barr said. "Also, it will help bring funds into the county's general fund, which will give

us more to work with when it comes time to set the budget for the coming year.  
 "There is so much going on right now — much-needed maintenance for county roads, the deal with the city regarding the landfill and  
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## Mixed bag for council this evening

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer  
 Big Spring City Council will meet this evening to discuss a number of issues, including the employment agreement between the municipality and newly named city manager Todd Darden, who is expected to take the reigns of the city at the end of this month.  
 The council voted unanimously during its June 18 meeting to name Darden — who has served in the city's public works department for many years and was named assistant city manager several years ago — to the position, which will be vacated by longtime city manager Gary Fuqua at the end of June.  
 Darden said the appointment is both a privilege and

an honor.  
 "It really strengthens my resolve to see the council show such faith in me in this capacity," Darden said. "The process was a bit nerve-racking and I know I have a huge challenge before me, but the city administration is made up of some really great people. I know I can count on them and they can certainly count on me."  
 Also on the agenda for tonight:  
 • Public hearing regarding a proposed zone change from single family to light commercial for the property located at 706 W. Marcy St. The council is also expected to consider first reading of the zone change.  
 • A presentation from Keep Big Spring Beautiful.  
 • Final reading of a resolution amending the authorized representatives empowered to transmit and withdraw funds from Texpool.  
 • Award bid for the 2013 seal coating project.  
 • Election of mayor pro-tem.  
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HERALD file photo  
 Preparations are under way for the Highland Parade, set for 10 a.m. July 4. Entries are being accepted and volunteers are needed for the annual event.

## Highland Parade in need of some 'grownup' help

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer  
 Pint-sized patriotism will be on display this July 4.  
 For about 40 years, the Highland July 4 Parade has shown that you don't have to be an adult to show off your love of country.  
 The annual parade will be held along Highland Drive beginning at 10 a.m. July 4,

said Melanie Lawdermilk, parade organizer. Participants will line up at the intersection of Highland and Robb streets at 9:30 a.m., then parade west on Highland to the intersection with Goliad.  
 While plenty of youngsters are expected to be on hand, Lawdermilk said she needs some help from the area's

grownups, as well.  
 "I'm still in need of judges for this year's parade," she said. "And we need some volunteers to set up a committee to help organize next year's parade, also."  
 Entries will be accepted up to 9:30 a.m. the day of the parade. Participants are asked  
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## Texas Senate set for filibuster finale on abortion

**JIM VERTUNO**  
**WILL WEISSERT**  
 Associated Press  
 AUSTIN, Texas — A sweeping bill that would effectively shut down most abortion clinics across the nation's second most-populous state has stalled in the Texas Senate, and a Democratic filibuster that will only need to last a seemingly manageable 13 hours Tuesday looks like it will be enough to talk the

hotly contested measure to death.  
 After thwarting two attempts Monday by majority Republicans to bring the abortion bill to a floor vote ahead of its scheduled time Tuesday morning, Democrats are turning to Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, to stage the marathon speech.  
 "We want to do whatever we can for women in this state," said Sen. Kirk Watson of Aus-

tin, leader of the Senate Democrats.  
 The bill would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy and force many clinics that perform the procedure to upgrade their facilities and be classified as ambulatory surgical centers. Also, doctors would be required to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles — a tall order in rural communities.  
 Although Texas is just the

latest of several conservative states to try to enact tough limits on abortions, the scope of its effort is notable because of the combination of bills being considered and the size of the state.  
 When combined in a state 773 miles wide and 790 miles long and with 26 million people, the measures would become the most stringent set  
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## Obituaries

### Dennis D. Watson

Dennis D. Watson, 62, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 22, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dennis was born June 26, 1950, in Seminole, Okla. and married Gloria Smith Nov. 10, 1971, in Snyder. She preceded him in death Dec. 13, 2012.

Dennis graduated from Snyder High School in 1969 and was a correctional officer for Cornell Corrections. He retired in May 2008.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Watson and wife, Rhonda of Midland and Michael Watson and

wife, Jacklynn of Big Spring; three brothers, Eddie Watson and wife, Margie of Tennessee Colony, Texas, Jack Watson and wife, Normika of Abilene and Bobby Watson and wife, Marlene of Odessa; four sisters, Phyllis Gilliland of Waco, Sharon Shipley and husband, Bill of Floydada, Jerry Chambless and husband, Donnie of Alvord, and Terry Watson of Odessa; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Lewis and Lois (Callahan) Watson.

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

## Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ROBERT ADAM MATA, 26, of 1511 Johnson, was arrested Monday on charges of abandonment/endangerment of a child – criminal negligence, speeding, failure to appear – two counts and no drivers license/ when unlicensed.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, of 1512 Wood St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- STEPHANIE NICOLE BANKS, 26, of 2912 Cherokee St., was arrested Monday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility – two counts, disregard red light, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only – five counts, driving while license invalid, expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

- AQUANESHA DESIREE REED, 21, of 1107 N. Terrell, Midland, Texas, was arrested Monday on charges of no drivers license/when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and a warrant from another agency.

- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the corner of Scurry and 16<sup>th</sup> St.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT reported at the 800 block of Scurry.

- HARRASSMENT reported at the 500 block of E. First St.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING reported at the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT reported at the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported at the 1700 block of E. Third St.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 700 block of Dealey Rd.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

- W.R. LOPER, 79, was arrested Monday on charges of theft of a firearm and making a false statement for property/credit \$50 but less than \$500.

- MISTY NICOLE BOSLEY, 37, was arrested Monday on charges of theft of a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- FELICIA CANALES, 24, sentence/order of modified conditions of community supervision.

- LEONARD ERVIN MILLER, 27, was arrested Monday for bond forfeiture – speeding.

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

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 800 block of Scurry. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 2000 block of Gregg. No transport.

- TRAUMA was reported at 846 and CR 33. On patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 400 block of Valley. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 167j and Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at Edwards Blvd. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1000 block of Sycamore. One patient transported to SMMC.

- FALSE CALL reported at the 700 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Pl.

## Take Note

- 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.

- Kid's Klub registration is open. There is a limited amount of space. Kid's Klub will be July 8-12. Our theme is Bombardier Boot Camp. It is going to be a wonderful opportunity for children to learn and have fun at the same time. Registration forms are due June 28. For more information, email the Hangar at hangar25@crcom.net or give us a call 432-264-1999.

- 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 bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

- 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



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### Pat McPhaul

Pat McPhaul, 71, of Colorado City, died Monday, June 24, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

