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By STEVE REAGAN

A Big Spring Police Department officer has been placed on administrative leave following his arrest on theft charges.

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Officer Simon Elizondo was arrested on a state jail felony charge of theft by a public

servant Friday and booked into the Howard County Law Enforcement Center, BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said in a news release. Elizondo had been the sub-

ject of a three-month investigation that involved both the local police department

cies, Everett said. The Texas Rangers handled the criminal investigation, while BSPD assisted on internal administrative matters. "In December 2013, BSPD

was informed of allegations involving misconduct on the part of ... Elizondo. It is with

partment initiated an internal investigation," Everett said. "The preliminary findings of the investigation led the Internal investigating officer to suspect criminal activity, at which time the department contacted the Department of Public Safety's Texas Rangers. BSPD then turned the criminal investigation over to the Rangers."

The probe culminated Friday with an arrest warrant being issued, Everett said. Elizondo was placed on administrative leave pending the

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin Delbert Speed of Dallas demonstrates breaking open a geode while Moss Elementary first

grade teacher Christina Batterton looks on during the Howard County Prospectors Club's annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday. The event continues through Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

More than 2,000 cast early ballots

Primary election set for Tuesday By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

More than 2,000 Howard County voters cast early ballots for Tuesday's primary elections, officials said. By the end of early voting

Friday, 2,015 people — 12.18percent of the county's registered voters — had cast ballots, County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said. That figure included 319 mail-in ballots. "In the 2010 primary elec-

tion, we had 1,700 people vote early," Bloom said. "So we had an increase of 300, with some mail ballots still out." The primary election will

decide party nominees for November's general election. Reflecting statewide trends, the Republican side See VOTE, Page 3A

Where to vote **Tuesday**

- Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103, 104, 105 Road and Bridge office, 1000 N. San Antonio St. • Precincts 24, 25, 26,
- 205, 208 Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.
- Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35, 304 — First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700.

Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404,

405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Precincts 408 and 409

- First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8517 N. Service Road, Sand Springs.
- Precincts 207 and 207C Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave., Coa-

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Three school board races to be contested bent Patric Robinson will not seek an

Council races draw challengers By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

There will be an election after all, at

least where it concerns the Big Spring city council. Last-minute filers ensure both city

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Staff Writer

A flurry of last minute filers for area school board of trustee races, which ended Friday, still leaves only three area races contested for the May election. Filing activity finally picked up this

week in the Coahoma Independent School District administration office. Three candidates tossed their hats into race to decided two at-large positions on the board of trustees. Incumbent Lori Martinez is joined in the race by Brandon Atkins and Kandy Alaman. Incumother term.

In the Howard College board of trustee race, Ryan Williams jumped in this week. He joins Cole Morgan and incumbents Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr. Charles Warren in hopes of winning one of the three at-large positions on the board. Adrian Calvio, District 3 representative, has been assured a term since he drew no challenger for the posi-The only other contested race is in the

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Commissioners to consider county burn ban regions of thick brushland. By STEVE REAGAN but tabled the burn ban. matter when Vol-"There's a lot of high, dead "Areas that could be ad-Staff Writer

Howard County Commis-

sioners will take a second

try at instituting a burn ban when they hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Monday in the third floor courtroom at the county courthouse. Commissioners were supposed to consider the ban at their last meeting Monday,

Sullivan

unteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan was unable to attend. Sullivan recently that dry

brush conditions in the county are

reaching a critical stage, necessitating the need for a brush out in the county,

about the same we had in 2011," Sullivan said. "I'm not convinced things will be the fires this year." livan is areas where housing developments intersect with

way they were then, but we might have some major wild-Of particular concern to Sulversely effected are additions

like Tubbs, Silver Heels, Kentwood and Highland South," he said. If enacted, the burn ban would prohibit most outdoor

burnings. Outdoor trash burning would still be al-See **COUNTY**, Page 3A

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Obituaries

Loyd Howard Hammon



Loyd Howard Hammon, 88, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. He was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Sand Springs, Okla., to William and Edith Hammon. Even as a young man, he worked hard to help support his family. He was also anxious to show support for his country and joined the Marines at the age of 17. During

World War II, he fought in the Pacific and was honorably discharged in August 1945. He then moved to Odessa, Texas, to work with his father.

