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"The best tandem in show business," Texas State Sen. Kel Seliger, right, and Rep. Drew Darby, were affectionately referred to as at a Town Hall Meeting held Tuesday. The Representatives recounted the results of the 83rd Legislative session, including the state highway infrastructure and recent water issues.

Legislative reps update citizens on state affairs

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

"Water, water everywhere. Nor a drop to drink." Samuel Taylor Coleridge's line from the "Ancient Mariner" would have been appropriate for a large part of a Town

Hall Meeting held at the Ho- 83rd Legislative session. tel Settles Tuesday.

Referred to as "The best tandem in show business," State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Drew Darby — Howard County's representatives in edly \$27 million at the last the state legislature — gave an optimistic recount of the

The most changes made during the session were the state budget, education and water. The state deficit was report-

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BS city council will not challenge rollball tax rate

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

council members Citv gave tentative approval to a slightly pared-down tax rate during their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The new rate — 85.664 cents per \$100 property valuation won't result in any savings for taxpayers, but it will help the city avoid a possible rollback election.

Assistant Finance Manager Don Moore said budget planners had to go back to the drawing board when they discovered that the tax rate they wanted to go with exceeded the rollback rate by a few ten-thousandth of a cent. Rollback rate is a term

used to designate how much budget planners can assess before voters can call for a rollback election. It is roughly the figure 8 percent over the effective rate — the rate

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School enrollment up for some, down for others

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Reporter

Coahoma and

Call Dicky Wright

Big Spring, TX

Forsan public school districts had slight increases in student enrollment on the first day of classes following the summer break while Big Spring **Independent School District** saw a drop. BSISD reported 3,874 stu-

dents enrolled on Monday, down from 4,046 around the same time last year, See **STUDENTS**, Page 3

Two killed on RR 33

Herald Staff Report

GLASSCOCK COUNTY -Two people were killed and two injured late Monday in a three-vehicle crash about 10 miles north of Garden City.

According to traffic investigators, killed were 41-year-old Wilson "Tex" Edwards Jr., a graduate of Big Spring High School, and 30-year-old Alvis Linker of Duncan, Okla. The accident took place about See CRASH, Page 3

10:30 p.m. on Ranch Road 33.

Officials said the truck Edwards was driving crossed into oncoming traffic and struck a vehicle driven by 24-year-old Curtis Gaston of Big Spring. Gaston's vehicle went into the ditch and turned

Edwards' vehicle continued and had a head on crash with a truck driven by Linker.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dr. John Freeman, left, chairman of the Howard College Board of Trustees, presents a plaque to retiring college Executive Vice President Terry Hansen in appreciation to Hansen's 36 years of service to the institution.

Hansen bows out, honored by college

Trustees approve 2013-2014 budget

By STEVE REAGAN **Staff Writer**

Howard College said good-

bye to one of its "pillars" Tuesday. Terry Hansen, who started

working at the college as a computer programmer/analyst in 1978 and rose through the ranks to become executive vice president of the junior college district, attended his final trustee meeting as a college official Tuesday afternoon.

Trustees presented Hansen with a plaque and their best wishes and College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks tried to articulate what her retired colleague has meant to Howard. "Terry Hansen has honor-

ably served this institution

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Tex Edwards



Wilson Connell "Tex" Edwards Jr.. of Garden City was born Dec. 22, 1971 and passed away Aug. 26,

Before graduating from Big Spring High School in 1990, Tex, an avid aviator who at 14 flew nine hours nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean, would go on to receive his private pilots license by gaining ratings in five different airplanes on his 17th birthday. Among the

many planes he flew were the TBM Avenger, T6 SNJ5, HU16 Albatross, PBY Catalina, Super Cub and anything else with wings. After graduating, he went on to attend TCU and eventually returned home to farm, ranch and fly. On Oct. 9, 2004, he married Hillary Caitlin McNew and soon thereafter went into a partnership with his father, Wilson Connell "Connie" Edwards in Flying 'E' Spraying Service where he received the 2009 Ag Business of the Year awarded by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Obituaries

He was preceded in death by his uncle, William Prior "Budo" Edwards and is survived by wife, Hillary; son, Wilson Connell "Trey" Edwards III; daughter, Aislin Olivia Eleanor Edwards; father, Wilson Connell Edwards Sr. and wife, Brenda of Garden City; his mother, Sandra Downing Jones of Allen; sister, Patricia Edwards of Dallas; brother, Nick Edwards of Austin; step-sister, Stefanie Park of Bertrom; and grandfather, Roy Downing of

Visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 29t from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Big Spring at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 906 S Gregg St.

Services will be Friday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. on the Edwards Ranch located at 3100 FM 461, Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: EAA Young Eagles, PO BOX 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.

npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Vicki Lynn Parks



Vicki Lynn Parks, 59, passed away at her home in Colorado Springs, Colorado August 23, 2013 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She is survived by her husband Robert Parks of Colorado Springs, CO; her daughter Skydria 'Sky' Hall and husband, Tom of Colorado Springs, CO and their children Dylan Williamson of Allen, TX, Chevenne Williamson and Callen Hall both of Colo-

rado Springs, CO; her son Jeremy Parks and wife, Jessica of Colorado Springs, CO and their children Jeremy Jr., Kylie and Megan all of Colorado Springs, CO; her son Daniel 'Dino' Parks and wife, Joy of Glenwood Springs, CO and their children Ryan and Emily of Anchorage, AK and Joshua and Nathan of Glenwood Springs, CO; her mother Mattie 'Lee' Turner of Big Spring, TX; her father-in-law Walter 'Walt' Parks of Albuquerque, NM; her sister Andrea 'Andy' Moore and husband, Dave of Early, TX; her sister Julie Bartlett and husband, Jeff of Coahoma, TX; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and one great grandchild due this year.