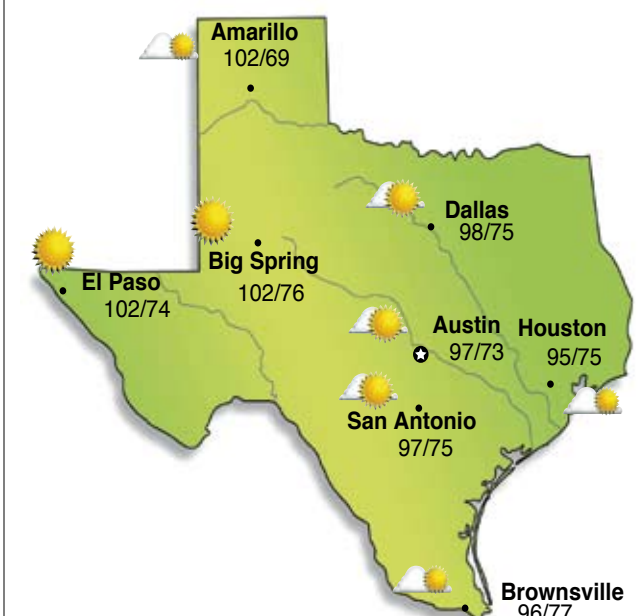
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 6/26	Thu 6/27	Fri 6/28
 <b>102/76</b> Mainly sunny. Very hot. High 102F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	 <b>106/75</b> Sunshine. Highs 104 to 108F and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>103/73</b> Mostly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:57 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	74	sunny	Kingsville	99	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	102	69	pt sunny	Livingston	95	72	pt sunny
Austin	97	73	mst sunny	Longview	95	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	100	72	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	95	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	73	pt sunny	Midland	103	76	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	95	75	pt sunny
Dallas	98	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	97	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	99	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	98	74	mst sunny
El Paso	102	74	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	76	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	102	74	sunny	Sweetwater	99	74	sunny
Gainesville	96	74	mst sunny	Tyler	96	75	pt sunny
Greenville	96	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	74	mst sunny
Houston	95	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	101	76	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	89	71	t-storm
Boston	95	70	mst sunny	New York	93	74	mst sunny
Chicago	86	71	t-storm	Phoenix	101	76	sunny
Dallas	98	75	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	60	rain
Denver	89	60	mst sunny	Seattle	68	59	rain
Houston	95	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	96	77	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	96	75	t-storm
Miami	86	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 6/26	Thu 6/27	Fri 6/28
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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COUNTY

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other items — that every penny counts. This could be a bit of a boost for us.”  
The property is being purchased by Jakhish Patel, owner of the Days Inn on S. Highway 87, as well as property in the Midland area.  
Efforts to reach Patel for

comment were not successful and it's unclear at this time if the Big Spring business man intends to open yet another hotel on the city's north side. However, according to Barr, the idea certainly wouldn't come to a surprise to him.  
“It's no secret just how volatile the real estate market is in Big Spring and Howard County right now,” Barr said. “And, if this

Cline Shale play goes like a lot of people are thinking it will, I imagine it will get even worse. There's a big need for housing and hotel rooms already and it will likely increase as time goes on.”  
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PARADE

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to arrive by that time so the judges will have plenty of time to view the entries, Lawdermilk said.  
Among the categories to be judged are walkers, strollers, bicycles, motorized and battery powered vehicles, pets, horses, houses and mailboxes, she said. Prizes to the top entries will be presented immediately following the parade's conclusion.  
Music and refreshments will be provided after the parade.  
For more information or to inquire about entering the parade, contact Lawdermilk at 213-4703.

*Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*

COUNCIL

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- Presentation of a Ports-to-Plains powerpoint update by Ports to Planes Alliance President Michael Reeves.
- Presentation and approval of the Howard County Appraisal District's proposed budget for 2014, as well as acceptance of the district's board meeting minutes from its May 6 meeting.
- Presentation by

Grass Roots Enterprises LLC regarding Colonial Hills Estates project and request for economic incentive and discussion of economic development programs.  
• Emergency reading of an ordinance amending the ordinance which adopted the annual budget for the city for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2012, and ending Sept. 30, 2013, providing for and increase to the general fund budget for the purpose of purchasing containers for the

sanitation department.  
• Discussion of issues surrounding the closure of the existing municipal landfill and the construction and opening of a new landfill facility.  
• Consideration and approval to obtain proposals for sanitation studies, including but not limited to collection routes and waste stream studies.  
• Consideration and approval of an agreement with Condrey and Associates to perform a compensation survey.

- Acceptance of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board of directors minutes for regular meetings of May 21, 2013, and May 28, 2013.
- The council will also discuss the schedule for its upcoming budget meetings.  
An executive session has also been designated for tonight's meeting, as the council is expected to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation and the duties of the city

manager.  
The council will reconvene in open session following the executive session to take any needed action on the matter.  
Today's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call 264-2401.  
A complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

ABORTION

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of laws to impact the largest number of people in the nation.  
“If this passes, abortion would be virtually banned in the state of Texas, and many women could be forced to resort to dangerous and unsafe measures,” said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and daughter of the late former Texas governor Ann Richards.

Outnumbered 19-11 — with San Antonio Sen. Leticia Van de Putte missing to attend the funeral of her father, who died last week in a car crash — Senate Democrats held firm Monday to their razor-thin margin of a single vote to block the bill from moving forward.  
That's key since the 30-day special legislative session ends at midnight Tuesday, meaning the filibuster Democrats have promised only needs to last the better part of one day, instead

of two.  
Davis gave a filibuster at the end of the 2011 session to temporarily block \$5.4 billion cuts to public schools, and said she was preparing for her upcoming speech but refused to say exactly how.  
She will have to speak nonstop, remain standing, refrain from bathroom breaks or even leaning on anything. Other Democrats can give her voice a break by offering questions to keep conversation moving.

“Democrats chose not to negotiate, and we could not get the block undone,” said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican who controls the flow of Senate legislation. He refused to declare the issue dead — but others were less optimistic.  
Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, said the Democrats never should have been allowed to put Republicans “in a box” and complained that many in the Senate GOP were “flying by the seat of their pants.”  
But the bill's bogging down began with Gov. Rick Perry, who summoned lawmakers back to work immediately after the regular legislative session ended May 27, but didn't add abortion to the special session to-do list until late in the process. The Legislature can only take up issues at the governor's direction during the extra session.  
Then, House Democrats succeeded in stalling nearly all night Sunday, keeping the bill from reaching the Senate until 11 a.m. Monday.  
The measure only passed the lower chamber after a raucous debate that saw more than 800 women's rights activists pack the public gallery and surrounding Capitol, imploring lawmakers not to ap-

prove it.  
While supporters say it will protect women's health, abortion rights groups warn the practical effect of the bill would be to shutter most abortion providers statewide — making it very difficult for Texas women to have the procedure.  
Debate ranged from lawmakers waving coat-hangers on the floor and claiming the new rules are so draconian that women are going to be forced to head to drug war-torn Mexico to have abortions, to the bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Jodie Laubenberg of Spring, errantly suggesting that emergency room rape kits could be used to terminate pregnancies.  
In the end, though, the bill passed by more than 60 votes as Republicans and some conservative Democrats approved it.  
Still, Legislature rules prohibit the Senate from taking up a bill for 24 hours after it clears the House. Republicans struggled to find a way to break the Democratic roadblock, but the vote swung Monday on Sen. Eddie Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat who voted for the abortion bill when it first passed the Senate a week ago but pledged not to approve suspending the rule with Republicans unless Van de Putte was able to

make it to the chamber.  
She didn't show and Lucio voted with his party, despite his support for the bill.  
If the abortion restrictions go down, other measures could fall with it. A proposal to fund major transportation projects as well as a bill to have Texas more closely conform with a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision banning mandatory sentences of life in prison without parole for offenders younger than 18 might not get votes. Current state law only allows a life sentence without parole for 17-year-olds convicted of capital murder.  
Watson said Democrats are willing to pass the transportation and 17-year-old sentencing measures but won't budge on abortion.  
“Let's get those up, let's get those out of here,” Watson said. “Let's not make these victims of red-meat politics.”  
Patrick said that if the filibuster succeeds, he hopes Perry will summon lawmakers back for a second or even third special session.  
“If the majority can't pass the legislation that they believe is important and the people believe is important,” he said, “than that's of great concern to me.”

