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Tension-filled EDC meeting ends amicably

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By STEVE REAGAN

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A meeting that started with high tension and hints of misappropriation of public funds ended with a handshake and promise of cooperation.

Monday, the Big Spring Economic Development Corp.

board of directors expressed had been paid by the corporaseveral concerns over whether Executive Director Terry Wegman was effectively managing the day-to-day affairs of the agency. Those concerns included pointed questions from Board Vice President Nati Saldivar over some of Wegman's expenses which

In front of an audience packed with Wegman supporters, Saldivar in particuquestioned Wegman's past cell phone expenses, pointing out the corporation not only paid for Wegman's phone, but his wife's, as well.

"I have a problem with your wife's cell phone bill being paid by public money," Saldivar said. "To me, this seems excessive. At what point do you not only pay for your wife's phone, but your nieces and nephews as well?"

In response, Wegman said the inclusion of his wife's phone costs had been approved by past board members, as well as auditors.

"At the time, I thought it would be cheaper for me if I signed up for a family plan," Wegman said. "I asked the board informally and

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Christmas parade a 'go' for Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Yes, Virginia, there will be a Christmas pa-

The Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, postponed last Saturday because of adverse weather conditions, has been rescheduled for 5:30 p.m. this Saturday. An early weather forecast from the National Weather Service calls for temperatures in the low 50s during the day Saturday, indicating a much more suitable

a burst waterline and will annouce later in the week whether Breakfast with Santa and other

Heritage Museum is working on damage from activities will be held Saturday. Look for more information in Wednesday's edition of the Herald. Ice storms knock out

com tower

By STEVE REAGAN

What we have here is a failure to communi-

The recent wave of ice storms have done more than just send temperatures plunging and turn roads into skating rinks — it has also done serious damage to Howard County's communication system.

A tower that county agencies — including the sheriff's office — used was felled during the ice storm that hit this area the week of Thanksgiving, leaving communication with deputies and other emergency responders in certain areas of the county dicey at best.

Sheriff Stan Parker told Howard County commissioners during their Monday meeting that the loss of the tower has particularly effected communication with deputies' portable radios.

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this mesquite tree was handling well.

Howard County is slowly recovering from two ice storms which caused power outages, school closures, the cancellation of sporting and other events and were blamed for numerous traffic accidents. Despite a warming trend expected this week, conditions were icy in areas this morning, something

U.S. Rep candidate says people must 'take their country back'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It's up to the American people to become involved in the political processes to turn the country around and it has to happen now. That was the message Dr. Donald May, a candidate in the Republican primary for the 19th District Congressional seat, gave here Monday night.

"Remember, it's guys like you who are going to save this country, not the politicians in Washington," May said. "It's come to the point where the American people are going to have to take their country back.

"It's not the 435 people in the House and the the 100 people in the Senate and the guy in the White House," May continued. "The guy in the White House, his main goal is to take this country apart and destroy it and leave it worse off than when he stepped in. Bill Clinton — he just hated the military and he liked messing around with women. It's the American people that are going to have to rise up and take this back. Jefferson said we put the whole trust and the whole government in the hands of the American people because we can't trust the government."

May, who is from Lubbock,



Dr. Donald May

is running against incumbent Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, in the March primary. May is a farmer, surgeon, veteran, former Texas Tech University professor associate dean, medical economist, small business owner and conservative

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Obituaries

Tim Ballard

Tim Ballard, 52, of Big Spring, Texas died Friday Dec. 6, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Memorial Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Private interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 6, 1961, in Big Spring to Enola Myrlene and Bill Ballard. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1980. He married Kim Kendrick, Sept. 14, 1985, in Big Spring. He served with the U. S. Postal Service for 33 years. He

was a member of the Forsan School Board since 2007. Tim was a very Godly and Righteous man. He was a very active member and deacon of Berea Baptist Church, where he was presently minister of music and taught the adult Sunday School Class. He was also involved in the nursing home ministry for over 30 years. He especially enjoyed music with his family. Tim was a true diplomat with family, friends, work and community.

He is survived by his wife: Kim Ballard of Big Spring; three sons, Timothy Ballard and his wife Stephanie of Hampton, Va., Tanner Ballard and Travis Ballard, both of Big Spring; one grandson, Aedyn Ballard of Hampton, Va.; three brothers, Bill Ballard and his wife Pat of Culpepper, Va., Courtney Ballard and his wife Kelli of Big Spring, and Kent Ballard and his wife Tammy of Guthrie, Texas; two sisters, Barbara Reilly and Altie Winn and her husband Mark, all of Big Spring; stepmother, Barbara Ballard of Big Spring; mother-inlaw, Helen Kendrick of Big Spring; brother-in-law, Termite Kendrick and his wife Traci of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law Marvin Kendrick.

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

Paid Obituary

Hayes Franklin Stripling Jr

Hayes Franklin Stripling Jr., 87, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at the First United Methodist



Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Keith Wiseman, the Rev. Bill Ivins and the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 22, 1926, in Big Spring, Texas, and married

Dorothy Satterwhite Sept. 16, 1955, in Lamesa, Texas. She preceded him in death Aug. 22, 2011. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and 1946 graduate of Texas A&M. Hayes was Big

Spring Man of the Year in 2008. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, a member of the Rotary Club and Boy Scouts. He is survived by two sons, Hayes Stripling III

and wife Tammy of Granbury, Texas, and Kyle Stripling and wife Kay of Marble Falls, Texas; seven grandchildren and a sister, Jane Jones of Big Spring.

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

Гake Note

· A book signing for James Johnston's "Crossroads Canaan, A Texas Town in the Jazz Age," has been canceled for today due to flooding in the Heritage Museum from a burst pipe, museum officials said. The book signing will be rescheduled for sometime in January.



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Mary Green

OLNEY — Mary Green, age 81, died Dec. 9, 2013, at Parkview Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Big Spring, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at the Hamilton Street Church of Christ in Olney, Texas, with



Scotte Clark, minister, officiating. Interment will follow in Restland Cemetery in Olney. Arrangements are under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home of Olney.

Mary was born on July 26, 1932 in Olney, Texas to the late Noel Lavender and Juanita Mary (Presnall) King. She married Billy Morgan Green on March 31, 1952 in Wichita Falls, Texas, and

they celebrated sixty-one years of marriage this year. She had been a bank teller for Snyder Savings and Loan and retired after more than twenty years of faithful employment. She moved to Big Spring, Texas in 2011 from Snyder. Mary was a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Noel Lavender King Jr. and one nephew, Johnny

Mary is survived by her husband, Billy Morgan Green of Big Spring, Texas; two sons, Terry Lynn Green and wife Makala of Denton, Texas and Steve Green and wife Trissa of Big Spring, Texas; two daughters, Tina Lee Cromeens and husband Jay of Big Spring, Texas and Holly Brumley and husband Ricky of Sweetwater, Texas; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lunnfuneralhome.com.

Tom E. Wood

Tom E. Wood, 63, of Petty, while in Tulsa, Okla., died Tuesday Nov. 26, 2013, from cancer. Starrett Funeral Home will conduct a memorial service at



1 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 3, 2013, at Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, with Patrick Cannon officiating.

Tom was born August 12, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas the only child of Buel E. and Dena M. Wood. He was a graduate of Big Spring schools, then had a full scholarship to The University of Texas, where he majored in engineering. In 2006 he retired from a district manager position with UPS. On June 6, 1998, Tom mar-

ried the former Joanne Jackson in Heath, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his father-in-law Chester R. Jackson.