On June 4, 1950, Loyd married Mary Kathryne Frazier and they have been married for 63 years. They enjoyed raising their three children and being with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They also enjoyed traveling and just being together. Loyd retired from ARCO in 1985 with 30 years of service. He also founded L & M Vacuum Service. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Loyd is preceded in death by his parents, as well as the following siblings, Mr. Edgar Hammon, Mr. Chris Hammon, Mrs. Ruth Mazzy, Mr. Ross Hammon, Mrs. Sylvia Starknaker, Mrs. Edna Whittaker, Mrs. Shirley Schultz and Mrs. Lou Howard.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, his daughters, Carolyn Johnson and husband, Pat, of Austin, Texas, and Glorya Garcia of Philadelphia, Penn.; his son, Sammy Hammon and his wife, Mary, of Port Arthur, Texas; his sisters, Mrs. Norma Denton of Denton, Texas, Mrs. Lanelle Akin of DeQueen, Ark., and Ms. Emma Hammon of Longview, Texas; the grandchildren he was so proud of, Jason Johnson of Austin, Benjamin Johnson (Brenna) of Austin, Adam Johnson (Amanda) of Austin, Texas, Jeffrey Garcia (Lisa) of Palestine, Texas, Sara Newton (Nicolas) of Nederland, Texas, John Hammon of Dallas and Viana Hammon of Port Arthur; and eight greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

Pallbearers will be Pat Johnson, Jason Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Adam Johnson, Jeff Garcia and John Hammon.

Memorials can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675, www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate; or any

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

Paid obituary

Gary Tate

Gary Tate, 89, of Midland died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014. Visitation will be held at the funeral home, Sunday, March 2, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. March 3. 2014, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Survivors include wife, Connie; sons, Jerry Tate and Steve Tate; seven grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren.

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





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Nancy Kimble



Nancy Kimble, 76, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel with the Reverend Ulis Johnson officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 29, 1938, in Oakhurst, Texas and married Theo Kimble in October 1956 in Galveston, Texas. He preceded her in death May 30,

Nancy moved to Big Spring in 1967 to work at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring in 1999. She volunteered at the state hospital. She is survived by three daughters, Cecilia

Simmons and husband, Bobby Barnett, Olivia Kimble and husband, Billy Clemons and Yvonne Foster and husband, Bernell, all of Big Spring; one son, Cornell Kimble and wife, Mary Ann, of Big Spring; three sisters, Jossie Pickney of Daily City, Calif., Mary Fields of San Francisco, Calif. and Carolyn McNeil of San Antonio: seven grandchildren: 10 great-grandchildren: six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Mattie Jenkins: one sister, Cloria Hardin: and one brother, Joe Jenkins Jr..

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

William 'Bill' Lyons

William "Bill "Lyons, 61, of Houston, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, in Houston after a battle with cancer. Memorial services will be held in Houston on March 2, 2014.

He was born March 28, 1952, to Victoria Masloff Lyons and Edward C. Lyons.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Lyons of Houston; two brothers, John Lyons and wife, Andrea, of Big Spring and Richard Lyons of California; one sister, Helen Gibson and husband, John, of Corpus Christi, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Victoria "Vicky" Lyons, who died June 2011; and two sisters, Patricia Lyons McIntyre and Elizabeth "Lisa" Lyons.