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Jupiter in Cancer

Ask any schoolteacher how a student's home life relates to performance, and you'll learn that domestic disharmony has rather obvious side effects. People do better at life when all is well at home. Lucky Jupiter's entrance into Cancer (where the abundance planet will reside for the rest of the year) bodes well for healing and fortifying the domestic scene.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You want to help a friend but are not sure quite how to accomplish this. Start by asking the magic words, “Is there anything I can do to make you feel better?” You'll be surprised by the answer.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You think it's cute when children have an overblown idea of their current capabilities, but this quality is far less adorable in adults. Work with the straight shooters and those who are inclined to under promise.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In order to stay open to the flood of intuition that could enter your decision making at any moment, agree not to rely solely on the navigation of your mind and logic.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll have the opportunity to bring your work to a new crowd or mingle outside of your usual setting. This is not to be missed. Don't worry about fitting in, it's better that you don't. You'll be a smashing success either way.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You sense that much is riding on your decisions, and you're right. So even though it would be easier to act impulsively, you'll take time to reflect on issues that have far reaching consequences, especially to the people around you.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being well informed on a subject can give you a narrower vision of it than someone who knows little. Instead of taking an intellectual approach, invite whimsy and wonder to inform you.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When doubt pulls at you like a rip tide, don't try and struggle against it. Instead agree, “Yes, maybe I won't be able to do this, but I'm going to try anyway.” It's the equivalent of swimming parallel to the shore.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People who live carefully considered lives wouldn't make some of the choices you've made, but many of those choices worked out brilliantly in spite of being impulsive or intuitive. Follow your next instinct.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Waiting for inspiration or motivation will prove to be a waste of time. Move even when you are not motivated, and you'll get the same good result as if you had moved when you were.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Is there something you could do to alleviate the pressure on you lately? For instance, cancel an appointment or sell something that requires more maintenance than it is worth. Simplification leads to happiness.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You won't always make the kind of impression you want to make, but you often make an unintended good impression when you're not even trying. It all evens out in the end.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be guided by a profound curiosity. To get to know someone, ask vague and open-ended questions. What a person wants to talk about will tell you more than you could learn with specific questions.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 25). Your optimism is attractive, and new relationships will spark up in July. Research and investigation will flourish in August, and you'll settle a mystery. Good fortune comes through your efforts to entertain others in September and December. Female friendships factor into your success in the first part of 2014. Sagittarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 24, 39 and 30.  
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7	9	8	6	1	4	5	2	3
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## DAILY PRAYER

May we always do things in the manner than would please you, dear Lord.

Amen

# Obama's cluelessness displayed

It's as if President Obama believes he's still in the faculty lounge at Harvard glamorizing leftist ideals, seemingly oblivious that he is actually president now and that his duties require him to work on truly pressing matters instead of fantasizing about Utopia.

He is finally approaching the hot seat. Endless scandals are dogging his Teflon. The young voter demographic is going south on him. The foreign media are lampooning him. The economy still tanks.

But in Berlin, with the disposition of Alfred E. Neuman, the blind destructiveness of Mr. Magoo and the flimsily emulated elegance of JFK, he lectured the world on the urgency of adopting his slightly modified faculty lounge agenda.

As if having freshly emerged from a nuclear freeze seminar, Obama spoke dreamily of arms reduction between the United States and Russia. Never mind that rogue nations are on a fast track to developing nuclear capabilities and that Obama has already scaled down our vital missile defense systems, gutted our military space research and development, and shelved jet fighter programs. Rather than recognize the ever-growing dangerousness of the world, Obama defers to his reality-averse ideology. In his mind, after all, the war on terror is already over.

Conspicuously bereft of the phony magic that accompanied him on his 2008 trip, he told a shrinking German audience that climate change is “the global threat of our time.” This national-sovereignty-eschewing executive of the world said: “With a global middle class consuming more energy every day, this must now be an effort of all nations, not just some, for the grim alternative affects all na-

tions. More severe storms, more famine and floods, new waves of refugees, coastlines that vanish, oceans that rise — this is the future we must avert.”

Yes, global warming, er, climate change is conveniently apocalyptic, because it is flexible enough to accommodate any and all disastrous events — natural or man-made, weather-related or otherwise, and events that are completely contradictory. The theory is broad enough that it can never be discredited, even if its proponents are caught scandalously manipulating the data. If we have more tornadoes and hurricanes or fewer, if we have milder summers and winters or harsher ones, if the Earth has been cooling for the past 15 years and even if bitter clingers are stockpiling AK-47s at an unprecedented degree, you can be darn sure global warming is the culprit. So of course it's the most pressing problem of our time.

In fact, if we would just tame this dread monster, we wouldn't need religion anymore, because man and nature would have achieved perfectibility.

Of course, for global warming zealots, environmentalism is the one true religion, and faith in God (save Gaia) is passe.

I am nonetheless laboring in vain to divine Obama's perceived causal connection between climate change and the economic calamity he's presiding over, including our ever-exploding national debt, but I assure you there is one.

With his charisma deflating like a punctured balloon and his rhetoric stale, flat and irrelevant, he struck out, as well, in Northern Ireland, where he either clumsily or intentionally offended Catholics with his remarks on segregated, sectarian schools.

Obama said, “If towns remain divided — if Catholics have their schools and buildings and Protestants have theirs, if we can't see ourselves in one another, if fear or resentment are allowed to harden — that encourages division; it discourages coopera-

tion.”

While Obama is adamant about Muslim sensitivities, to the point of deliberately ignoring jihadist behavior in security investigations, he has almost gone out of his way to offend Catholics and other Christians, from abortion to conscience rights to embryonic stem cell research. And it's working.

Catholic World News reacted with this: “Ironically, President Obama made his comments just as Archbishop Gerhard Muller, the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, told a crowd in Scotland that religious education upholds the dignity of the human person. Archbishop Muller said that Catholic schools should promote ‘all that is good in the philosophies of societies and human culture.’”

The Rev. John Zuhlsdorf wrote: “Another example of what this man wants: total isolation of any religious values in the private sphere alone. Pres. Obama is working either to intimidate or legislate or even TAX religious freedom out of the public square.”

Isn't it a bit bizarre that a man who trades in divisiveness is so quick to lecture others about disunity?

Isn't it pathetic that in the very process of urging others toward unity, he alienates large segments of his audience?

In the end, Obama couldn't be more clueless about the problems really plaguing America and the world or more clueless about his cluelessness — sort of the Antisocrat.

Not only is Obama's stock plunging in the United States but also his probable ambition to be president of the world may be in jeopardy.

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# Missing cows of mass destruction

Where did the panic over mad cow disease go? Off the front pages, for sure. A few years ago, respected journalists warned of a looming public health disaster as Americans consumed deadly hamburgers. They accused the beef industry and government regulators of colluding to hide the problem of mad cow disease.

Back then, the number of American deaths caused by eating meat from mad cows was zero. The number is still zero, so propriety calls for a correction. Label it an “update,” if you prefer. And the item belongs in the prominent spot once occupied by the fear-mongering.

In 2004, Vanity Fair ran six glossy pages of warnings on the impending mad cow epidemic. The author, Eric Schlosser of “Fast Food Nation” fame, wrote that mad cow disease “confronts the United States with perhaps its most serious and complex food-safety threat.”

The discovery of a single mad cow, brought to Washington state from Canada in 2003, caused South Korea to ban U.S. beef. Four years later, when the restriction was lifted, street protests broke out. Economist Paul Krugman attributed the discontent to “the declining credibility of U.S. food regulation.” Yes, credibility was undermined, by misinformed American journalists and competing South Korean beef farmers.