Survivors include his wife; six children, Matt Wood, Sam Wood, Eric Wood, Shane Prestridge and wife Gina, Amy Owens and husband Doug, and Ty Prestridge and wife Stacy; six grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Marilyn Jackson; and three siblings, Jeannine Jackson, Kathy McNutt and husband Aubrey and Scott Jackson and wife Suzanne; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends; his cats, Kitty and Bevo and dog, Jack.

If desired, memorial contributions in Tom's name may be made to the Grief Works Division of Christian Works for Children, 5440 Harvest Hill Road, Ste. 140, Dallas, Texas 75230 www.christianworks.org/donations.

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EDC

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accountants if this would be a problem, and they said it wouldn't, as long as I reimbursed the board for any extra

Board member Jim Depauw jumped to Wegman's defense, saying all the expenses in question had been approved by past boards and accused Saldivar of "cherry-picking" items to question the director

Others on the board, including President Don Avant and Frances Hobbs, expressed concerns over the apparent lack of specific policies and procedures governing day-today operation of the corporation, including specifics on what businesses Wegman was meeting with for possible recruitment to the Big Spring

"It seems we're operating in a lot of gray areas," Hobbs said. "We need to get these policies and procedures in order ... Right now, we have nothing to follow except (informal) procedures. If there were specific (guidelines) in place, then there would be no gray areas."

Avant echoed Hobbs' com-

"To me, it all boils down to, 'no policies, no procedures," he said. "We need to get this cleared up. If it ain't in writing, it ain't real. I'm not saying anything illegal has been done, but we need to get this straightened out."

Wegman and others responded by saying that many of his meeting with business representatives must remain confidential until matters could be finalized. He did say, however, that any board member was free to talk to him about any ongoing negotiations.

Near the end of Monday's meeting, the board voted on two matters — first, they directed Wegman to remove his wife from his cell phone plan, then, they instructed him to draw up a more formal list of corporation policies and pro-

Avant then threw the meeting open to public comments and the largely pro-Wegman crowd voiced its support for the executive director.

"Terry Wegman wouldn't take anything unless it was approved and audited," Joyce Crooker said. "All of this (questioning of expenses) is a little ridiculous."

Past board member Rodney Bomar said he approved many of Wegman's expenses in the past "and I was proud to do it, because I knew he was working for Big Spring."

"I've know Terry for a some years, and I think he's an excellent executive director,' Donnie Baker said. "This is the first time the EDC's had an executive director who's a Big Spring man who's working for Big Spring's best interests ... We have to start working together and quit all this bick-

Avant's brother, Dale, also appealed for unity.

"We've had some miscommunication here tonight,' Dale Avant said. "We don't need to argue, we need to work together to make sure we bring businesses and jobs to Big Spring. I'm tired of all the other towns around here sucking those away from us. Don Avant, who also said

miscommunication contributed to the meeting's atmosphere, publicly shook Wegman's hand and apologized for any unnecessary tension directed at the executive di-

For his part, Wegman promised to be more open with the

"If any of you have any questions or concerns, you are more than welcome to talk to me, and I'll be glad to answer any of your questions," he said.

COUNTY

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"Within the city limits, there's been no change whatsoever," Parker said. "But in certain areas out in the county, when our guys get out of their cars, we have practically no coverage."

Communications with deputies' car radios also is limited in some areas, Parker added. Other county agencies affect-

ed by the tower collapse include the road and bridge department, emergency management the volunteer fire department, he said. To solve the problems, Parker

asked commissioners to authorize the placement of of radio repeaters on towers in Forsan and Salem Road. The major stumbling block to that proposal, however, is cost.

Estimates vary widely, rang-

ing from \$100,000 to \$500,000, depending on what kind of equipment is purchased and the labor involved, officials said. As an interim step, commissioners voted to place equipment salvaged from the collapsed tower at the Salem Road site. If the equipment works properly,

that would increase radio cov-

erage in the eastern portion of

the county and allow officials to

adjust further costs downward,

County Judge Mark Barr said.

ementary school. Big Spring RSVP will celebrate the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service starting Dec. 5 through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefitting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new

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 The Coahoma Choir Kids and the Second Grade class will present a concert of Christmas songs on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. The program will be repeated on Friday at 8:20 a.m. for the el-

or gently used children's books at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MAY

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leader. He was born in Illinois and raised on his family's farm, which he and his wife, Jane, still operate. During the meeting,

May spoke on a number

of issues, from the state of education to welfare, healthcare, his concerns about the weakening of the U.S. military and term limits. He said he believes the government should hand education, welfare and healthcare back to the states and stressed governmental interference in the healthcare system has stifled competition and has caused costs to rise significantly through.

"You have 40 percent of the docs planning to quit next year. You can't function when you have bureaucrats telling you what to do." he said.

out the years.

May stressed American people need to follow the example of the country's founding fathers.

"Back when the founding fathers were running this country, congress convened the first week of December this month and they closed down Congress soon enough that the guy furthest away could get on his horse and be home for Christmas eve," he said. "Those guys were in session for maybe two weeks. And they got things done. They put the government together based on the fact they didn't trust each other. "This constitution

is extremely unique," he continued. "It's put together by men who smart enough to realize that human beings are inherently evil. That power corrupts and ultimately power such as the presidency or being a fivestar general corrupts. other and they did not trust themselves with power. Our constitution is unique over almost every other constitution in the world because it based on the inherit philosophy that all men are created equal and all men are inherently evil and all men are inherently subject to becoming corrupt and

extremely evil in the pursuit of power. As Jefferson said, men will do unbelievable evil to hold on to power. They put the constitution together like that."

May cited the example of the country's first president, George Washington, who refused to serve more than two terms. That act set a precedent future presidents followed until the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died in this fourth term.

"In doing our polling in this district...our first poll shows that the most important topic in this district is term limits," May said. "People believe that Randy Neugebauer has been here too long and he hasn't gotten anything done in that period of time. Being in power too long is the most important thing, and we need to change things."

And May believes he is the man to bring about that change.

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I'm not funded as well as the person (Neugebauer) there," he said. "He has got about a million dollars there to spend. I don't know how much he can raise....but that's OK. My goal is to get with people like yourselves and I hope you invite me back again."

May said he plans to return to Big Spring about every two weeks to meet with veterans and anyone who will hear his message. "Next Sunday, I'm

going to preachers turing the pulpit over to me in service." he said. "There are churches that have invited me on Wednesday night to speak. I fully believe that the message to change our county needs to come from the churches.

"There is no such thing as a separation of church and state," he continued. "This is one nation under God. We trust in God in this country. This nation is built on religion, built on Judeo Christian principals, the Ten Com-

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If elected, May said he will be "in front of the people" everyday, 365 days a year, to get the message out, whether it's through traditional media or social media. May said he hears the

worry from the general public about leaving a uncertain future for their children, but he added, Americans can't wait any longer. "We are in trouble

now," he said. "We need to get to Washington

and stop the abuse... We need to turn this thing around before the 2010 election. The military is getting so weak. There are so many flashpoint in the world. We don' have time." education

May's includes studies in nuclear physics before he switched his major immunological istry. He received a bachelor's degree with honors in microbiol ogy in 1968 from the University of Illinois Champaign, and his MI from the University o Illinois College of Medi cine, Chicago, in 1972.

Northwestern Univer sity Memorial Hospital in Chicago and complet ed his residency in oph thalmology in 1976 and a gery in 1977, both at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the late 1970s.

He was an intern at the

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Another View

Put an end to human trafficking

lthough it's the 21st century, the ageold problem of human trafficking still exists. In fact, it's a thriving billiondollar business worldwide, bringing in \$87 million a day and \$32 billion a year. But what's most alarming is that it is occurring not just in Third World countries but in both rural and urban areas, including our own backyard. Modern-day slavery takes a much different form than its predecessor. The Internet is

use to entrap victims. Michigan has human trafficking laws, but they need considerable updating and revision to address the complex issues of the crime to-

among the high- tech tools human traffickers

Attorney General Bill Schuette recently cochaired with Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, the first Michigan Commission on Human Traf-

Formed in March, the commission's detailed report to the governor in November includes more than 20 recommendations.