Police Blotter

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

• ROBERT ANDREWS, 45, of 3404 Washington Boulevard, Beaumont, Texas, was arrested Friday

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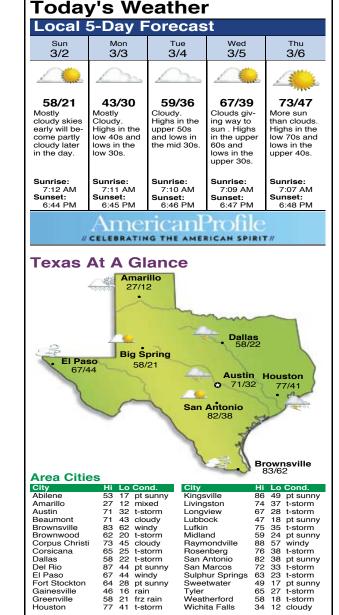
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on a charge of robbery.

 JOSEPH LYNN LUCAS, 34, of 1906 Oakwood St., Haltom City, Texas, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• JOE LUIS RODRIGUEZ, 21, of 604 Holbert, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and reckless • AMMIE LEE HOWELL, 35, of 3509 E. Interstate

Highway 20 was arrested Saturday on charges ofexpired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear – two counts and expired motor vehicle certificate. DOUGLAS VIRGLE PAXTON, 30, of 1208 S.

Monticello, was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram and public intoxication.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2400 block of Carleton Dr.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2700 block of Larry Dr. and the 400 block of 11th Pl.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on Highway



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• 7 p.m. — The Just For

Today Group of Narcot-

ics Anonymous meets

in Room 3 at Spring

Creek Fellowship, 501

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Stone

information,

at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call
- 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,

517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

TUESDAY • Noon — The Just For

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Support groups

- 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 caregivers. For more information, contact Jo Bidwell 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 Anony-

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to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. burn band would be

· 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 Anony-

mous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-

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• Spring Tabernacle

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

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment op-
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Cen-

county roads adversely effected by oilfield traf-

Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

Early voting for the trustee

election begins April 28 and

will continue through Tues-

Contact Staff Writer

COUNCIL

Birdwell Lane.

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council seats up for election this cycle will see contested races.

Justin Myers filed paperwork with city offices to run for the District 3 seat. He faces off against incumbent Glen Carrigan who seeks his second term in office. Also filing is Raul J. Marquez for the District 1 position held by Marcus Fernandez. Fernandez has already filed to seek his second term on the coun-

Filing to run for city council positions ended Friday.

Early voting for the council election begins April 28 and will continue through Tuesday, May 6. Election day is May 10.

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Big Spring Independent School District. Thomas "T.J." Stewchallenges incumbent Irene Rodriguez in the single

member District 1 race. District 3 representative Ken McIntosh will serve another three years and District 7 representative Fabian Serrano, who was recently appointed to the position, is assured to finish out the term now that no challenger filed in either single-member race. The three incumbents in the

Forsan Independent School District filed.

Glen Graves, Becki Walsh and Darren Weaver, drew no challengers and are now assured another term on the board.

day, May 6. Trustee elections will be held May 10. Contact Lyndel Moody at ci-

tydesk@bigspringherald.comor by 263-7331, ext. 234.

BSPD

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outcome of the investigation, then arrested and booked into the county detention center.

The charge against

Elizondo carries a potential punishment of between 180 days and two years in a state jail facility. "The city of Big Spring

and the Big Spring Police Department are committed to providing the citizens of Big

services while holding accountable its police personnel for any unethical, immoral or illegal acts," Everett said. Everett did not release

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any details of Elizondo's alleged offense.

"Due to the investiga-

tion being ongoing and taking into consideration Elizondo's liberty interest, there will be no further information provided at this time by the Big Spring Police Department," Everett added. "Any further comments relating to this matter will be referred to the Department of Public Safety Public Information Of-

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringher-

VOTE

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of the ballot drew the most candidates, while decidedly fewer candidates are vying for Democratic party nominations.