Such commentary inevitably makes reference to Upton Sinclair's “The Jungle,” a 1906

expose of the horrifying conditions in Chicago meat factories. Sinclair's portrayal is considered accurate, and Theodore Roosevelt used the ensuing public outrage to push for food safety laws. But Roosevelt also regarded Sinclair as a “crackpot” and made no mention of him at the signing of the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act while loudly praising Sen. Albert Beveridge of Indiana.

Given the nonexistence of human sickness from American mad cows, Krugman's rhetorical question on the matter — “How did America find itself back in The Jungle?” — was rather bizarre.

What fueled the phony mad cow scare? Several things.

A few people died of the disease in Europe, mainly through eating meat pies containing the diseased cow's brain and spinal cord, parts Americans don't normally consume. One can eat meat from a mad cow and not get sick.

Crusading vegetarians used mad cow disease to frighten consumers away from meat. Then there was the red America-blue America angle. Coastal liberals fantasized about dark goings-on in a faraway industry. Rancher conservatives, unschooled in the art of public relations, simmered in quiet resentment, failing to convey their support for effective regulation.

Indeed, the news of a mad cow in Washington savaged their domestic sales and froze exports. For the U.S. beef industry, there's no upside to sneaking mad cows into the food chain.

During the scare, the Agriculture Department increased inspections for the disease. When mad cows failed to turn up in significant numbers, it ratcheted

back. The department's discovery last year of mad cow disease in a milk cow energized some of the troops, even though milk does not transmit the disease.

A scientist at Consumers Union dutifully complained: “We really don't know if this is an isolated unusual event or whether there are more cases in U.S. beef. Our monitoring program is just too small.”

A counter-thought: Seeing as there's no reported case of anyone's getting sick, much less dying, from an American mad cow, perhaps the monitoring is adequate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 3,000 Americans died of foodborne diseases in 2011. Falls at home claimed twice as many lives.

The deadliest foodborne pathogen was salmonella, often linked to poultry. Vegans should know that the CDC also issued salmonella warnings last month about imported cucumbers and tahini paste.

What might we use as a corrective headline? Here's a cute idea: Inspectors Fail to Find Cows of Mass Destruction.

*CORRECTION: My June 18 column erroneously described an echocardiogram as an electrocardiogram. The economic points made about echocardiograms remain intact.*

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Kid Scoop Together:

### John Henry



Replace the missing words in the legend of John Henry.

CONTEST  
TUNNEL  
ROCK MIDDLE  
HAMMERS  
MACHINE

When John Henry left home, he went to work for the railroad. With his mighty \_\_\_\_\_ he pounded away at the mountains, tunneling a path for the railroad.

One day, the railroad boss brought a machine called a steam drill. "This \_\_\_\_\_ can do the work better than men," he said.

John Henry replied, "Let's have a \_\_\_\_\_. Me and my hammers against your steam drill."

With the drill on one side of the mountain and Henry on the other, they started digging. Whoever gets to the \_\_\_\_\_ first wins," the boss said.

They hammered all day and all night. When Henry's \_\_\_\_\_ met the steam drill, the boss' jaw dropped in wonder. John Henry had cut through 15 feet of solid \_\_\_\_\_; the machine had cut through nine!

At the end of the contest, Henry laid down his hammer and died. They say he worked so hard that he broke his heart.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

### Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word STONE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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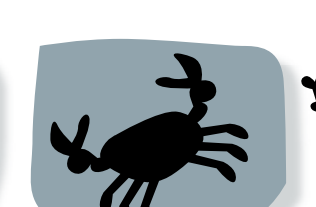
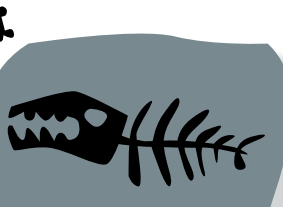
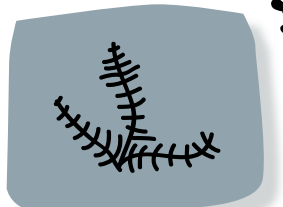
## ROCK CLOCK

A canyon wall is like a huge rock clock. The lower layers were laid down first and are the oldest. The upper layers are younger.

Looking carefully at STRATA, or layers of sedimentary rock, helps scientists to find out the age of rocks and mountains. These layers formed slowly as bits of rock and grains of sand settled

on top of each other. Over the ages, animals and plants became buried in the sediment and changed into fossils. Rocks that have the same kinds of fossils are believed to be the same age. This is called RELATIVE DATING.

Use the canyon wall ROCK CLOCK to find the ages of these four rocks.



- 1.8 million years ago evolution of humans
- 50 million years ago mammals
- 100 million years ago first primates and extinction of dinosaurs
- 200 million years ago first birds
- 250 million years ago first dinosaurs and mammals
- 350 million years ago first reptiles and ferns
- 400 million years ago first amphibians
- 500 million years ago first fishes and land plants
- 600 million years ago first skeletal elements

### Extra! Extra! STONE AGE NEWS

Clip different words from the newspaper to create a "stone age" headline. For example:

**FIRE IS TOP SELLER AT INVENTION FAIR**

Can you make up a "stone age" story to go with your headline?

Standards Link: Writing: Write brief expository essays that contain a main idea and supporting details.

### A Dinosaur Named Sue

In the summer of 1990, Sue Hendrickson found the fossilized bones of a T. rex when she was a fossil hunter for the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, South Dakota. The dinosaur she found is now named Sue, too!

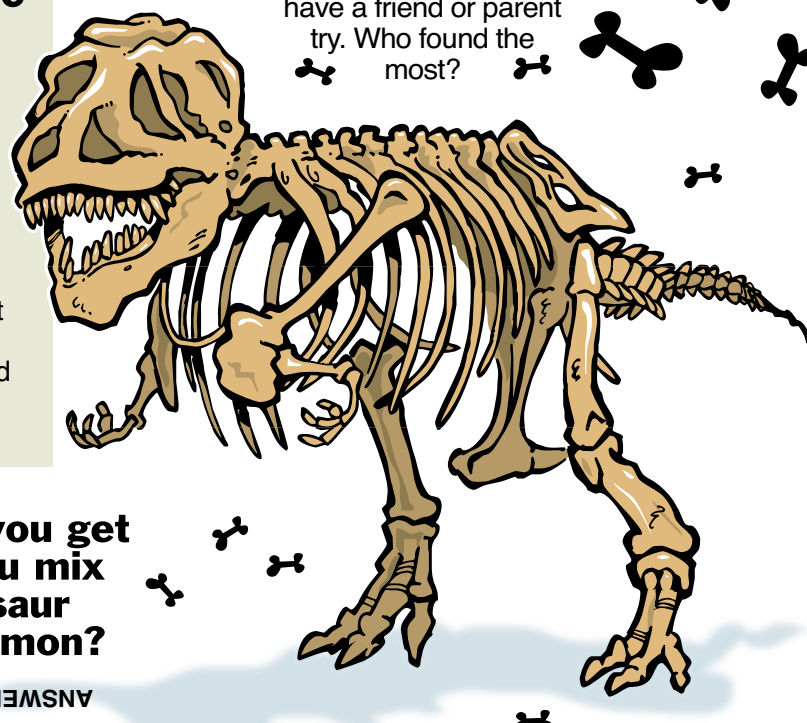
"I was pretty lucky," says Sue. "But it does take more than just luck," she admits. Sue knew the right kind of rock to explore because she understood about strata.