As a result, 19 state Senate and 15 House bills have been introduced.

Lawmakers expect the bipartisan legislation to begin moving to the governor in December.

The large number of bills illustrates how complicated the problem has become but, generally, the legislation strives to accomplish several specific goals.

They include decriminalizing the victim, who may be forced to do illegal acts, such as prostitution.

"Safe harbor" laws would automatically clasfender.

Some bills would eliminate the statute of limitations on human trafficking. Senate Bill 584 is known as the Theresa Flores bill and shows that the problem is local.

Flores, originally from Birmingham, was lured into captivity as a 15-year-old by a man who purported to be her boyfriend.

She was trapped for two years because she was afraid to tell her parents what was happening to her.

Often, experts note, victims are kept in a psychological bondage, afraid to reveal their plight because of blackmail and threats to themselves or family members.

Another example of how the problem surfaces in Michigan is legislation named after Stephanie Brown, a southeast Michigan woman who was working at a nightclub when she was drugged and dragged into sex trafficking.

She died from a drug overdose as her captors tried to keep her sedated.

These bills would allow local communities to pass laws that control nightclub activities.

There is also legislation dealing with the 'johns," those who solicit sex from children.

All the bills are aimed at giving law enforcement agencies the tools to attack the problem and prosecute the human traffickers.

Public awareness is also a critical issue, notes Jane P. White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, based in East Lansing.

She says local communities, prosecutors and law enforcement agencies all must work together and coordinate efforts to fight the crime.

"It's imperative, based on the demographics of Michigan, we understand the crime of human trafficking is here, whether it's labor or sexual exploitation," says White, who endorses the commission's recommendations.

There's obviously much work to be done in Michigan.

The efforts of the attorney general's commission and all of the other stakeholders, such as the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, should be commended and supported.

— The Detroit News

About that Biden 'gaffe' in Tokyo

e know that about 20,000 pseudo-, semiand real journalists "cover" Washington. We know that mid-December is slow-time in the nation's capital as the public turns its attention to the holidays. But big news or no, the scriveners

tending political websites must still, as they say, "feed the beast' and take it out for a walk three times a day. Hence the to-



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do about Vice President Joe Biden's latest "gaffe," an alleged

sexist remark in Tokyo. Biden had asked women at an Internet company, "Do your husbands like you working full time?" That was the length and

breadth of it. I consider my sensitivity to patriarchal cuts fairly high-tuned, and honest, the comment would not have set off a bleep. After all, Japan remains a culture in which 60 percent of women leave their jobs when they have children. Presumably, their husbands are involved in the decision. One imagines that husband-

wife talks on whether a mother of young kids should work outside the house are held in Topeka, as well. The issue goes beyond concern about male dominance in decision-making. Rather, it centers on who will care for the little ones and create a civilized home life, which some people still care about.

It doesn't have to be the woman. I was reading this weekend about female hotshots on Wall Street, flying out of the house before dawn and jetting off to every continent while their highly competent husbands stay at home, getting breakfast into the children and dropping them off at day care before they pick up the dry cleaning. There are about five of those. Many more couples in this

country perform a stressful balancing act for sharing the duties — both breadwinning and domestic. If the workplace offered more time flexibility and day care were easier to find, the quality of American family life would improve considerably.

The question Biden might ask women in Topeka is whether their husbands would mind their not working the job they do in addition to handling most of the child care and homemak-

And that's assuming there is a husband, which in America is more and more not the case for mothers of young children.

The chief reason for Biden's trip to Tokyo was security-related, to help ease tensions among Japan, South Korea and China. The side trip to the Internet firm was to show support for a Japanese government plan to draw more women into the workplace.

Japan is experiencing a sharp drop in population, and women could ease the resulting labor shortage. Hence, the Japanese government has launched a program to help families balance the demands of parenting and outside work.

Which brings us back to Wash ington, passionately engaged in dissecting a "gaffe" unnoticed by about 99.9 percent of the American public. On CNN, Newt Gingrich denounced Biden for launching a "war on women," and Democratic National Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz punched back with counter-accusations against Republicans. Meanwhile, The Washington Post produced a fevered headline: "Out-of-context Biden comment to working women in Tokyo sparks

firestorm back home.' The quality of the umbrage was so flimsy that the political posters quickly employed the time-honored trick of finding significance in the fact that they were discussing something of no consequence. Fine, keeps them busy.

But the giant stresses of juggling home life with job life remain an enormous concern from Topeka to Tacoma, Tempe to Tampa. Highlighting a government plan for easing those strains was what brought Biden to meet female office workers in Tokyo.

Let's make note of that plan - if only to fill the time as our political media wait to hear what crazy thing Joe Biden will say next.

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Obama statecraft — what's that?

have long contended that President Obama is in charge on his big-ticket agenda items but disengaged as to policy and implementation details. Recent news reports vindicate my position.

A Government Accountability Institute report found that Obama has not had a oneon-one meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius since the passage of Obamacare more than three years ago. Breit-



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bart reports that veteran Washington adviser David Gergen, who is usually sympathetic to Obama, says the

has bordered on "malfeasance." Typically, White House press spokesman Jay Carney said the report is misleading and based on a ridiculously false premise. He said that Obama and Sebelius meet regularly but that their meetings have not been recorded on the visitor logs.

report is an indictment of the en-

tire White House operation and

shows that the administration

Seriously, Jay? Government Accountability Institute President Peter Schweizer said that White House visitor logs show that whenever Sebelius has gone to the White House, it has been for social functions with "dozens or hundreds of people." And he mentioned on Sean Hannity's Fox News Channel show that if Obama truly has met with Sebelius privately and left the meetings off the books, Sebelius would be the only Cabinet secretary whose meetings with the White House have been con-

Schweizer noted that "the lack of meetings reinforces the severity of what The New York Times describes as the 'deeply dysfunctional relationship between the Department of Health and Human Services and its technology contractors, and tensions between the White House chief of staff and senior health depart-

ment officials." Indeed. But none of this should surprise anyone who has been paying attention. Throughout his tenure in office, Obama has demonstrated a surprising apathy and an alarming level of disengagement on everything except for Obamacare and his other pet policy projects, including the stimulus bill, infrastructure, nefarious green projects of every imaginable description, gutting the coal industry, obstructing oil drilling, regulating banking, student loans, other educational issues, drones, taxes on the "rich," private jet owners, class warfare, race warfare, gender warfare, abortion, homosexuality issues, recalibrating America's image with the Muslim world, managing America's military decline, unilateral nuclear disarmament and other matters about which he has some angst.

Whoa, you say. That is a large list of policy items, Limbaugh, that you are admitting yourself that Obama is profoundly interested and engaged in. To be sure, I am admitting that — but with a huge qualifier. Even on those issues close to his heart, Obama is only engaged at the superficia level. He's the agenda setter in chief; don't let anyone fool you into believing someone else is pulling his Manchurian strings in terms of the overall hard-left direction of his presidency.

He is also the head cheerleader — the captain of the squad that travels the country in virtually nonstop campaign mode to propagandize and con the American public into supporting his ideas

But he is clearly not engaged at the level of policy details and even less in anything having to do with implementing these policies. Just think back to the development of the Obamacare legislation. Obama knew that he wanted to move toward national ized health care and achieve it as soon as he could get away with it. His various speeches and actions leave little room for doubt on this point.