Polling places for Tuesday election are: • Precincts 11, 12, 12A,

- 13, 14, 16, 103, 104, 105 Road and Bridge office, 1000 N. San Antonio St. • Precincts 24, 25, 26,
- 205, 208 Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. • Precincts 32, 33, 34,
- 35, 304 First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700. Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404, 405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001
- Precincts 408 and 409

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- First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8517 N. Service Road, Sand Springs.
- · Precincts 207 and 207C — Coahoma Com-Center, munity North Ave., Coahoma.

Republican candidates in Howard County races include:

- County Judge Incumbent Mark J. Barr and Kathryn Wiseman.
- · County Commissioner, Precinct 2 — Incumbent Donnie (Don) Baker and Craig Bailey.
- District Clerk Incumbent Colleen Barton is unopposed.
- County Clerk Incumbent Donna Wright is unopposed. County Treasurer
- Incumbent Teresa Thomas is unopposed.

- County Surveyor Michael McBrayer is unopposed. • Justice of the Peace.
- Precinct 1, Place 2 -Dale L. Walker, Linda Calvio and Robert (Bob) Fitzgibbons.
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 — Connie Shaw. Janice Bishop. Linda Halfmann, Phillip Reid and Sally Grant.

Only one Democrat is running for a county position — Carlos A. Leal in the Precinct 1, Place 2 JP race.

Statewide posts up for election this year include governor, lt. governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner and three spots on the Texas

Supreme Court. In addition, party nominations for state senator and state representative will be decided.

For more information on Tuesday's election, contact Bloom's office at 264-2273.



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Elect

Robert Fitzgibbons

Precinct I Place 2

FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Trudy Page, 46, died

Saturday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. William Howard "Willie"

Martin, 69, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Viola Hillger, 85, died

Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at the Garden City cemetery. Loyd Hammon, 88, died

Thursday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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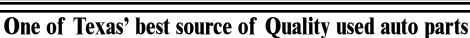
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College. I have been married 32 years and raised two children in Big Spring. I have been an assistant Scout Leader with Boy Scouts of America and volunteered in local Little League Baseball. I have faithfully served the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County as a Police Officer for 30 years. I have been a local tax payer for 31 years and will strive to operate an efficient tax funded office. I believe I am the most qualified candidate to serve as your next Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2. Political advertising paid for by Robert Fitzgibbons, Tina Fitzgibbons, Treasurer

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Opinion

When East meets West, at the airport

lex Trebek once said if the answer was "the discoverer or inventor of this or that ancient commodity," then it was a good bet the question was "What is

No longer limit it to "ancient commodities." "Who are the Chinese?" would also apply to the new masters of Western classical music. I was an eyewitness to the last performance of the Big

ist, Fei Fei Dong, a top finalist in the Cliburn Piano Competition.

When I saw that she was going to appear in Big Spring, I was thrilled. I was even more excited when our friends, Terry and Kay McDaniel, invited my wife and me to go to the airport to pick her up. Terry is a RICK symphony board member. I was a $_{H_{AMBY}}$ little awed at the prospect of meeting such an imposing musical figure. Would she be stiff in her bearing? Would she be quiet and reflective

regarding her upcoming performance? Or would she be resentful of being picked up by tone-deaf

had never met and didn't have a decent picture, but there by the luggage carousel was a solitary Oriental girl. Terry ventured a "Fei Fei Dong?"

Immediately, a beautiful little girl turned her head to us and her face erupted into a bright smile with a very nice laugh behind it. She hardly stood five-foot-two, holding her single carry-on size bag. From then on it was "Terry" and "Rick," and, a few minutes later, "Kay" and "Debbie."

front seat and it lasted all the way back to Big Spring. The whole time was filled with not only sweet, innocent smiles and laughter but also of a genuine love of America (especially her Juilliard School and New York City).