What do you get when you mix a dinosaur with a lemon?

ANSWER: A dino-sour.

How many bones can you find on this page in two minutes? Now have a friend or parent try. Who found the most?



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Rock, paper or scissors? Draw what should come next to continue the pattern in each row.

Row 1: [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [ ]

Row 2: [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [ ]

Row 3: [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [ ]

Row 4: [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [Rock] [Paper] [Scissors] [ ]

Standards Link: History: Compare and contrast everyday life in different times.

### Double Double Word Search

- GEOLOGICAL
- SEDIMENT
- REPTILES
- FOSSILS
- LAYERS
- STRATA
- CANYON
- BONES
- STONE
- CLOCK
- FERNS
- ROCK
- SAND
- LUCK
- AGES

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A	L	O	S	L	I	S	S	O	F
N	L	U	C	K	G	E	T	D	S
A	F	B	C	I	M	D	E	N	E
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O	S	S	K	N	O	N	Y	O	P
S	R	E	Y	A	L	T	O	N	E
A	T	A	R	T	S	W	N	E	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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#### Man vs. Machine

Look through the newspaper for pictures of machines that do jobs once done by people. Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of doing each job with a machine and with people

Standards Link: History: Compare and contrast everyday life in different times.

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DARK GREY  
ROCK,

SO PLAIN  
AND TAME,

CAN CAUSE  
A SPARK,

AND GROW  
A FLAME!

What am I?

ANSWER: Flint.

### Write On!

#### Talking Rock

I was hiking and a rock began to talk to me! Finish this story ...



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Symphony Guild awarded its 2nd annual Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship this month to two Howard County choral students. Anthony Romero and David Juarez, both of Big Spring High School, received \$300 music scholarships from the Guild. Both are using the scholarship money for summer music camp at Texas Tech. The scholarship's first recipient, 2012 winner Elena Flores of Forsan High School, is a flutist and used her scholarship to pay for summer music camp at West Texas A&M University last year. The Big Spring Symphony Guild encourages all Howard County music students entering 7th grade through 11th grade to submit applications next year.

## Club News

### Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, June 3, in the Cactus Room of Howard College.

President Jan Hansen called on Tammy DePauw for the invocation. Teresa Darden's May minutes were approved and Debbie Wegman presented the financials, which we also approved. We were reminded that new members are still welcome and annual dues should be paid.

Johnny Womack, Jan Hansen and Willia Ledford will serve as our delegates to the state convention in San Antonio. Our own Johnny Womack will

be installed as vice president at this meeting. Our KBSB theatre troupe will perform at the Library Reading Hour.

Our H-E-B is providing brown paper bags for the children to decorate. Bags will then be returned to the store to be given to customers for their groceries. We may find a Picasso in the group!

Peggy Hopper reported on the trash can cover project. Local students will do the artwork on the covers. As always, we will be helping at Pops in the Park on July 3 Love our Lake is set for Aug. 24. Next meeting is July 1 in the Cactus Room.

# Bird Poop: Cuckoo aptly dubbed 'The Rain Crow'

The summer of 2012, in the midst of our continuing drought, the sound of a long, slender bird was reassuring. To herald approaching moisture, the "rain crow" uttered its familiar "Kuk-kuk-kuk-kuk, kow-kow," followed by a "kowlp-kowlp-kowlp-kowlp."



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MCCASLAND

During the '70s and '80s, the summer species often feasted on an outbreak of caterpillars that wrapped mulberry trees in decorative webs. The first indication of the infestations, or webworms to come, was a white moth fluttering and frequenting neighborhoods.

Heard, but not seen, the elusive, secretive bird gorged on the seasonal menace. Its

distinctive voice was the only announcement of its presence.

Phone calls during June and July of 1989 were numerous. In their rush from one tree to the next, the graceful visitors often were distracted in their pursuit of the ravenous worms. A large pane of glass, a school building, and a vehicle were involved in three of the yellow-billed cuckoos being brought to us only days apart.

Depending upon whether they were held in bright sunlight, or viewed indoors, the coloration of the birds' backs could be described as grayish-brown or olive-brown.

Underneath they were a creamy white. Their long tails, with white spots on the underside, were as distinctive as their rust or bronze primaries. Their beaks, from which part of their name is derived, curved downward, with the lower mandible a deep yellow.

Their upper beak had a partial coloring of yellow as well.

No obvious injuries were found. The cuckoos needed time to get their bearings and recover from the stress and trauma of jolting impacts.

Mealworms were offered to our hungry guests. After having to hunt for caterpillars, grasshoppers, ants, wasps, and flies, they relished the free meals. The fruit from a friend's mulberry was also welcome.

With the '90s came a decline in the cuckoos' seasonal appearance. Perhaps it coincided with the absence of the moth that had brought the temporary defoliation to so many trees. Misuse of pesticides had to be considered.

Perhaps the dying out of the once rapidly growing mulberry trees could have been another factor. Extremely water dependent, and with a life span of only about 25 years, many



Courtesy photo

The yellow-billed cuckoo is thought by many to have the ability to anticipate impending showers. The bird has been aptly dubbed "The Rain Crow" because of this characteristic.

mulberries were planted for their ability to provide quick shade for parched lawns.

In our new century, a growing lack of rainfall coincided with the death of many trees other than mulberries. Standing in barren fields, raptors awaited starvation due to lack

of prey. A decline was also noticed in the availability of insects for part of the avian population. Since Wal-Mart and H-E-B serve as "town squares" in our city, the most often asked question was, and is, "Where are all the birds?"

In 2013, even turkey

vultures, hummingbirds, and Mississippi kites are less in number. To contemplate the absence of what we used to consider normal is to realize that fall migratory destinations are also affected, often by loss of habitat. Although the extinction of these species, including the yellow-billed cuckoos, is not eminent, their absence is noticeable.

While the cuckoo, at this time, frequents the eastern part of Texas and the United States, our pleasure at hearing its attempt to predict the weather has been affected. That some day it might never be seen here again made me realize the only noise in the silence left behind would be my sigh at the loss.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

# 'Growth' of various religions may be misleading

I thought you might find this interesting. I was recently reading

about the growth of different religions across our country and the way the growth is being forecast, which is



DARRELL  
RYAN

very confusing.

The U.S. Religion Census reported in May of last year, that the fastest growing religion in America is Islam. From the year 2000 to the year 2010, the census found that the number of Muslims living inside the United States increased by a stunning 66.7 percent.

That is an astounding rate of growth. However, looking at the percentages is extremely misleading; if there was

only one and one more was added that leads to a 100 percent growth rate.

Granted, Islam is growing in our country, but to observe growth we need to look at more than percentages. Islam is not the fastest growing religion in America if counting numbers.

Muslims make up only 4 percent of the U.S. population, whereas 84 percent are Christians.

Most of the Muslim

growth in North America is from immigration. Canada allows the largest number of immigrants that are Muslims which accounts for the largest amount of growth in North America, and a large number of these immigrants are fleeing the persecution between hostile Muslim sects in their home country.

Muslim growth rate is based upon immigration, birth rates and converting because of marriage, not on conversion rates.

There is also rapid growth among other world religions such as Deism, Hinduism,

Buddhism, Wicca and those claiming to be non-religious.

It is reported that Christian denominations in the United States are decreasing in numbers and the reports seem to be substantiated; however, there is large growth in non-denominational churches and in the Church of the Latter Day Saints which offset the Christian denominational decline.

This change and the influx of other religions is leading to a religious diversity and as that diversity continues to grow it is inevitable that this will reshape

our nation in many different ways in the years ahead.