All who knew her loved Vicki and she was known for her love of life, her laughter and the kindness that she shared with everyone she came in contact with. Vicki grew up in Big Spring, Texas where, in 1972, she met her husband and fell in love; they were married for over 40 years and their love will continue until they meet again. Vicki was a Missionary with her husband and their family. They traveled throughout Texas and Mexico and spread God's word during the 80's. She spent the better part of her adult life working as an Office Manager for State Farm Insurance in Big Spring, Albuquerque and Colorado Springs where she met many customers that now call her friend.

Services for Vicki will be held Saturday, August 31st at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel – 906 S. Gregg St. Big Spring, TX 79720 followed by a grave side ceremony lead out by procession from the funeral home to Trinity Memorial

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations are sent to the Vicki Lynn Parks Living Trust, PO Box 76776 Colorado Springs, CO 80970 or to Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation, in honor of Vicki Parks for cancer research, 2222 North Nevada Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

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

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Police/Sheriff

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

• CHRISTOPHER RAY TEICHMAN, 40, of 1207 Hilltop Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft less than \$50 – shoplifting.

• GREGORIO SILGUERO JR., 34, of 204 Pintail Loop, San Marcos, Texas, was arrested on warrants for speeding and no drivers license – when unlicensed.

• JOSHUA ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 20, of 1413 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• DAVID ALAN TINDOL, 32, of 3413 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/ vehicle.

• BETTY JEAN MUNIZ, 47, of 610 Northwest 8th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of terroristic threat.

• JUAN GABRIAL MORAN, 38, of 8305 North Service Road, was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault – family violence causing bodily injury and resisting arrest search or transport.

• THEFT was reported at the 1000 block of First Street.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 300 block of Birdwell.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 4900 block of South Highway 87.

· ASSAULT was reported at the 6200 block of Sandlin Road.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail re-



ported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

 DAVID ALAN TINDOL was booked by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

 JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL was booked by the HCSO to begin sentence for a charge of driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.

• CHRISTOPHER TEICHMA BEASLEY, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft greater than \$50.

• BETTY ANN MUNIZ was booked by the HCSO to begin sentence for a charge of terroristic threats.

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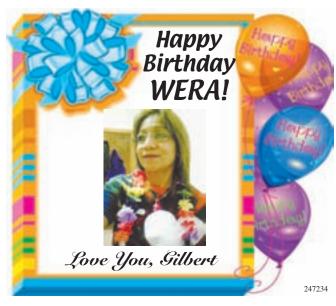
The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported at the 300 block of North-

east 9th Street. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported at the 100 block of East FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported at the 87000 block of Gillum Road. One patient transported to SMMC.

• AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported at the 600 block of Aylesford. Extinguished.

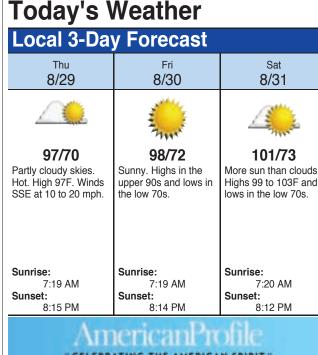


Mark A. Pattin

Mark A. Pattin, 50, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cliffa Slate

Cliffa Slate, 87, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.





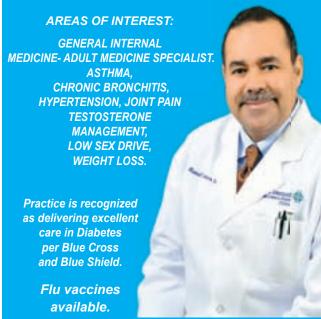


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Austin	95	72	pt sunny	Longview	99	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	94	73	mst sunny	Lubbock	91	66	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	74	t-storm	Lufkin	97	72	mst sunny
Brownwood	98	72	pt sunny	Midland	96	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	76	t-storm	Raymondville	93	74	t-storm
Corsicana	99	75	sunny	Rosenberg	94	73	mst sunny
Dallas	100	77	sunny	San Antonio	96	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	97	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	96	72	pt sunny
El Paso	84	69	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	100	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	91	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	94	70	pt sunny
Gainesville	98	74	sunny	Tyler	100	74	mst sunny
Greenville	99	74	sunny	Weatherford	98	75	sunny
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Chicago	84	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	81	mst sunr
Dallas	100	77	sunny	San Francisco	69	60	pt sunny
Denver	89	62	sunny	Seattle	78	65	pt sunny
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Gaston and a passenger in his vehicle, 26-yearold Justin Stockton, were transported from the scene and hospitalized in stable condition, according to reports.

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Funeral

vice for Ed wards will be at 10 a.m. Friday on the Edwards Ranch, located at 3100 FM 461, Spring. Big Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Support Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weighin starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@ msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

 Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

COUNCIL

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which would raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year.

Because of increased property valuations within the city, the effective rate for the new budget would be 76.2733 cents per \$100 valuation. However, officials had planned to keep the previous tax rate 86.5 cents - to finance

pay increases for city employees, water and sewer line replacement, sealcoating projects and work on a new landfill, along with other items. the Under newest

tax rate — which was unanimously approved by the council — this year's city budget will have a built-in deficit of \$151,000, but City Manager Todd Darden said officials are hopeful that enough savings can be found in other budget areas to offset that defi-

perienced a steady rise

during his time at How-

ard — from his start as a

programmer/analyst, he

later became director of

the college's computer

center and head of the

computer sciences de-

partment before being

becoming chief business

officer in 1984 and later

being named executive

Sparks said Hansen's

duties would be divided

between different people

at the college — Brenda

Claxton has been named

chief fiscal officer, while

Jason Mims will become

chief business officer for

the district. Other duties

formerly performed by

Hansen will be divvied

vice president.

City residents will have a chance to sound off on the proposed tax rate and budget when the council hosts a public hearing on the fiscal package at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in council chambers.

business other Tuesday, the council ap-

• A petition to annex 40 acres of city-owned property in the area of Willard Street and Parkway Drive.

Attorney Linda Sjogren said officials hope to solicit bids from housing developers in the near future.

agreement An with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool to administer the city's healthcare package. This move will save about \$125,000 from the previous insurance package while not changing employee benefits, officials said.