There is also no doubt that without Obama's initial political capital and his obsessive drive to achieve socialized health care, Obamacare would never have become a reality — a nightmarish reality but a reality nonetheless. But remember when

individuals at public health care forums and politicians would question him about the specifics of his plan? Because he was not conversant with any of the policy details, he could only answer in vague generalities.

The truth was he didn't have a plan, other than a large-scale blueprint. Instead, he delegated the task to Democrats in the Sen ate and, through the legislative process, tried to steer the bill a certain way; he had little hands on involvement. Thus, when he said that his bill did not include federal funding for abortion, he was either lying or completely clueless. Why else would he have had to bribe recalcitrant Democratic Rep. Bart Stupak with a promise to issue an executive order countermanding the provision authorizing such

funding? We saw this same pattern of governance in Obama's abominable handling of the Gulf oil spill, as I've mentioned before. He was wholly disengaged and largely unconcerned with the damages from the spill, except those to his public relations image, as I documented in my latest book. He obviously didn't understand the complexity of the efforts to plug the leak when he uttered his disgraceful cry of frustration — "just plug the damn hole" — as if his regal tantrum would magically eradicate

the problem. I can't prove this, but I bet that in a few years, insiders will begin talking and confirm our suspicions that Obama was precisely this sort of bullying administrator. He orders everyone to accomplish his larger goals and is further willing to campaign and community organize throughout the country at a furious pace to push these items But as to the details, he is uncon cerned, out to lunch and on the golf course and doesn't want to be bothered.

On the bright side, we just have three more years.

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Bird Poop: The crane who missed Christmas

eft behind, a soft gray feather on the floor of our vehicle was a reminder of the tussle we had just encountered with a large bird. To protest its predicament, it had used its six-foot wingspan, feet and beak in trying to elude

Only five inches in length, the feather segued from a soft gray tip to its lighter

Its outer part would readily

Known as an afterfeather, the last three inches were delicate and wispy and would remain hidden. Layered to keep the bird warm during frigid winters, it was one of thousands of feathers

and a graceful gift of nature.

Having acquired the feather in November, I had hastily placed it on a bookshelf. Forgotten until the Thanksgiving holidays, I went to retrieve it upon hearing the sound of cranes passing over the house. Their ancient bugling, or call, and now, the feather, prompted a memory of another holiday season.

Christmas Eve had dawned clear and cold. Our lunch had suddenly been interrupted by a phone call. "Hate to bother you, espe-

cially today," said a volunteer at the Humane Society. "There's a sandhill crane walking around out here, and it won't fly," she contin-Telling us the gate was

closed, but not locked, she stressed that she did not want the bird to wander any further.

The possibility of its getting onto the Interstate frightened her. Not until it was captured

could any of us see there were no visible marks of any kind on the bird. Its wings were held equally. After extending the wings, we were convinced there had to be another reason for its being grounded.

Having alerted Midge Erskine at the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary, we drove our patient to Midland. After carrying it inside, she began to examine it.



Nearly four feet high, the sandhill crane is striking in its layered coat of gray feathers. The patch of red skin on its forehead is a sign of maturity. Easily flying forty miles or more in a day in search of food, it readily eats mice, frogs, lizards, and snakes. When crops are available, it dines on grain sorghum, wheat, peanuts, and corn.

networks, advising them of what

was about to happen and ABC

picked up the story and inter-

viewed him while he was at a

Scout camp in Fort Davis. With

the national news handling the

onboard and the story of Richard

Richard's surgery was success-

story, the local news jumped

became known the talk of the

ful and nerves throughout his

spine were clipped and much of

the cerebral palsy effects were

relearn many skills such as sit-

ting, standing, walking, crawl-

ing and any activity involving

He was in the hospital for 30

days and was restricted to a

wheelchair or crutches for an

constant therapy to retrain his

In preparation for all of this,

Richard had proven his determi-

nation to overcome the barriers

formidable task of preparing for

It was at this time that Rich-

of his condition and began his

nerve and muscular system.

additional six months and under

his legs.

corrected but he still had to

Without warning, a gurgling sound emanated from the bird's throat. Then it was

The look on her face told us

our efforts had been futile. As soon as possible, she

would take the sandhill to her veterinarian.

"Frankly, I don't think

there was anything you could have done to change the outcome," she added as we walked back to our vehicle. Our ride home was

Between Stanton and Big Spring, the first of massive flocks of cranes were gliding over the Interstate on their way to Natural Dam Lake for a night's rest. Undulating lines of sandhills, resembling huge serpents slithering across the sky, headed toward One Mile Lake as we entered town.

When the phone rang the next morning, Midge said her vet had confirmed what she had suspected.

Causing the bird's lungs to hemorrhage, flukes, worm-like parasites, had overcome our winter visitor. Licensed to provide specimens to educational facilities, Midge planned to donate the crane to Midland College for students to study.

Distinctive with its red skin, or patch, on its forehead, the bird had been two, maybe more, years old. Its overall gray plumage, long neck and legs, and stately presence had always been welcome at this time of the year.

No longer with neck extended, legs trailing behind, would the sandhill's powerful, graceful flight join hundreds silhouetted by a winter's sunset. Announcing fall and the coming winter, the welcome V formations and bugling calls would be left to other cranes to continue.

Twenty years later, this simple feather had prompted my recall of that exquisite bird. In the comings and goings of migratory birds in the future, the little plume will remind me that we must always keep trying.

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CP doesn't keep Cypert down Odds and ends

🗗 all have the memory of a hero tucked away somewhere in our minds and that image changes from time to My image of a hero has

changed this past week as I interviewed one of our own Big Spring school employees.

I would like to share my hero's story and identify him for your consideration of a true hero.

Richard Cypert is the counselor of Goliad Elemen-

tary. His life has been totally different from most of us, since from a very young age he was diagnosed as having cerebral palsy. He remembers, even as a 2-year-old, going to the Dora Roberts Center for therapy and the pain he would endure just to try to get across the room.

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Richard is a Big Spring native, even though many years of his childhood was spent in Garden City. Richard's first memory of school was at Moss Elementary at the age of 3, in the physical handicapped class. Here he learned how to get around and cope with life's challenges. He showed from that early age that he had an unconquerable spirit and that he would be successful even though life threw unnum-

bered challenges his way. He had trouble walking but he discovered that he could ride a bicycle with stamina much greater than his peers. This ability groomed him for success as his life progressed. Richard was very involved in Cub Scouts and later in Boy Scouts and his troop was involved in qualifying for the cycling merit badge. Richard was in his element; he could cycle where he couldn't walk. He developed his cycling skills and won his merit badge but his efforts didn't stop there. He became so involved in his scouting that he finally earned the badge of Eagle Scout and he was a leader in his pack.

His cycling engaged him in trips to Midland or San Angelo for a day's ride and his muscles and endurance were constantly developing.

When he was 17, his mom discovered there was a particular surgery that had been developed especially for kids in Richard's condition but she was told that Richard was too old to be considered.

She began calling the surgeons on a weekly basis until they finally told her to bring Richard in for an assessment. The surgeons were amazed that Richard was the perfect candidate and he would be scheduled for the delicate surgery if he would work hard and build his muscles in preparation since the surgery would require strong muscles for the recuperation process. Richard agreed and went

the spinal invasion.

He contacted the major TV

ard was contacted by the Children's Miracle Network that a special video featuring his story would be one of the highlights of the yearly Children's Miracle Network Drive on national TV as well as a featured display at Disneyland. Richard had become a star! through therapy and a strict workout schedule to prepare for school safety for the Big Spring

adult life.

Continued next week. Darrell Ryan is director of

Independent School District.

Officials seek sanctuary

for lowa alligator

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Animal control officials in the Iowa city of Waterloo are seeking a new home for a baby alligator named Chompey.