The question we face today is: how will we respond when the diversity is upon us?

Deepak Chopra once said, "All great changes are preceded by chaos."

This may be what we should expect but I like the quote by Mary Engelbreit:

If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

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# 14-year-old All-Stars fall to East-

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

In a wild, extra inning affair, Big Spring's 14-year-old Little League All-Stars fell to Odessa Eastside, 15-8, Monday at Steer Park.

Big Spring scored the first run of the nearly four-hour outing when Holder Biemeret hit a towering pop outting when Holder Biemeret hit a towering pop outting when Holder Biemeret hit a towering pop outting, allowing him to reach first base. He got to second on a passed ball, then stole third. Brantz Burchett was hit by a pitch and put runners on the corners, setting up Noah Vera who made contact for the RBI.

Odessa answered back with two runs of its own in the top of the second, but the lead was short-lived. Nathan Schneider reached first base with two outs, stole third base and barreled home on a passed ball to tie it up at two runs apiece.

Though Big Spring battled, it looked as if the game was in hand for Eastside, who held a 7-4 lead headed into the bottom of the seventh.

Then, the rally began.

Allen Chancy reached on an error, Noah Perez drew a walk and Burchett recorded a RBI single, cutting Odessa's lead to two. Roque Rodriguez and Dylan Lance were issued back-to-back

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Big Spring's Nathan Schneider slides safely into home during Monday's 15-8 loss to Odessa Eastside at Steer Park during a 14-year old All-Star bout. Big Spring will meet Floyd Gwin tonight at Steer Park at 8:30 p.m.



Courtesy photo (top)/HERALD photo/Brian McCormack (bottom)

35 years later — the Bad News Bears are shown in 1978 (top) after winning the city championship. The softball team recently held a reunion which most of the original team attended (bottom). Those making the trek to Big Spring included (in no particular order): Sylvia Rodriguez, Susie Hernandez Mary Ann Paredez, Coach Tony Rodriguez III, Ann Sanders, Carolyn (Yeager) Coatney, Coach Tyky Mata, Anna Gomez, Debbie (Puga) Trevino, Elda J. Moralez and Beatrice "Bea" Billalba-Stevens.



# Bad News reunion

After 35 years pass, a city title winning softball team gathers to catch up

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Back in 1978, the Bad News Bears were the toughest women's softball team around. Not just tough to beat — the Bears claimed the city championship that year — but tough to play, too.

You see, when listening to the ladies who comprised the squad talk, it sounds more like a battle-hardened platoon recounting their skirmishes than a group of former slow-pitch softball players.

"We were bad," said Ann Sanders, a Big Spring reunion who contributed to the successful season 35 years ago. "I broke my finger one night. I had hyper-extended knees. We played like we were playing football."

The trip down memory lane came courtesy of a reunion which was held Saturday at the old softball diamond within Commerce Trail Park — the Bad News Bears' old haunt. Many of them remain in Big Spring, but some came from as far away as Austin, San Antonio and Lubbock.

"We had been talking about it and decided to finally do it," Sylvia Rodriguez, who helped organize the gathering explained. "It's been years since some of us have seen one another. We thought it would be fun to see how everyone is doing and find how everyone has changed."

The Bad News Bears were part of the now defunct Big Spring Women's Softball Association. From 1977-1979, Carolyn Coatney (then Carolyn Yeager), was a player as well as league president.

Coatney, like her teammates from the seventies, recalls the approximately 15-team organization as being immensely competitive.

"It got so bad that by the time I quit in '83, people were getting hurt," she said. "But we had a lot of good times playing ball

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# Blackhawks score twice in 17 seconds to win Stanley Cup

BOSTON (AP) — Two hours after clinching the Stanley Cup title, a handful of Chicago Blackhawks wandered back out onto the TD Garden ice in their street clothes.

Two of them walked gingerly over to the corner and recreated the goals that brought the NHL season to a stunning conclusion. A few took swigs from Champagne bottles.

Some posed for pictures. Others took them.

The Blackhawks celebrated their second Stanley Cup championship in four seasons on Monday night, coming from behind when Bryan Bickell and Dave Bolland scored 17 seconds apart in the final 1:16 to beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 and take the best-of-seven series in six games.

"This goal, the ending — nobody saw it coming," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "You just hope. And we tied it up and the other one was icing on the cake. But nobody foresaw either one coming."

"That series and the pace that we just saw for six straight games was an amazing series," he said. "Com-

ment both teams for leaving it out there."

Seventy-six seconds away from defeat and a trip home for a decisive seventh game, Bickell tied and, while the Bruins were settling in for another overtime in a series that has already had its share, Bolland scored to give Chicago the lead.

The back-to-back scores in

about the time it takes for one good rush down the ice turned a near-certain loss into a championship clincher, stunning Boston's players and their fans, and starting the celebration on the Blackhawks' bench with 59 seconds to play.