Emergency reading

\$1,857 under the new

of a traffic ordinance allowing the city to enforce standard school zone speed limits in the vicinity of the old Bauer campus — which is the new home of the local Head Start program while eliminating those speed restrictions in the area around the Lakev-

• The 2013-2014 budget for the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District.

iew campus, which is

now vacant.

Agreements with

the previous year).

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HANSEN

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for 36 years and he's done an outstanding job serving the students, the college and the community at large," Sparks said. "He's truly been one of our pillars and he will be missed."

Hansen said he would miss the college, as

"This is bittersweet in so many ways, because I care so much for this institution," he said. "I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life, but today is just very bittersweet."

Hansen's career ex-

up among members of Sparks' cabinet. As for Hansen, he

plans to spend a lot of quality time with his "I just plan on spend-

ing time with my wife and my family grandchildren," said. "We'll be doing some traveling and other things to be deter-While they were say-

ing goodbye to an old budget, trustees apconeague, trustees also said hello to a new fiscal year by formally adopting a budget and tax for the next 12 months.

Faculty can expect annual salary increases of between \$1,389 and

budget, depending on their contracts, while other employees will see significant pay raises, also. In addition, three

positions teaching which had been left vacant after recent resignations — history/ government, speech and computer sciences – will be restored.

To pay for the new proved a tax rate of 20.37 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase of almost 3 cents over the old rate and about a penny above the effective rate (which would raise as much tax revenue as

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STUDENTS

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according to district That's officials. decrease of 172 students.

Officials reported a slight increase in registration on its second day, which is not unusual. Student enrollment figures fluctuate throughout the year as families move in and out of the district.

Forsan ISD witnessed the largest increase of student enrollment with a jump of 17 students from last year at this time. Students enrolled Monday totaled 704, up from 687 and up 40 students from when the district ended the school year in May at 664.

"We are pleased with those numbers. It is a slow growth but not

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overwhelming as some school districts are coping with. It's manageable. This will help stabilize some of the smaller classes," said Randy Johnson, FISD superintendent.

Johnson added the increase was spread evenly throughout the grade levels with a little heavier enrollment in the elementary age.

Falling not too far behind, Coahoma recorded 865 students on the first day, up 13 from this time last year from a reported enrollment of

"We anticipated a little bit of jump this year compared to last," said Coahoma Superintendent Amy Jacobs. "Last

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year, we saw quite an increase of 45 students

enrolled."

CSID expects to add a few more late starters through Labor Day, Jacobs added. Last year, CISD stayed fairly consistent on student numbers, seeing a drop in only five students by the end of classes.



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The dangers of early fame

elebrity followers and people all over the world have been given ' plenty to buzz about this week, mostly compliments of MTV and their annual trek into showcasing a gaggle of so-called singers, dancers

and musicians called the MTV Music Awards. I know that every generation's youth have been criticized for their music, clothes, and supposed moral shortcomings, and I'm sure I will be judged and discredited as being old and out-



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of-touch because of my opinions, but I honestly believe our culture has been negatively affected by the influence of this generation's music and performers. That's fine, but there is no one on this planet that can convince me that today's racist, vile, angry, violent, sexually explicit and generally disrespectful performers and their music haven't influenced far too many young minds to emulate the lifestyle and actions of their on-stage idols and have consequently had to suffer the devastating results.

Most of the attention this week has been focused on Milev Cyrus, better known to many as the former Disney Channel star, Hannah Montana. She is the one of the latest in a seemingly endless string of young men and women who has been challenged to climb out of a deep hole called "child stardom." Every year we see a whole slew of child actors get sold out to the Hollywood industry. We see them in sitcoms, advertisements, and movies, and sometimes they rise to the top, but very few of them stay there because it is a precarious perch.

It's impossible to lay all the blame on Hollywood or the entertainment industry in general for child actors going bad because a good number of them have managed to avoid the stereotypical fate of drugs, rehab, nervous breakdowns and reality TV and carve out pretty inspiring lives for themselves. But, sadly, the opposite is far too often the case. That's heartbreaking because it's likely they never really get a legitimate shot at living a normal life. Stardom can be poisonous and destructive at any age, but even more so when the person is young.

Lindsey Lohan was a cute girl who got her big break at 11 when she was cast as the lead in the remake of "The Parent Trap." As she rose to stardom in both movies and music, she also became a fixture on the Hollywood party scene. The years of fast living caught up with Lohan in 2007 and her life became a nightmare series of car crashes, arrests and stints in rehab.

Another young girl who is a prime example of how difficult handling stardom can be is Britney Spears, who started as a preteen on "The New Mickey Mouse Club" before launching into pop stardom with the 1999 release of her debut album "Baby One More Time." In 2007, she underwent a very public breakdown in front of the army of paparazzi that follows her. In addition to losing custody of her children to ex-husband Kevin Federline, being charged with a hit-andrun, and several stays in rehab, Spears attacked a photographer's car with an umbrella and shaved off her hair. On January 3, 2008, police were called to her house when Spears refused to hand her children over to Federline's representative. A month later, she was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric ward.

Danny Bonaduce is another heartbreaking story. The former "Partridge Family" star fell on hard times after the series ended, at one point living out of his car. He was twice arrested for cocaine possession, in 1985 and 1990. Bonaduce later admitted that he was so addicted to crack that he got serious burns on his fingers and lips because he wouldn't wait for the pipe to cool down before smoking it. He and his wife Gretchen chronicled their faltering marriage in the 2005 reality TV series "Breaking Bonaduce." Episodes featured Danny falling off the wagon, abusing steroids and attempting suicide.