A resident of the eastern Iowa city of about 68,000 people bought the alligator after spotting an online advertisement, but he later learned state law doesn't allow people to keep alligators or other exotic animals, The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reported (http://bit.ly/J7SVtu) Monday.

The resident turned the gator in to animal control officials, who kept the creature in an aquarium while figuring out what to do with it. Then the gator started snapping and making noises.

"He was really kind of cute, but he was also kind of naughty," said Maria Tiller, Waterloo's code enforcement forewoman. "I didn't want him in my office anymore."

The alligator was moved to the Pawsitive Pet Care, a veterinary center, where staffed dubbed the animal "Chompey." The alligator then was sent to a herpetologist in Des Moines, where the animal's being held in quarantine while staff seek a sanctuary in a warmer climate for Chompey.

Pa. man, 109, cites unlisted number for longevity

JERMYN, Pa. (AP) — What's the secret to a long life? Having an unlisted number.

That's according to Leo Moskovitz, who just turned 109. The northeastern Pennsylvania resident jokes that God can't find him because his name has never appeared in the phone book.

The Times-Tribune of Scranton reports Moskovitz celebrated his birthday with friends and family at a restaurant on Sunday.

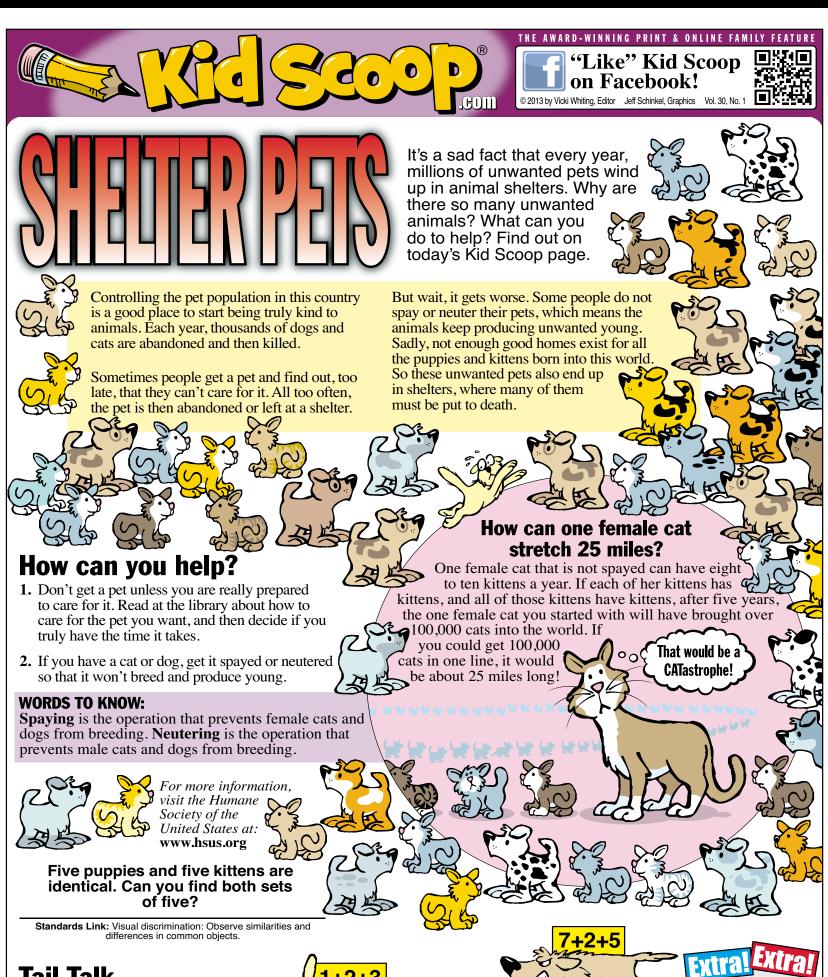
People curious about his longevity often ask Moskovitz about his diet. He says he switches between oatmeal and eggs for breakfast — but isn't sure if that's why he's lived so long.

He says, "If I knew what the secret was, I'd patent

Moskovitz and his 87-year-old wife, Ann, have been married for 45 years. They live in Jermyn.

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Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the six errors you find. Then rewrite the article correctly on the lines below the article.

Pet Hotels

While many hotels and motels don't allow pets at all, some hotles are doing amazing things to attract guests with

The Westin, W and Sheraton hotel chains will provide you pooch with a plush robe, a food bwol, an ID tag, treats and a toy when you stay their.

At the Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, a pet can be treeted to The Hound of Music program that includes a massage, a limo ryde and a trip to a recording studio with a voice coach!

Pet Name

Directory

Look through

today's

newspaper and

find 10 names

that would make good pet names.

Put them in

alphabetical

order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Sad Numbers 8 to 12 million cats and dogs end up in shelters each year. 4 to 6 million of these cats and dogs are euthanized (killed) at shelters each year.

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

What a Character!' Responsibility is ...



.. thinking about the consequences of your actions.

Kid Scoop This week's word:

or helpful.

It was very **kind** of Jessica to help carry the groceries for her neighbors.

sentence today when talking with your friends and family members

Tail Talk

Cats and dogs communicate with their tails.

What are these animals saying? To find out,

add up the numbers next to each animal.

Match the answer with the tail's message.

14 = "Watch out, I might attack!"

6 = "I'm so happy to see you!"

9 = "I've been a bad dog."

17 = "I'm a good dog!"

13 = "I'm a cool cat."

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Scoop Puzzler

Replace the missing words in

this story about a shelter pet.

The Adventurous Justin

4-week-old kitten. He is a brown

black stripes on his head, and his

Justin is an adventurous, cute

I chose to write about Justin

tabby with a white ____

feet look like socks.

because he ___

He has a

_. He has

__ my heart when I walked in.

_ meow, and he bounces when

around. You will have fun if you

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he eats his food. He crawls around his cage,

and it's like he's _____, "Let me out!"

get him. He will win over a bunch of people.

A good home for Justin would be a big house so he

Pet Seeks Owner Imagine that animals could seek owners by running ads in the classified section of the newspaper. Pretend you are an animal. Write an ad for your ideal owner.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write expository descriptions; Write from a point of view.

How is a well-dressed man different from a warm dog?

> suit. A warm dog just man wears a complete ANSWER: A well-dressed

What is the best way to keep a pet rabbit?

ANSWER: Don't return it.

KIND The adjective kind means friendly, good

Try to use the word kind in a

Write On! 🐗 **Wanted: A New Home**

for a Pet Pretend you are a pet — a

cat or dog or even a fish. Write a classified ad as if you are looking for a new home. Read some classified ads in the newspaper to get ideas.

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1+2+3

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COOL

LOST **COUNTRY CARE**

Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Find the words in the puzzle. Then

look for each word in this week's

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

CATS Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or

Bears down Cowboys on **'Ditka Day'**

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Neither the brutal cold nor the league's worst defense could stop Josh McCown and the Bears.

Chicago Instead, jumped right back into the playoff race.

McCown threw for a career-high four touchdowns, and the Bears scored on their first eight possessions to grab a share of the NFC North lead with a 45-28 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on a frigid Monday night.

The Bears (7-6) retired Hall of Famer Mike Ditka's number at halftime and pulled even with Detroit in the division race on a night when the game-time temperature was in single digits and the wind chill factor was below zero.

The loss left Dallas (7-6) a game behind Philadelphia in the NFC East and owner Jerry Jones calling for more aggressive play-calling on de-

The bone-chilling conditions didn't stop Mc-Cown from throwing for 348 yards or keep the Bears from running

away with a lopsided victory.