"We thought we were

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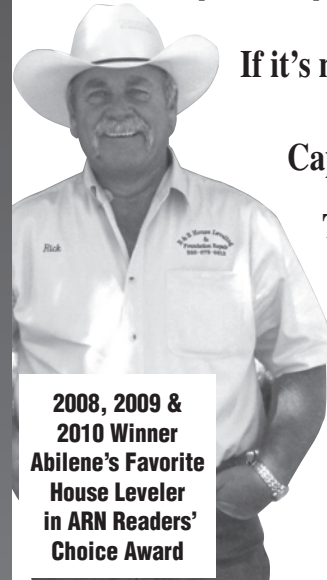
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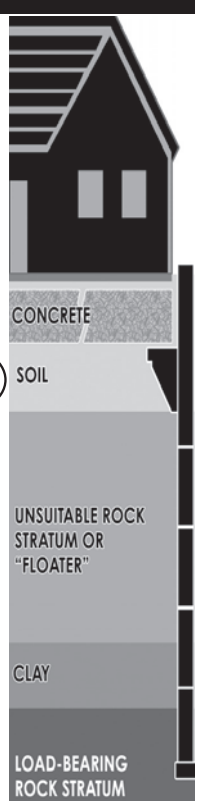
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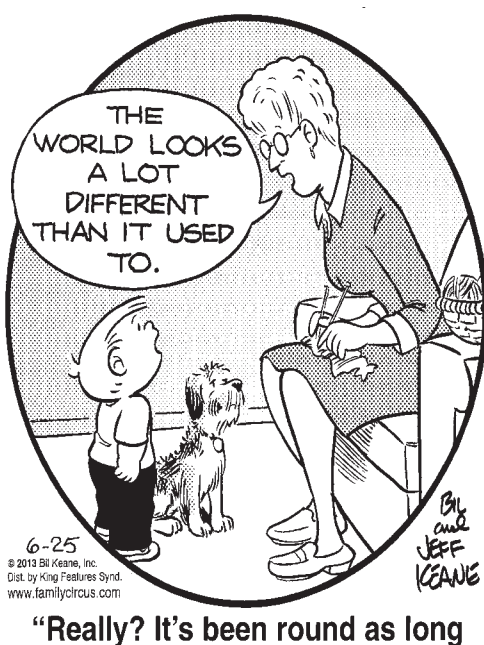
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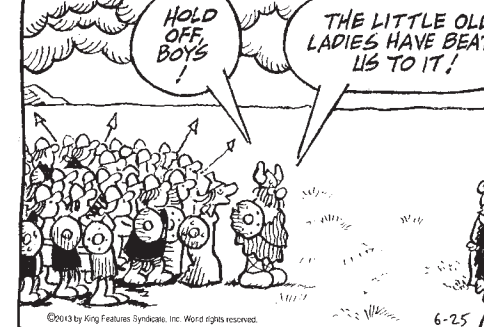
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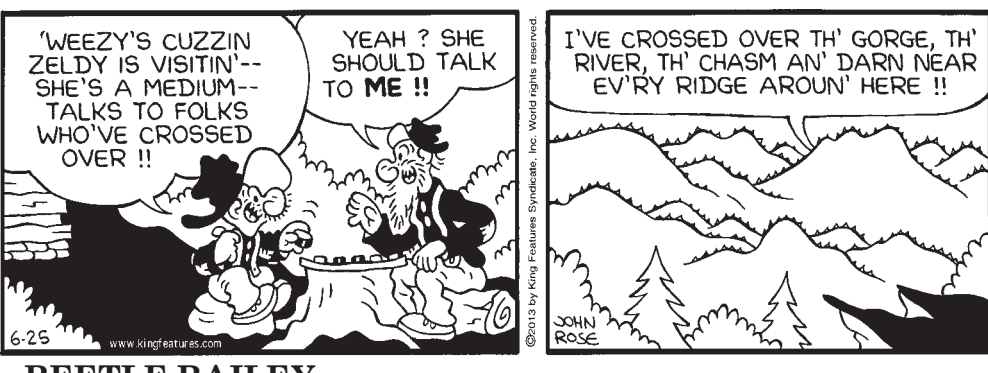
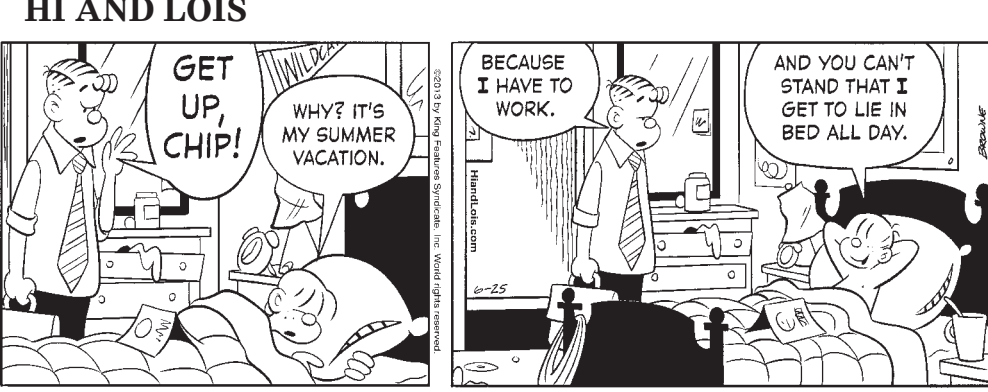
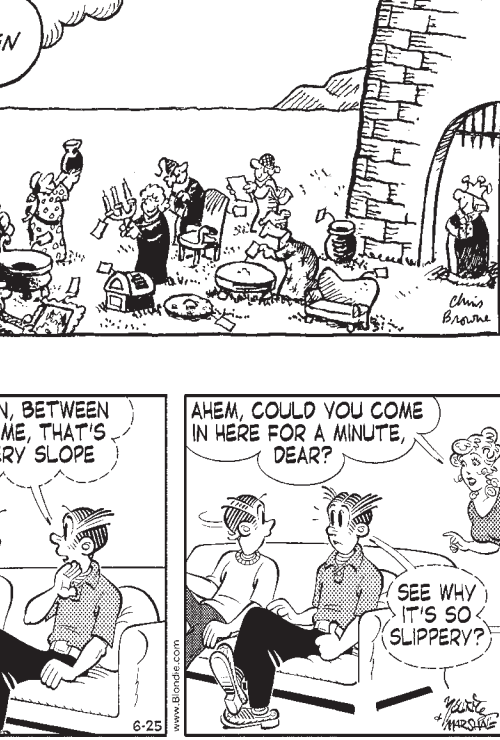
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 25, the 176th day of 2013. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee, implicating top administration officials, including President Richard Nixon as well as himself, in the Watergate scandal and cover-up.

On this date:

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1888, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency. (Harrison went on to win the election, defeating

President Grover Cleveland.)

In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes.

In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1943, Congress passed, over President Franklin D. Roosevelt's veto, the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act, which allowed the federal government to seize and operate privately owned war plants facing labor strikes.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled 6-1 that recitation of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1988, American-born Mildred Gillars, known as "Axis Sally" for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts during World War II, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 87. (Gillars had served 12 years in prison for treason.)

In 1993, Kim Campbell was sworn in as Canada's 19th prime minister, the first woman to hold the post.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a line-item veto law as unconstitutional, and ruled that HIV-infected people are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 62.

Today's Birthdays: Actress June Lockhart is 88. Civil rights activist James Meredith is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 76. Actress Barbara Montgomery is 74.

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Answer to previous puzzle

WINS	RELAY	SKIP
ARAT	EXILE	UNDO
LOSE	CANES	DILL
KNAPSACKS	NOFEE	
PUNTS	POKE	
SKEET	TROUBLE	
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ORE	SPAREME	ADAM
UVW	QUITE	IDOL
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Newsday Crossword

LEARNED TRIO by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Minor quarrel
  - 5 Up to the task
  - 9 Hole in a bathtub
  - 14 Finely furnished
  - 15 Blockhead
  - 16 Salary increase
  - 17 Opera solo
  - 18 Parakeet's home
  - 19 Marsh bird
  - 20 Concentrated visually
  - 23 Poem of praise
  - 24 Donkey
  - 25 Tell with confidence
  - 29 Agile
  - 31 Swiss mountain
  - 34 Word on a maze
  - 35 Most important
  - 36 Having two uses
  - 37 Punished with a purpose
  - 40 Pasta alternative
  - 41 Regrets
  - 42 Small-minded
  - 43 Rock with metal
  - 44 Luau garlands
  - 45 Overtakes on the road
  - 46 Briny body of water
  - 47 Portion of corn
  - 48 Fact-based estimates
  - 57 Places for valuables
  - 58 Swampy areas

- DOWN
- 1 Narrow plank
  - 2 Sound of a happy cat
  - 3 Japan's locale
  - 4 Bangkok resident
  - 5 Consent (to)
  - 6 Propeller part
  - 7 Letterhead illustration
  - 8 Biblical garden
  - 9 Stylish, as suits
  - 10 Shows anger
  - 11 Well ventilated
  - 12 "That's clear"
  - 13 Butterfly catchers
  - 21 Up, on a map
  - 22 Merits
  - 25 Prefix meaning "spaceflight"
  - 26 A step between floors
  - 27 Pasta topping
  - 28 Prod along
  - 29 Merchant's markdowns
  - 30 Crusty desserts
  - 31 Mom's sisters
  - 32 Coffeehouse order
  - 33 Ruses
  - 35 Oahu neighbor
  - 36 Accomplishes
  - 38 Foot the bill
  - 39 Tire in the trunk
  - 44 Rental agreements
  - 45 Short breaks
  - 46 Aroma
  - 47 Prod along
  - 48 Monday Night Football channel
  - 49 Be bold
  - 50 Sci-fi vehicles, for short
  - 51 Online auctioneer
  - 52 Parcel (out)
  - 53 Did laps in the pool
  - 54 Identical
  - 55 \_\_\_ so (nevertheless)
  - 56 Ship off

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CUP

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going home for Game 7. You still think you're going to overtime and you're going to try to win it there. Then Bolly scores a huge goal 17 seconds later," said Chicago forward Patrick Kane, who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the postseason's most valuable player. "It feels like the last 58 seconds were an eternity."