When he was 10, Brad Renfro was discovered by a casting director and hired for "The Client," based on a John Grisham novel. His only previous acting experience was in a school play

sponsored by the anti-drug organization DARE, which would prove ironic given Renfro's repeated arrests on possession charges. In 2000, he and a friend were charged with grand theft for attempting to steal a 45-foot yacht. They were caught because neither remembered to untie the boat from the dock. In 2005, Renfro was one of 15 people caught trying to buy heroin during a police sweep of Los Angeles' skid row area. He spent 10 days in jail in 2006 after being convicted of driving under the influence. Renfro sadly died from a heroin overdose at age 25.

I know there are thousands of stories of young people who haven't succumbed to the disastrous and destructive traps that ensnared these few, and frankly I think their stories should get more publicity than the ones who fail. That will never be the case because people are bored by good news and fascinated by bad. I make no generalized assumptions or accusations indicting the music industry or any other entertainment venue. I am, however, suggesting that when young people are placed in any high-pressure performance arena during their early and for mative years, there are inherent dangers that come along with fame and money and many don't know what to do when the lights fade, the adoration ends, and the paychecks are spent.

I honestly hope and pray that celebrities, athletes, and young people in general who are placed in these kinds of situations somehow find the spiritual and emotional strength to conquer their demons and have a decent and productive life. In every person there is boundless potential for success if it is allowed the opportunity to blossom and grow without being sabotaged by a society that has sacrificed decency and respect for a few fleeting moments of an illusion called fame.

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

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Listen to the doctor: Weed can heal

NN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta admitted earlier this month that he had been wrong in his opposition to medical marijuana during the rollout for his documentary "Weed." Gupta reported on research that demonstrated the

proven benefits of marijuana in treating neuropathic pain. Medical marijuana was the only drug that helped a 5-year-old girl with Dravet syndrome live without constant seizures. It calmed the constant hiccuping of a 19-yearold. Israelis use it to treat Parkinson's disease and other ailments.



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Gupta took on the federal government's classification of marijuana as a Schedule I drug, which has no accepted medical use but has a high potential for abuse. (Heroin also is a Schedule I drug. Methamphetamine is Schedule II.) Gupta now believes that classification is an outrage.

The doctor didn't say marijuana is all good. He cited research that found that regular use by teens can lead to a permanent decrease in IQ. But Gupta could find no documented case of a death from a marijuana overdose, whereas someone dies every 19 minutes from a

prescription-drug overdose. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 80,000 Americans die each year from excessive alcohol use.

Last week, Gupta's sentiments were echoed on the right when columnist Charles Krauthammer, a former psychiatrist, told Fox News that alcohol is much more harmful than marijuana. Quoth Krauthammer: "If I were starting a society from scratch and had to choose the intoxicant, I would outlaw alcohol and I'd allow marijuana." (Side note: But seeing as he can't reset the world, Krauthammer said he wouldn't legalize pot.)

Gupta's about-face might well signal a sea change in how this country looks at marijuana.

Gupta told CNN's Erin Burnett that he used to look at medical marijuana advocates as "malingerers" who are "just looking to get high." But he came to see that cannabis not only helps severely ill people but also averts the dangerous side effects of more potent pharmaceuticals.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Pat Leahy announced Monday that his committee will hold a hearing Sept. 10 about the correct federal response to state laws legalizing the use of medical marijuana and, in the cases of Washington and Colorado, recreational use of marijuana.

Is President Barack Obama paying attention? Reporter Jes-

sica Yellin asked White House spokesman Josh Earnest last week whether the administration was considering changing marijuana's Schedule I designation. Earnest responded with a

Before the American Bar Association recently, Attorney General Eric Holder delivered a speech that was supposed to signal big changes in the administration's approach to nonviolent drug offenders.

long-winded no.

But he didn't mention marijuana enforcement, even though his Department of Justice has waged a ruthless war against medical marijuana dispensaries. Federal prosecutors have not only sent registered California dispensary operators to prison but also gone after their landlords, their bankers and contractors.

Listen to Gupta and Krauthammer and it's fair to surmise that marijuana is the least harmful of all controlled substances. It's less toxic than alcohol, which is legal. It's less lethal than prescription drugs.

So why is Washington still waging a war on weed?

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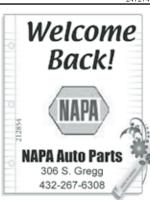
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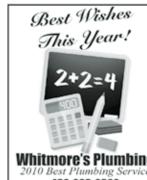




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News in brief

Beaumont boy gets school Ex-Houston-area teacher visit from Army dad BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A

Texas second-grader has had a backto-school surprise — a visit from his Army sergeant father who'd been gone nearly a year working at a military detention center in Cuba.

The Beaumont Enterprise reports 7-vear-old Gavin McCline shouted "This is the best day ever!" after seeing his father on Tuesday afternoon. Sgt. 1st Class Gary McCline has

been stationed in Guantanamo Bay for 11 months. He called his wife on Sunday after learning he'd be returning to Beaumont this week. Gavin on Monday started the term

at Blanchette Elementary School with no idea that his father would be popping into his classroom the next day. School administrators helped arrange the surprise visit.

The family has two other children.

Texas woman charged in ricin case due in court

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A federal judge is to decide if a northeast Texas woman accused of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is competent to stand tri-

Shannon Guess Richardson is due in court Wednesday in Texarkana, Texas, for an arraignment and competency hearing. She's accused of sending poison-laced letters to Obama, Bloomberg and a man who heads Bloomberg's gun-control organiza-

A federal affidavit alleges Richardson contacted authorities to try to implicate her husband in the ricin letters before being arrested herself

She faces two counts of mailing a threatening communication and one count of making a threat against the president of the United States.

Richardson's attorney, Tonda Curry, has said her client will plead not

facing child porn charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston-area elementary music teacher faces child pornography charges for allegedly posing as a girl on Facebook to solicit nude photos of boys.

Derrick Allan Gossett worked for the Spring Independent School District. Officials with Anderson Elementary School put the 32-year-old educator on administrative leave Tuesday amid the investigation and then he resigned.

Gossett was charged with online solicitation of a minor, promotion of child pornography, online impersonation and three counts of possession of child pornography. Investigators say Gossett allegedly pretended to be a 12-year-old girl online. The Harris County Constable's Office didn't immediately provide additional details.