It was one they desperately needed after consecutive losses, and although Detroit holds the head-to-head sweep, the Bears are back in the thick of the playoff

"All we could do is try to beat the Dallas Cowboys," coach Marc Trestman said. "We kept it as simple as that. We didn't get into all the hypotheticals and all the things that go into winning or losing a game."

Alshon Jeffery's leaping catch between two defenders in the corner of the end zone in the closing seconds of the second quarter gave the Bears a 24-14 lead, and they continued to pour it on in the second half after a gut-wrenching overtime loss at Minnesota last week.

McCown, making his fourth straight start with Jay Cutler sidelined by a high left ankle sprain, became the first Bears quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards in three straight games. And for that, De-Marcus Ware blamed Dallas' defense.

"If you were back



Chicago Bears cornerback Isaiah Frey tackles Dallas Cowboys' wide receiver Cole Beasley (11) during the first half of their NFL football game Monday in Chicago.

there quarterbacking and we played the way we played you probably would have five touchdowns," he said.

McCown, meanwhile, insisted he's still the backup. And Trestman said the plan with Cutler hasn't changed.

"We'll see where Jay is this week," he said. "He'll have to be released by the doctors and when Jay is ready to play, he'll be playing."

Brandon Marshall caught six passes for 100 yards, and Jeffery added 84 yards receiving after breaking his own team record the previous week with 249.

Matt Forte chipped in with 102 yards rushing and 73 receiving, and the Bears racked up 490 yards in all.

"Basically, we will have to make some adjustments in what we are doing defensively," Jones said. "What that usually means is taking

more risks on defense. But if you're going to have the kind of match like we had tonight or certainly in New Orleans you have to take some risks. We have to double up and I'm sure that will be part of the plan on defense; more risks."

Tony Romo threw for three touchdowns but completed just 11 of 20 passes for 104 yards for Dallas. DeMarco Murray ran for 146 yards

against the league's worst run defense, but the Cowboys were overmatched after winning two straight.

They also lost linebacker Sean Lee to another injury — this time a neck issue after making a tackle in the third quarter. He missed the previous two games with a hamstring prob-

"Certainly, it was a

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Torre, La Russa and Cox named to Hall of Fame

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. Joe Torre, Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox made the biggest news on the first day of the winter meetings, an indication of the timeout in the trade-and-signings market.

The trio of retired managers was elected to the Hall of Fame on Monday in a unanimous vote by the expansion era committee. The other big news was the retirement of two-time Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay after 16 seasons at age 36.

But after all the deals last week, there were almost no new transactions.

David Price still was being

Soo Choo and Nelson Cruz could be signed for a large pile of cash.

"Maybe there's a little bit of calm after the storm, and the next storm is a few days away," Boston Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington said. "We'll see. Something will happen while everyone's here, but maybe it's a little lower volume than some other years just because so much has already happened."

Two years from free agency, Price is the most high-profile player mentioned in trade talks this week. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner had a salary of \$10,112,500 this

"This is how we have to operate within our little world." Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "So if it were to happen, it's one of those that's almost the word 'devastating' in a sense, but we have to recover from those kind of moments,

if it does actually occur." Price would join James Shields, Matt Garza, Carl Crawford and B.J. Upton among players who left the Rays, whose average home attendance of 18,646 was the

lowest in the major leagues. Few fans means tight cash

"Just think if you could

dangled on the trade market year, nearly one-sixth the have kept all those guys for missing the playoffs for only by the Tampa Bay Rays. Shin-payroll of the attendance-several years and keep them the second time in 19 years, challenged Rays. together for maybe 15 years spent \$307 million to add Jalike the Yankees did starting in 1995, '96 to present time," said Maddon, who's been touring the United States in an RV.

> "I do commit myself to that thought on occasion, but the reality is that's not the way it is. So I don't lament that. I'm really happy for the guys that once they've done well here, they go somewhere else and do well and make good money for themselves and their family," he said.

Baseball's high rollers have made many of their moves already.

The Yankees, stung by

coby Ellsbury, Brian McCann. Carlos Beltran and Kelly Johnson and to retain Hiroki Kuroda and Brendan Ryan. They didn't seem very concerned that Robinson Cano left for a still-unfinished deal with Seattle said to be worth

\$240 million over 10 years. After winning its third World Series title in 10 seasons, Boston watched Ellsbury head to its Bronx rival. The Red Sox allowed catcher Jarrod Saltamacchia to leave for a \$21 million contract with Miami and replaced him

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Cousins powers Kings to win over Mavericks

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Rudy Gay watched from a sky box seat as his new Sacramento teammates easily handled the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

The short-handed Kings looked formidable against the Mavericks.

DeMarcus Cousins had 32 points and 19 rebounds, and Derrick Williams scored a career-high 31 to pace the Kings to a 112-97 victory over Dallas.

Earlier in the day, the Kings completed a seven-player deal with Toronto that brought them Gay, Aaron Gray and Quincy Acy. Greivis Vasquez, Patrick Patterson, John Salmons and Chuck Hayes went to the Rap-

"I guess I came on a good day because the team was playing great," said Gay, a veteran forward who is expected to make

his Kings debut Wednesday at home against Utah. "Obviously DeMarcus and Derrick played

"So this is a good start and I can't wait to get out there with the guys."

A proven scorer, Gay will no doubt add more punch to a Kings lineup that has been unproductive at times this season. He was Toronto's second-leading scorer and has averaged 18 points and 5.9 rebounds in his eight-year career.

On this night, the Kings showed plenty of offense with-

Sacramento shot 47 percent, had 23 assists, and outscored the sluggish Mavericks 24-3 on fast-break points. Using just 10 players, the Kings led by 19 points after three quarters and by as many as 24 in the fourth in winning their second straight.

6 finalists named for Heisman

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Jameis Winston will have plenty of company at the Heisman Trophy ceremony though he's not expected to have much competition.

The Florida State quarterback was among a recordtying six Heisman finalists revealed Monday, along with Northern Illinois' Jordan Lynch, Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel, Alabama's AJ McCarron, Auburn's Tre Mason and Boston College's Andre Williams.

Six finalists invited to New York for the presentation are the most since 1994. The winner will be an-

nounced Saturday night. Winston is the overwhelming favorite to win the award now that a sexual

assault complaint against

him in Tallahassee, Fla.,

has been closed without charges being filed.

He could also become the second freshman to win the award. Manziel was the first just last year. Famous Jameis, like Johnny Football last season, is a redshirt freshman.

While Winston was a lock to be invited, the rest of the field was muddled. Some contenders had late stumbles (Manziel and Lynch), others (Mason and Williams) made late runs.

Manziel will try to join another exclusive Heisman club by becoming the second player to win the award twice. Ohio State's Archie Griffin won the award in 1974 and '75. The Aggies' quarterback is third in the nation in total offense with 368 yards per game.

Lynch led No. 24 Northern Illinois (12-1) to within a victory of a BCS bid and has set the major college record for yards rushing for a quarterback this season with 1,815. He also tweeted that he was a finalist about five minutes before the official announcement was made on ESPN by 1996 winner Danny Wuerffel.

"NYC here I come!! Thanks to the coaches teammates and media relation couldn't of did it wt out them!" the record-setting senior posted.

McCarron completed 67 percent of his passes for 2,676 yards and 26 touchdowns for the fourth-ranked Crimson Tide (11-1).