The team that set an NHL record with a 24-game unbeaten streak to start the lockout-shortened season won three straight after falling behind 2-1 in the finals, rallying from a deficit in the series and in its finale. Corey Crawford made 23 saves, and Jonathan Toews returned

from injury to add a goal and an assist in the first finals between Original Six teams since 1979.

"I still can't believe that finish. Oh, my God, we never quit," Crawford said. "I never lost confidence. No one in our room ever did."

Trailing 2-1 with Crawford sent off for an extra skater, the Blackhawks converted when Toews fed it in front and Bickell scored from the edge of the crease to tie the score.

Perhaps the Bruins expected it to go to overtime, as three of the first four games in the series did. They seemed to be caught off-guard on the ensuing faceoff.

Chicago skated into the zone and Johnny Oduya sent a shot on net that deflected off Michael Frolik and the post

before landing right in front of Bolland.

He chipped it in, and the Blackhawks knew it was over.

The Chicago players who'd been on the ice gathered in the corner, while those on the bench began jumping up and down. It was only a minute later, with Boston's Tuukka Rask off for an extra man, that the Blackhawks withstood the final push and swarmed over the boards, throwing their sticks and gloves across the ice.

"I don't think there's any question, even though — let's face it — today was a little bit of luck, we're still the best team in the league," Oduya said. "We proved that during the year, and we proved that during the playoffs. Lot of things have to break right for you, they did tonight, but sometimes the great teams make

their own breaks."

The Bruins got 28 saves from Rask, who was hoping to contribute to an NHL title after serving as Tim Thomas' backup when Boston won it all two years ago.

"It's obviously shocking when you think you have everything under control," Rask said quietly, standing at his locker with a blue baseball cap on backward and a towel draped over his shoulders.

The sold-out TD Garden was chanting "We want the Cup!" after Milan Lucic's goal put the Bruins up 2-1 with eight minutes left, but it fell silent when Boston coughed up the lead. The team came out to salute its fans as they streamed out of the building for the last time, from the air conditioning into the summer air.

"Probably toughest for sure, when you know

you're a little bit over a minute left and you feel that you've got a chance to get to a Game 7," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "And then those two goals go in quickly."

The arena was almost empty — except for a few hundred fans in red Blackhawks sweaters who filtered down to the front rows — when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman handed the 35-pound Cup to Toews, who left Game 5 with an undisclosed injury and wasn't confirmed for the lineup until the morn-

ing skate.

The Chicago captain skated with the Cup right over the crease in which the Blackhawks mounted the comeback and in front of the fans in Blackhawks sweaters who lined up along the front row behind the net. Toews banged on the glass while the remaining Bruins fans headed up the runways.

He then continued the tradition of handing it from player to player before the team settled to the side of the faceoff circle for a picture with the trophy.

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REUNION

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together. My best memory was probably winning the championship. We went against some pretty good teams."

The Bad News Bears — which was sponsored by Alberto's restaurant — went 14-2 in 1978. Eleven of the 14 original teammates and coaches

ALL-STARS

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walks, then pitcher Dylan Cantu tied it up with a base hit, scoring Burchett. Rodriguez — the game-winning run — also went for home, but was called out.

Knotted at 7-7, the wheels came off the Big Spring wagon as East-side put together an eight-run inning.

Chancey scored a run in the bottom of the eighth, but Odessa's earlier onslaught proved insurmountable.

President of Big Spring Little League, Robert Smith, applauded the squad's grit.

"I'm proud of the tenacity Big Spring showed," he said. "They had a chance to win at

met in Big Spring. The camaraderie was still intact. In fact, Rodriguez hopes another reunion may be in store.

"It's fun to see everyone again," she added. "We talked about doing this again."

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the end of regulation. They worked hard and played well until the last inning."

Other Big Spring All-Stars were in action last night, but unfortunately, it wasn't a stellar night for the city's baseball fans.

The nine and 10-year old All-Stars lost to Floyd Gwin by a score of 10-0, while the 11-year old squad was bested by Midland.

Games involving local teams will begin tonight at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex at 6 p.m. and Steer Park at 8:30 p.m.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Mayday! Mayday!

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 1 7 6  
♥ Q 10 6 3  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ A 9 2  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A Q 8 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 8 5 4  
♥ A K J 9 8 4  
♦ 6  
♣ J 2

**SOUTH**  
♥ Q 10 3  
♦ —  
♠ A K Q 10 8 5 2  
♣ K 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — seven of hearts.  
This remarkable hand occurred in a high-stakes rubber-bridge game. North should have passed one diamond, but he was the type of player who was constitutionally incapable of showing weakness by passing. So he responded one heart.

South, unaware that North was shortchanging him, jumped to three notrump. True, South lacked the balanced distribution normally expected for this rebid, but he and his partner had agreed that a three-notrump rebid in this sequence showed a long, solid suit and a reasonable chance for

nine tricks in notrump.

East doubled, directing West to lead the suit dummy had bid. Delighted with the double, West licked his chops and led the seven of hearts. Dummy's ten lost to the jack, and East returned the deuce of clubs.

South could have saved a bushel of points by inserting the nine, but, in an effort to go down only one, he put up the king. West won with the ace and led another heart.

East cashed five heart tricks and the jack of clubs and returned a spade, whereupon West took the ace and cashed the Q-8-6 of clubs to bring his side to 12 tricks. West then led a spade to East's king, and poor South finished down nine — 2,600 points!

North was primarily responsible for the debacle. His one-heart bid was strictly from hunger, but even worse was his failure to rescue South from three notrump doubled. This was an error of major proportions, and he paid a terrible penalty for it.

North should have recognized that he did not have even the most minimal values his partner was expecting from him. After East doubled, he should have hoisted the white flag and bid four diamonds, South's known long suit. This would have been set at most two tricks, and even if doubled, North-South would have saved themselves 2,100 points!

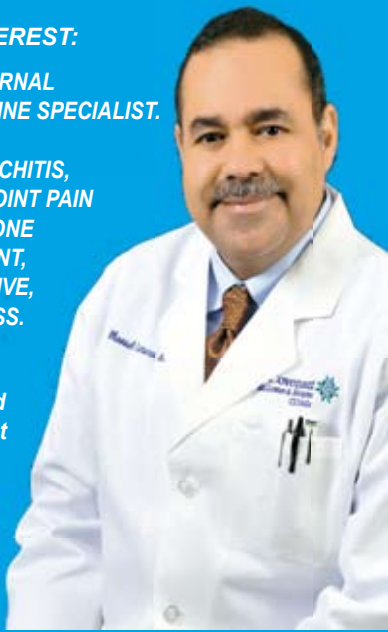
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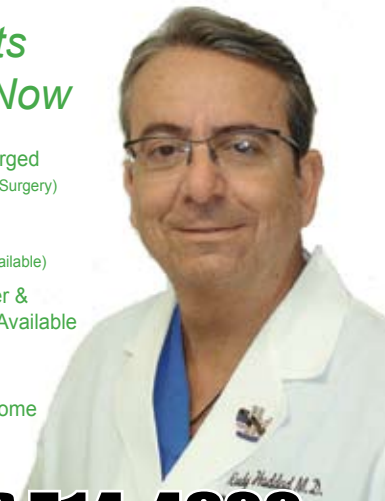
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