Gossett's bond was set at \$140,000. Jail records show he was not in custody Wednesday. No publicly listed phone number could immediately be located for Gossett, who faces a court appearance Thursday.

Texas siblings killed changing tire on freeway

MORROW, Ga. (AP) — Authorities have identified a driver and passenger who were killed when they stopped to change a flat tire along a Georgia freeway as a brother and sister from

Police say 23-year-old Steven Mack and 30-year-old Savannah Guio Hayter both died after being hit by a car. Police say they had stopped to change the tire in the area between Interstate 75 and an entrance ramp to the freeway in Morrow, just south of Atlanta.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the siblings were from Pflugerville, Texas. Morrow Police Chief Christopher Leighty said they were planning to relocate to the At-

Authorities say the driver, who was entering I-75 at the ramp from Jonesboro Road, is cooperating.

REPS

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legislative session, but the rainy day fund now boasts a surplus of \$8 million, said Darby.

"We did that by keeping government growth in control," he explained.

The programs that had suffered budget cuts in the past such as mental health care. Medicare and transportation, will have their funding increased. But water, its distri-

bution, treatment and recovery, was again a hot topic and a large portion of that funding will be used as a result of the session. According to Seliger, the first joint resolution is to take \$2 billion and use it for the water infrastructure, i.e., statewide water plant development. the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and reser-

Although it is a generally accepted that there is no water in Texas, the fact is, said Seliger, "There is plenty of water all over Texas. The problem is that it's all in the wrong places."

Sources of water exist in aquifers and deep in the ground in areas throughout the geography of Texas.

However, most of it is in places that are unreachable or in a type of rock that makes the water impossible to extract with existing technology, leaving Texas rainwater dependent.

Wells and desalination projects help, but aren't enough.

"Alternate strategies are needed," said Seliger. "Eighty-five percent of our water comes from conservation. Big Spring is on the cutting edge of conservation technology with its recvcled water."

New strategies include the cessation of watering parks and golf courses, said Seliger. Landscaping new homes and businesses will also

have to change.

"It will have to be rocks and cactus," said Darby.

Overall, the senators were happy with the results of the session and are looking forward to the changes to come.

"We had a good session," said Darby. "We accomplished what had been deferred."

Education in Texas will also see many changes. Standardized testing will be restructured to tailor students' needs on a more individual basis.

"The pendulum has swung to far," said Darby. "There is too much emphasis on testing. We have looked at the response of the teachers and schools and how they have responded to standardized testing.'

The senator spoke about how drop-out rates have increased and said he believes it is due in part to the tests.

"If a student thinks he can make \$80,000 a year in the oil field then why worry about passing the test?" Darby said.

The new curriculum will focus on the needs of the student and conversely, if a student is doing well, testing shouldn't be required.

"The tests should focus on the needs of the student," Darby said. "If they need help in a certain area, that area should be the focus. We have got away from allowing students to bring home relevance to employment. "If a child wants or has

the ability in a specific field, that child should be able to choose his or her own career path," Darby explained. By customizing the curriculum to the child, drop out rates will decrease, officials say.

"I want to congratulate Howard County," Darby said, complimenting Howard College for providing dual credit courses that benefit Big Spring, San Angelo and Lamesa.

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, a Howard College

campus, was also recognized by the senator.

"It is one of only five such schools in the country," Darby emphasized, and commented on the innovative ideas that have taken place in Big Spring.

"Howard County and CRMWD have provided innovative solutions that have benefited the state," Darby said.

The recycling plant was credited for, "relieving the use of fresh water used for fracking." "Funding for schools has been increased to

"We have made steps in the right direction as to how we fund schools." It is well known that Texas' economy booming and that it is

\$3.5 billion," Darby said.

centered in the western portion of the state. Because of the influx of oil companies and

the resulting population growth, maintenance of the roads and highways in West Texas has become a big issue in Aus-

"There was a verv emotional discussion concerning the roads and highways," said Se-'The dilemma for Tx-

DOT is prioritization," said Darby and pointed out that "there are 19 representatives west of I 35. It is a task to get money directed to rural and county roads when places like Houston and Dallas are making demands on them as well." But, to get people to

come to West Texas, good roads are essential. "If we don't have good roads out here, people won't come," said Se-Seliger explained that

the oil companies want to help with the maintenance of the roads, but they want their money to be used specifically for the roads.

"They don't want a new jail annex or new jobs for county employees," Seliger said.

A special session concerning the funding distribution for education is tentatively slated for the spring.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL **DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 11, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the offices of the Howard County Appraisal District, 315 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$1,002,628

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$12,756

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The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

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- Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call 432-268-4699 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.
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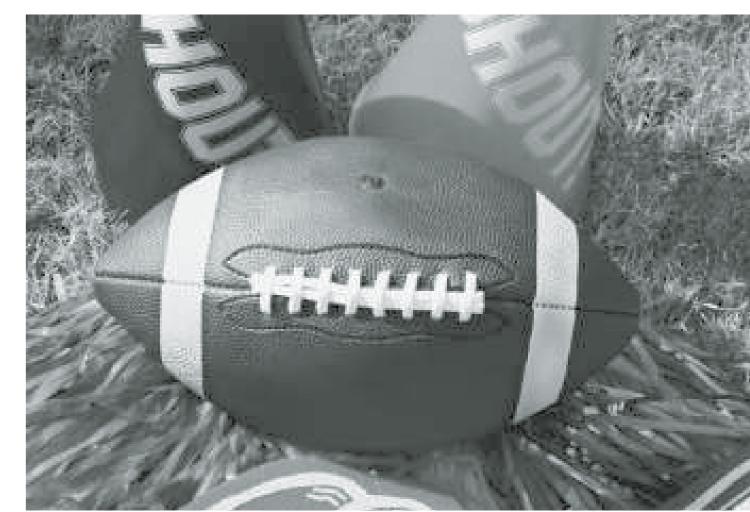
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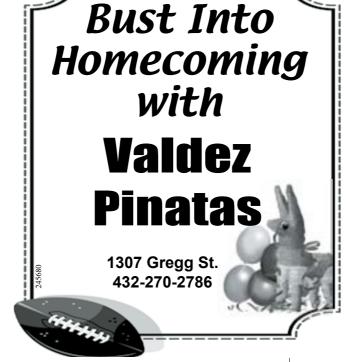




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Lady Steers, Bulldogettes earn wins

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

GRAPE CREEK — Big Spring recorded another win Tuesday, beating Grape Creek in three sets (25-10, 25-11, 25-15). The victory brings the Lady Steers to 12-5 overall.