"This will be my first trip to New York City, and I can't put into words how much it means to me," Mc-Carron said in a statement released by the school. "I am truly privileged to have

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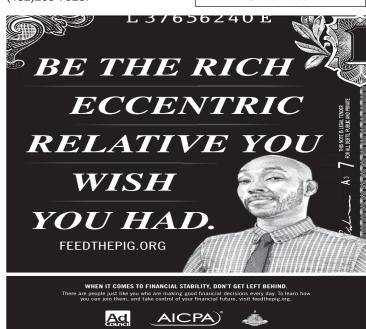
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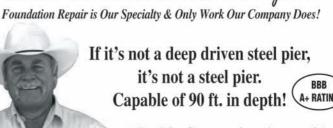
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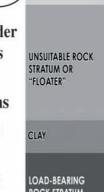
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PROPOSED REGISTRATION NUMBERS:

112904L003 and 100079L006 APPLICATION AND PRELIMI-NARY DECISION. Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1660, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit for two Concrete Batch Plant Registration Numbers 112904L003 100079L006, which would authorize construction of two temporary concrete batch plants under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 116.611 (30 TAC § 116.611) near Garden City, Glasscock Garden City, County, Texas 79739. The driving directions were following provided: from the intersection of

Farm-to-Market Road 33 and Farm-to-Market Road 270, go east on Farm-to-Market Road 270 for 2.5 miles to the plant site on the south side of the road. These applications were submitted to the TCEQ on October 25, 2013. The proposed facilities will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters to 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns of less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the applications and determined that the applications meet all of the requirements of a Standard Permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611 which would establish the conditions under which the facilities must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to the registrations because issue they meet all rules and regulations. The permit applications, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for

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viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and at the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Garden City, Glasscock Currie, County, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W. Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper

publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AC-TION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public Because no comments. timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to Commissioners Integrated Database (CID).

AVAILABLE INFORMATION ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's

response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the registration number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

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www.tceq.texas.gov/ about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087. Austin. Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically. please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program free 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al

1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Michael Mayfield, Quality Control Manager at (806)373-4951. Notice Issuance Date:

December 2, 2013 #8090 December 10, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pisces to Aries Moon

Overwhelmed? It may be inevitable, considering we all emerge from nothingness into infinity, neither of which we can comprehend. As the moon leaves the spiritual realm of Pisces for highly motivated Aries, nothing good comes of dwelling on the infinite possibilities. Pick up a piece of work, finish it, and then pick up another. One thing at a time

MATHIS **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your purpose is like the rudder of a ship. It helps to steer you through calm seas, but in bad weather, you still may be at the mercy of the storm. Hold to your purpose while watching the conditions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Win or lose, you're in the game to master it or at least to improve. If you learn from your mistakes, you eventually will come around to being glad you made

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Guided by the messenger planet, you know more than anyone that news travels fast and outrageous news, faster. Whether the news is true or false has no bearing on its traveling speed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "Later" is a myth. There won't be any more time later than there is now. So don't wait for later to do the things that make you happy or to do the things that are

necessary to make your dreams come true.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want home upgrades, and a better shower nozzle or new curtains isn't going to cut it. You can focus on relationships, or you can focus on the aesthetics. Either way, both will improve, as these parts of your life are related.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to increase your power, and it all starts with honing your presence. Note that powerful people don't hurry or seem busy. Be deliberate, but don't rush.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to get on your own side is to make a plan that has a chance of actually working. It's a little much for you to expect yourself to accomplish a goal if there are no stakes involved and no one to hold you accountable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In an attempt to make yourself feel better, you risk making yourself feel worse. Short-term pleasures are usually the culprit. Thinking long term will prevent you from making mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You usually find that tedious work is made bearable by good company, but today it's made downright enjoyable. Chalk it up to a shared sense of humor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Experiencing something radically new will have the effect of slowing down time. Each second will seem to require a heightened level of attention from you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18), Stop

there.

and fix your contact list. It's easier to feel in control of your life if you feel in control of your time, and feeling in control of your time is closely related to the organization of your life systems.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A prize hangs in the balance. Who will go home with it? The one who wants it the most. Before you make your first effort, ask yourself how badly you really want it, and go from there.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 10). This year marks your leap into even greater autonomy. You'll bolster your resources and become well stocked with everything from money to emotional sustenance so that truly you will come to relationships from a place of generosity and abundance instead of need. January and July are your windfall months. Leo and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 33, 28 and 1.

HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEVERS: It's that hectic time when everyone rushes to fulfill their holiday and end-of-year expectations. Mix in the complications of increased financial activity, family dynamics, travel and extreme weather conditions, and it is not difficult to figure out why so many people wind up feeling spent and blue in December. So what can you do to counteract holiday stress?

TAURUS: Simple pleasures are the way to stress relief for the sign of the bull. Associated with finance and luxury, Taurus has a tendency to overdo it with gifts, spending too much

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and overemphasizing the commercial aspects of the holidays. Taurus can counteract the negativity that comes with materialism by getting in touch with that part of the bull's personality that craves creature comforts. A long hot bath, for instance, can be just as relaxing as an expensive spa treatment when Taurus takes the time to luxuriate in it. Stretches of nothing-todo time are absolutely free and much more effective in creating relaxation than expensive entertainment or travel. So before throwing down the cash for more complicated treats, stop to consider whether there might be an overlooked and simple pleasure that would accomplish the same aim.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarius actress Emmanuelle Chriqui has several projects coming out in the next two years, including the television series "Cleaners," in which she plays a highly trained contract killer along with her killer co-worker played by Emily Osment. The genres Sagittarius actors are most suited to include action, adventure and science fiction — and the more outrageous the better!

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Dear Annie: I've been employed for two months at

"Amanda" is in the food section, and I am in the clothing department. I'm a straight woman, and she is bisexual. Two weeks ago, the two of us went out to dinner for her birthday. Since then, I have developed strong feelings for her.

I asked Amanda to dinner the other night, and she turned me down, saying she had plans. Yesterday, another co-worker told me she saw Amanda having

lunch with a woman who works in the automotive section. The co-worker said the two of them were very touchy.

This made me really jealous and sad. Should I tell Amanda I have feelings for her? If so, how do I do that? — Confused and Maybe in Love

Dear Confused: There are different types of jealousy. Amanda seems to be a popular girl. If you consider yourself to be straight, you should examine whether your jealousy is romantic in nature or whether it's the type that female friends develop when one of them picks a different "best friend." If you want a romantic relationship, let Amanda know by asking her again to lunch, dinner, a movie or other entertainment outside of work. If she is repeatedly "busy," it means she is not interested.

Dear Annie: Seven years ago, my closest cousin died. His wife wanted me to have his wardrobe, which included a tuxedo.

This cousin's daughter is going to be married soon, and the wedding is black tie. Would it be proper to wear that tux? I don't intend to broadcast the fact that it belonged to her late father, but it seems wearing it would allow a part of him to watch his only child

marry. What do you think? — *Dressed-Up Cousin* **Dear Cousin**: We think it's a lovely idea. No one

will know that you are wearing this particular tuxedo, except perhaps your cousin's widow. If she mentions it, please tell her what you told us — that you thought it would allow a small part of him to be there in spirit. We hope she will find it as touching as we do.

Dear Annie: I hope it's not too late to comment on the letter from "Can't Believe Adults Act This Way," whose daughter, a teacher, was being bullied by her co-workers. This happened to me when I was younger.

One day, one member of that group gave me some advice. She said, "Play dumb and pretend you don't know they are talking about you. Always be pleasant, say 'hello' and 'good morning' to everyone, even when they do not respond. Join them in the lounge. Make a pleasant general comment, and then turn to your magazine or whatever you have to do. Always have something to occupy your time. If you have to ask anyone a question about work, ask it in the lounge in the presence of everyone. If they make a nasty comment, just brush it off and pretend that you didn't realize it was nasty. When you really need a breather, occasionally go off on your own, but don't make it obvious." And I also made it a point to look fabulous every day.

This may not appeal to everyone in such a position, but it worked for me. It was terribly hard for the first few months, and then it became a routine. Eventually, the ringleader asked me where I was when I didn't come into the lounge the day before. After that, I was completely accepted by the group.