The junior varsity squad also defeated G.C. (17-25, 25-17, 25-13), as well as the freshmen (25-17, 26-24).

Big Spring will travel to Frenship for a tournament Friday and Saturday. Game One will be against Canyon at 2 p.m. Friday.

Individual results

Setters: Kinsey Wash, 17 assists, 3 digs, 2 aces; Morgan Seaton, 18 assists, 6 kills, 3 digs, 3 aces, 1 block.

Offense: Erin Pollard, 10 kills, 4 digs, 1 assist, 1 ace, 1 block; Kelsie Guinn, 7 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig; Tulsi Patel, 6 kills, 2 blocks.

Defense: Julianna Rodriguez, 7 digs, 5 aces, 1 kill, 1 assist; Ebony Zavala, 7 digs, 5 kills, 1 assist, 1 ace.

WELLMAN — Coahoma Head Volleyball Coach Jessica Weynand expected to take some lumps in the school's inaugural season, but she also expected to get a little better each week.

So far, that's what's happening with the Bulldogettes, as they picked up another victory Wellman-Union Tuesday defeating WUHS for the second time

this season. CHS handled the Lady Wildcats 25-18, then 25-9. for the third set in order to get addition players some time on the court. The subs lost a hard-fought set 23-25 before the starters put it away in the fourth by a score of 25-10.

Weynand believes her team is starting to find its rhythm.

"The tournament last week helped," the firstyear coach said. "We didn't play very well, but we learned a lot from it. Now we're starting to transition better, hustle better and communicate better. They are starting to pick up on things they didn'tunderstand. They're getting the concept of moving and transitioning and learning the pace of volleyball."

But the biggest difference between Coahoma's first match with Wellman which was much closer — and Tuesday's dominating perfromance, according to Weynand, is an improvement in

"Our serving has to be good," she added. "It has to be consistent. We've improved every game, every day we get a little CHS varsity is off until

next weekend when they make the trek to Post for tournament. Junior varsity will compete in a tourney Thursday and Saturday at Reagan

Individual results:

Coley Rinard, 8 aces; Julia Castilaw, 5 aces, 2 kills; Rylie Jacobs, 5 assists, 5 aces; Weynand used substitues Savannah Neff, 2 kills.



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Coahoma's Jenavee Striegler passes the ball to a teammate during the Bulldogettes' first game against Wellman-Union. CHS defeated Wellman Tuesday for the second straight time this season. Big Spring was in action also Tuesday, beating Grape Creek on the road. CHS varsity has the week off before resuming play at a tourney in Post next weekend. BSHS will be back in action in Frenship on Friday for a tournament.

Rangers top Mariners 4-3

SEATTLE (AP) — Ian Kinsler did everything he could to lead the Texas Rangers to another win. At the biggest moment of the game, all he had to do was stroll home.

Kinsler scored the go-ahead run on Danny Farquar's balk in the 10th inning, handing Texas a 4-3 win over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

"Anytime you win a hard-fought game it adds to the confidence of your club and adds to the toughness of your club," Kinsler said.

Kinsler started the winning rally with one-out single against Farquar (0-2) for his fourth hit. He advanced on Adrian Beltre's single, and then swiped third. After A.J. Pierzynski fouled out, home plate umpire CB Bucknor called a balk on Farquar with Alex Rios at the plate, allowing Kinsler to come home.

"It was a balk. Very minor, but

had to go back and look at the video to see it, because at the time I had no idea. It was the slightest

Texas manager Ron Washington gave Kinsler credit for noticing Farquar was using a high leg kick and then stealing third to be in position to score on the balk — a violation which Washington didn't notice.

"I just saw CB yelling balk, and started smiling," Washington

Tanner Scheppers (6-2) wiggled out of a jam in the ninth to get the win and Joe Nathan finished for his 38th save in 40 chances as the AL West-leading Rangers won for the sixth time in eight games.

"Scheppers was dynamic tonight," Washington said. "He just overpowered them, and we certainly needed that right there."

A day after coming off the disabled list, Franklin Gutierrez it was a balk," Farquar said. "I homered for the first time since

June 22 for Seattle, which has lost five straight.

All the runs prior to the odd 10th inning came when both starters ran into trouble early before setting down, turning a tie game over to the bullpens after six innings.

Texas starter Derek Holland allowed three runs and six hits, walked four and struck out five. The left-hander is unbeaten in his last six starts, with five nodecisions in that stretch.

Holland walked two of his first three batters, setting up Kendrys Morales' run-scoring double and Justin Smoak's sacrifice fly.

Mariners starter Hishashi Iwakuma struck out the side in the first but ran into trouble of his own in the second, allowing three runs on four hits.

The Mariners looked ready to close out the game in the ninth, but were unable to score after a promising start to the inning.

Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Football

 Coahoma vs. Forsan, Grande Communication Stadium, Midland, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

 Fort Stockton at Big Spring, Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

· Big Spring vs. Canyon, Fresnhip Tournament (through Saturday), 2 p.m.

Tennis

Odessa High at Big Spring

SATURDAY

Cross Country

- Big Spring at Tall City Invitational, Midland.
- Forsan at Tall City Invitational, Midland.

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

No. 7 Texas A&M mum about Johnny Manziel's status

COLLEGE STATION, Tex- for his autograph, a potenas (AP) — Johnny Football was the elephant in the room Tuesday at Texas A&M.

The seventh-ranked Aggies head into Saturday's home opener against Rice with questions still swirling about whether Heisman Trophywinning quarterback Johnny Manziel will play against the Owls. The NCAA is investigating whether he was paid

tial violation of amateurism rules that could threaten his eligibility. It was the only thing anyone

really wanted to talk about on Tuesday when the Aggies addressed the media. The topic, however, was off limits.

Athletic director Eric Hyman said Monday night that he'd instructed everyone in the program not to talk about clear enough, a member of the sports information department slowly and sternly read the statement, not once,

ziel told the investigators he

Manziel. And if that wasn't

but twice during the session. ESPN, citing an anonymous source, reported that Manziel met with NCAA investigators over the weekend. CBSSports. com, also citing anonymous sources, reported that Man-

didn't take money for his autograph.

While Kevin Sumlin wouldn't discuss Manziel's availability for Week 1, he had no problem talking about whether football has helped the quarterback deal with everything going on off the

"I know he likes to play foot-

ball," Sumlin said. If Manziel doesn't play against the Owls, the Aggies will use either junior Matt Joeckel or freshman Kenny Hill. Joeckel is more of a pocket passer and Hill is a dualthreat quarterback. Joeckel has thrown just 11 passes in his college career. Hill, who starred at Texas high school powerhouse Southlake Carroll, threw for 2,291 yards and 20 TDs and ran for 905 yards and as a senior.

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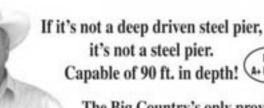
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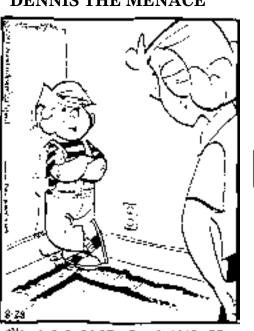
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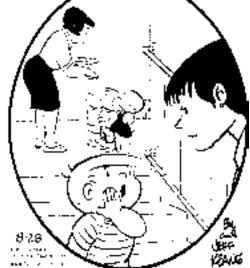
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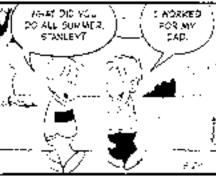
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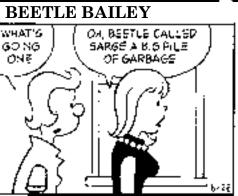


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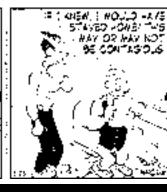


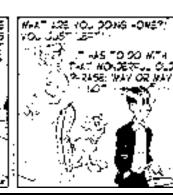












This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2013. There are 125 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a

Dream" speech in front of the

Memorial

Washington, D.C. On this date:

Lincoln

In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Va., during the Civil War; the result was a Confederate victory. In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station

WEAF in New York City; the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100.

In 1945 the Allies hega

occupying Japan at the end of World War II. In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete (man-oh-LEH'-tay)

died after being gored during a fight in Linares, Spain; he was In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago, was

in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later. In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the

abducted from his uncle's home

streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president. In 1972, Mark Spitz of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing

first in the 200-meter butterfly

and anchoring the 400-meter

freestyle relay. The Soviet

women gymnasts won the team

all-around. In 1973, an earthquake shook Veracruz, Mexico; death toll estimates range from 600 to

In 1983, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) announced his resignation.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein (RAHM'-shtyn), Germany.

In 1990, an F5 tornado struck the Chicago area, killing 29

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 78. Actor Ken Jenkins is 73. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 73. Actor David Soul is 70. MLB manager Lou Piniella is 70. Actress Barbara Bach is 67. Actress Debra Mooney is 66. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 62. Actor Daniel Stern is 56. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Astral tension defuses

There's still quite a lot of cosmic turmoil and excitement in the heavens this week. We're still freshly adjusting to the Grand Cross and the Mars transit, and yet today will bring some

moments of ease and some humor relieve the pressure. If you feel tense, Mercury and Pluto offer a lucky view of the bigger picture. "This too shall pass."



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Unlike the

country song that suggests it's possible to say it best by saying nothing at all, today's situation requires that something eloquent and truthful be said. Silence won't cut it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The people who are closest to you know how to set off your emotional triggers and will do so in both good and bad ways. Knowing how to create a sense of calm inside yourself is a skill worth develop-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something didn't go the way you wanted it to go, but it's only as big of a deal as you make it. Letting yourself feel tormented by events is always

an option, though you usually prefer to make a new plan and try again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You and a loved one are not on the same page at the start of the day, but you sync up after several hours of doing a task together. The task could absolutely anything, including driving, cleaning or just watching television.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can provide assistance, but you're not sure you should. You realize that people don't appreciate what is handed to them unless they believe they deserve it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Material gains will come of emotional and spiritual work. Your faith will be key, so keep believing it will all work out, and stop worrying about how. You can't predict that

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is real personality to everything you do, and that's why you can't really do things anonymously. Your work will be recognized and lauded whether or not you claim it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be wise to avoid controversy, especially the kind that is likely to occur just because people don't have anything better to entertain themselves with. While you're at it, avoid bored people, too.

SAGITTARIUS 22-Dec. 21). The person who is good and has never been bad is sweet and will require protection today. The person who has been bad and now chooses to be good will be the best one for the job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you've learned seems irrelevant to the events of the day. It's like you're being forced to learn a new way to solve a problem. Note: It might be faster to invent your own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't allow those who are close to you to get away with being less than they could be. Self-pity is a dangerous dynamic. Helplessness is a poor substitute for self-love. Hold your dear ones to a higher standard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People without integrity are dangerous. When someone shows a lack of integrity in a small way, consider it a preview of coming attractions and react accordingly.

TODAY'S **BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 28). You'll entertain many this year. In September, you'll make a sale, as well as forward a personal interest. October

brings you face to face with someone you've long wanted to know. You'll handle a rush of business in December and go into the new year richer. March interests lead you to a fun group of friends. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 42, 6, 13 and 28.