I have lived by that rule ever since and have passed it on to my children. One cannot fight with someone who will not fight. You keep your dignity and, above all, gain their respect. It works in school, at the workplace and even with your own family. — *Yvonne* from Montreal

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2013. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

On this date:

In 1787, Thomas H. Gallaudet, a pioneer of educating the deaf, was born in Philadelphia. In 1817, Mississippi was

admitted as the 20th state of the Union. In 1861, the Confederacy

admitted Kentucky as it recognized a pro-Southern shadow state government that was acting without the authority of the pro-Union government in Frankfort.

In 1906. President

Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War. In 1931, Jane Addams

became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the corecipient was Nicholas Murray Butler. In 1948, the U.N. General

Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights. In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche

was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award. In 1962, "Lawrence of Arabia," David Lean's epic

film starring Peter O'Toole as British military officer T.E. Lawrence, had its royal gala premiere in London, with Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, in attendance.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

In 1972, baseball's American League adopted the designated hitter rule on an experimental basis for three years. In 1987, President Ronald

Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev concluded three days of summit talks in Washington. Thought for Today: "To have news value is to have a

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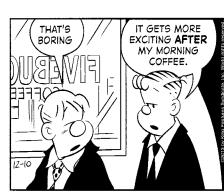
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the opportunity to represent our team at the ceremony. Heisman None of this would be possible without my coaches and teammates."

Mason helped No. 2 Auburn reach the BCS title game, running for 304 yards and four TDs in the SEC championship game. He is ninth in the country in rushing (124 ypg).

"When I heard the news, I was in disbelief," Mason said in a statement. "For me to be invited to the Heisman ceremony, I am honored and blessed. I couldn't have done it without my teammates; this is an honor for all of them also."

Williams is the nation's leading rusher at 175 yards per game and the 16th player in FBS to run for 2,000 yards in a season.

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Winston's arrival as Florida State's starting quarterback was being touted as a major event in the spring and he has surpassed the hype. The Alabama native is on pace to break the NCAA record for passer efficiency rating (190.1) and has already set records for yards passing (3,820) and TD passes (38) for a freshman.

Winston's only issues have come off the field. About a month ago, a year-old sexual assault complaint against him made by a female Florida State student was given by police to the state attorney's office for a full investigation.

A woman claimed Winston raped her. Winston's lawyer said the sex was consensual. Winston continued to play, and play

well, during the investigation. Last week, the state attorney announced there would be no charges filed in the case, and two days later Winston threw for three touchdown passes and ran for a score as No. 1 Florida State won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game 45-7 against Duke and wrapped up a spot in the BCS title game.

In the latest straw poll released Monday by HeismanPundit.com, which has correctly predicted the last seven winners, Winston received seven of the 10 first-place votes and 26 points to easily outdistance Lynch (eight points).

All six finalists are expected to attend the ceremony, which would match '94 for the most in Heisman history.

Figure skating champ out of Sochi Olympics

NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

Evan Lysacek woke up every morning praying this would be the day the excruciating pain in his left hip — "like you're being electrocuted" would subside. And every day when he stepped on the ice, the searing throb of pain reminded him that passion alone can't fuel a dream.

The reigning Olympic figure skating champion announced Tuesday that a torn labrum in his left hip will keep him from competing in Sochi early next year.

After two months of aggressive treatment, doctors told Lysacek last week the injury was not going to improve and he

was risking permanent damage if he kept train-

"This has been my entirelife, training and representing my country," Lysacek told The Associated Press, pausing to fight back tears. "So it's just kind of difficult. As much as I knew it could go either way, I never accepted it wouldn't. I always thought it would work out. I was crushed. I am crushed."

Lysacek said he will have to take time off the ice for the injury to completely heal, and surgery remains a possibility.

"I'm going to have to put the same focus on recovery and getting healthy that I put into training," he said.

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with A.J. Pierzynski, who agreed to an \$8.25 million, one-year deal.

Curtis Granderson, Joe Nathan, Jhonny Peralta and Tim Hudson also have signed with new clubs, and Prince Fielder, Ian Kinsler, Doug Fister, Jim Johnson, David Freese and Heath Bell were traded. The pace of turnover has been a bit dizzying.

"It's been a quicker-moving offseason certainly than I think anyone expected. The movement last week was unlike most years," Cherington said. "I would imagine there's probably a lot of trade talk this week, because a good chunk of the free agents are off the board."

Miami introduced Saltamacchia during a news conference just after a person familiar with the negotiations said the Marlins had agreed to a \$7.75 million, twoyear contract with first baseman Garrett Jones. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been finalized and

Jones had yet to take his physi-

That means Miami could look to deal first baseman Logan Morrison, who has slumped during consecutive injury-interrupted seasons. Toronto slugger Jose Bautista also could be available.

"I know some teams have asked about him," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He's sitting in the center of our lineup and still one of the best hitters in baseball. You can understand why teams are asking about him. But he's still here right now, and we're glad to have him."



By Steve Becker

It's Not a Guessing Game

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West South North East Pass 1 NT 6 NT Opening lead — ten of hearts Assume you're in six notrump

and West leads a heart. There seems to be very little to the play, so you win the heart with the ace and lead a low spade to the jack. East takes the king and returns a

heart to dummy's queen. When you next play a low spade to the queen, West shows out, and vou discover that the hand is not as simple as you thought You have 11 sure tricks, and your

best chance for a 12th is to guess the

two-way diamond finesse. If you're a good guesser, you make the slam, but ou shouldn't really find yourself in this predicament. With correct play at the start, you can guarantee the slam against any and all distribu-The correct approach is to lead a

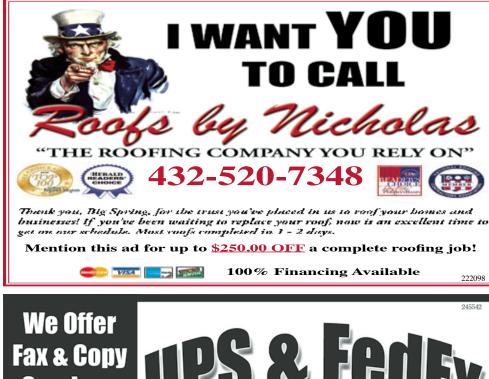
low spade to the ace at trick two, deliberately spurning the finesse. You then return a low spade from dummy, and regardless of how the spades are divided, you have 12 sure

Let's examine the actual case first. East can't afford to rise with the king, since that would hand you four spade tricks and the slam, so you win the trick with the queen.

Even though West shows out, you are still in fine shape. All you have to do to ensure the slam is to lead a low diamond to the ace and finesse the jack on the way back. Win or lose, you have 12 ironclad tricks.

Had West held the K-10-x-x of spades, your task would have been even simpler. East would show out on the second spade, and you would have no trouble scoring four spade tricks regardless of how West defended. The matter of a diamond finesse would never arise in this case, as you would have tricks to burn.

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disappointing loss and the loss stings," coach Jason Garrett said. "The worst thing we can do is have a hangover after this loss."

The game-time temperature was 8 degrees with the wind chill at minus 9, but the freezing conditions did nothing to slow either team in the early going Garrett said both teams handled it well.

Murray burned Chicago for 52 yards on six carries on the game's opening possession to set up a 2-yard scoring pass from Romo to Dez Bryant, but the Bears scored just about every time they got the ball.

After Bryant's TD, McCown tied it with a 4-yard pass to Earl Bennett and put Chicago ahead 14-7 early in the second quarter with a 7-yard scramble, leaping at the goal line.

Jason Witten tied it at 14 when he dragged Major Wright across the goal line on a 10-yard touchdown catch,

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