TODAY'S **NUMER-**OLOGY: Today's numerology can be figured by adding up each number in today's date: 8+2+8+2+0+1+3 = 24. Then add the 2+4, and the final outcome is 6.

Six is also a significant number in today's astrology, because the sun and Mercury are both traveling through the sixth sign of the zodiac: Virgo. Six is a day to get your life

together, but not in any kind of huge and meaningful way. Forget the sweeping gestures and grand declarations. Six asks you to do the simple thing: clean out a drawer. It's amazing how things will change because you did. Six calls for prudence. On "six" days, the small daily actions will make the biggest difference. "Six" days are for establishing healthy habits through repetition, taking personal responsibility, using

what you own, selling what you don't need and respecting the planet by avoiding the accumulation of unnecessary

People who were born under the number 6 hate waste. They are caring, nurturing and responsible. Typically, "six" people are the trustworthy types who make excellent friends and diligent professionals. As partners, "six" people make life pleasant, as they support the health, happiness and well-being of those they love in active ways.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "Kung Fu Panda" to "The School of Rock," Virgo superstar Jack Black often plays the bumbling, cocky, self-conscious outsider trying for an improbable prize. In reality, Black has the Virgo work ethic and practical approach to life that make any goal attainable. His Mars in Sagittarius adds the passion and big-picture thinking required to take on mighty endeavors.

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Carmen Harbour & Marcus Fernandez. If you have concerns, questions or suggestions or would like to become a member

you can reach us by email at NorthSideMovement@yahoo.com. or you can

contact us directly with the information stated below. Our first project is to restore the North Side Park. With the cooperation of the city, the park will be getting new playground equipment. We have many projects in

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More information will be provided on Labor Day. If you want clean streets, pot-holes filled and new businesses, we look forward to seeing you on Labor Day. Our concerns and needs will be met!!!!!

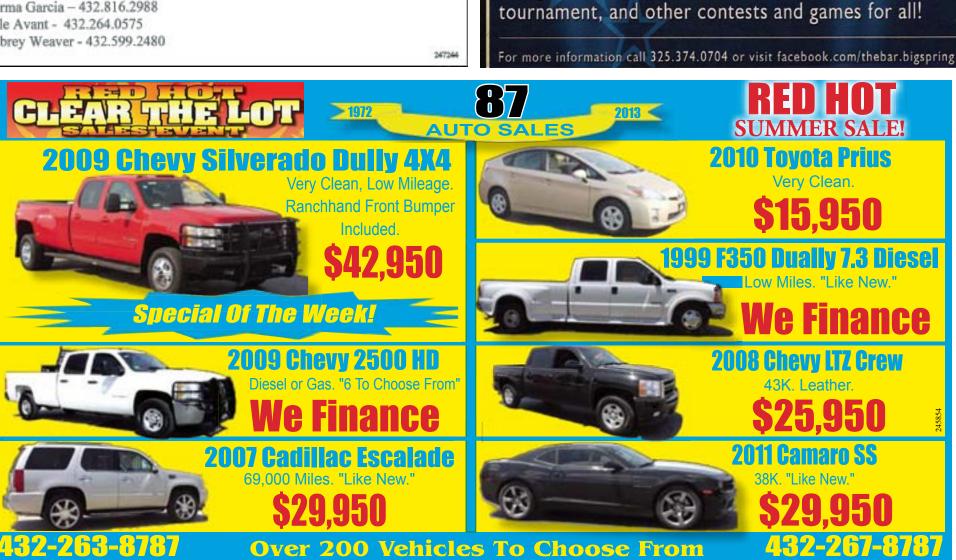
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"Avoid most human pain medications (such as ibuprofen, acetamino-

phen, and naproxen), as well as most combination cold/flu medications and Pepto-Bismol,' said Dr. Micah Bishop, a Veterinary Resident at the College Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "If an over-the-counter medication is prescribed, ask your vet for the active ingredients you are looking for in a medication."

You should also be wary when purchasing any drug through a website. "Some of these companies are not monitored by government regulatory agencies and their products may not contain what claimed," said Bishop.

Just like during your doctor visits, veterinarians need to know the drugs or supplements

that your pet is currently taking in order to appropriately recommend another medication.

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Some drugs can react differently with a drug or supplement that is already in your pet's system, so this information is important in order for your vet to choose the safest option for your pet.

"You should ask how often the drug should be given, whether it needs to be given with food or an empty stomach, and for how long," Bishop said. "Make sure that you are willing and available to give drugs that need to be administered two or three times a day. If not, let the vet know and they may be able to find an alternative." Giving medications as they are prescribed is vital to their effectiveness for the treatment of your pet's condition.

Not all pets are the same, and vari-

ous breeds can react differently to medications.

"Some breeds, like Collies, are sensitive to de-wormer medications such as ivermectins at high doses, due to a specific gene," Bishop said.

It is important to ask your vet ahead of time if the medication has any negative side effects specific to certain breeds. Should your animal have a negative reaction to a medication prescribed, you need to let your vet know immediately.

"Although most drugs used in veterinary medicine are quite safe or cause only mild side effects, some drugs can have severe or life threatening side effects if not recognized," Bishop said.

Whether you're treating Spot for pain, fleas or worms, his health remains your top priority. It is always important to thoroughly research any new medications prescribed as well as keep a list of all current medications and supplements.

Doing this, in addition to closely following any directions or suggestions that your veterinarian provides, will ensure that Spot's spots are tick free, and he can return to his noble title as king of the couch.

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Teacher school supply drive continues through Friday

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church parish is collecting school supplies for the Big Spring High School teachers through Friday. Donations can be taken to the church at 1001 S. Goliad between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

A list of supplies needed includes Kleenex, anti-bacterial gel, post-it notes, pens, pencils, notebooks, markers, glue, glue sticks, adult scissors, index cards, file folders, binders and wide clear packing tape.

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