Texas in general. She spoke openly with affection of her sister (only two children per family are allowed), her mother and her policeman father. With all of her bounciness and joy I think I detected a thin vein of sadness when she said it had been six years since she had seen her family.

in a big strange country. I wanted to hug her and tell her everything would be all right. There was many tangible and/or desirable lots of hugging, by the way. Tactile affection is ob- results. More likely, whatever viously something we have in common with the proposals are on the table will Chinese culture.

her accommodations for her and both she and tually run off the Terry pronounced the room, "great."

for her performance. For me, it was a day of reflection. In the short period of time that I had known Fei Fei I had developed an affection I had rarely seen in my life for a person I had known so briefly. Was it her modesty, her open joy of life or her complete trust in four strangers — one of them admittedly a little louder and more obnoxious than the other three — I can't tell you. I think it was her humanness I was drawn to.

performance. Maestro Giordano brought Fei Fei out on stage. She looked beautiful but even smaller and more vulnerable than before. She sat down and began to tentatively play. The great orchestra soon blended with her Chopin notes, demanding from the Lord: "Come, now, let 105 pounds to keep pace. In front of me, this tiny China doll attacked those helpless 88 keys. Soon it was not a demure little girl up there but Genghis reason and common sense will

own wonderful program. When that was finished the audience began to file out. Up the aisle with current announcement that

the conductor in tow came Fei Fei.

and take you to the airport." She smiled broadly and nodded as she melted President Barack Obama and Ca-

"If you need anything..." Terry and I both said monarch butterflies. The lead-

On the way out to the car Terry said, "I think I

saw a tear in her eye."

The hidden glass restrooms

ome people go to Sulphur Springs just to use the restroom. The city uses billboards to advertise the unique mirrored cubes that from the outside look like works of art.

The four outside walls reflect the buildings, trees, walkways and people and cars passing by the city square. You could call them video murals. If you see the structures for the first time, you can't imagine what they are.



SMITH

Sulphur Springs has a strange downtown plaza anyway. It used to be a parking lot, but has been changed into an interesting destination. In addition to the restrooms, it has a one and a half million-dollar Veterans Memorial, which is extremely impressive. Usually in Texas county seats, the courthouse sits in the middle of the town square. Not so in Sulphur Springs. The Hopkins County Court House is across the street.

The restrooms have become world famous. They are roomy and are fully equipped.

"Of course you have the toilet and the sink, soap, all the necessary items you'd find in any restroom," says Sulphur Springs City Manager Marc Maxwell. "In addition, these are heated and cooled."

The walls are one-way mirrors. "Just like you see in all the cop shows when they interview suspects. You can see them but they can't see you. So you can sit inside and do your business and watch the world go by, but they can't see what you're doing."

But people try to look in. "All day long. It's really interesting. A lot of people come from out of town to see them. They'll approach the restrooms in groups of two or three. Somebody goes inside the bathroom and starts waving or jumping around while the others stand outside and see if they can detect them, which they can't. Then they take turns going in."

Marc says a lot of people were in on the planning for the plaza.

"While we were sitting around scratching our heads trying to figure out what to do, I remembered seeing photographs of a mirrored glass restroom in Switzerland done by an Italian artist

who used the glass building as a traveling art exhibit that went all around Europe. So I left the room, printed out some copies of the photographs and passed them around. Everybody said, 'that's it!'"

As soon as the restrooms were installed, the news hit all the television networks in the U.S.

"It was even in newspapers in England," says Marc. "The Learning Channel was just here and did a full day filming of the glass restrooms for a segment it's doing on outrageous rest-

"We've had reporters here from all over. So when we say the restrooms are world famous we're probably fairly accurate.' Considering all the publicity for Sulphur Springs the rest-

rooms have generated, the cost to build them was a bargain. "Each one cost \$27,000. We spent a total of \$54,000."

Security cameras are on the square to prevent vandalism.

"The cameras are outside the restrooms, not inside.'

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Big Spring

Letters to the Editor

Talkin trash

To the Editor:

We had been cleaning the lots around us to today and took a load to the dump ground. When we got there and weighed, the attentent told us she figured we had over 500 pounds in trash. Our load was heavier than our recorded empty weight because we have a compressor and welding equptment in She then told us it would be \$35 to dump trash since

she thought we had over the 500 pound amount. It was our understanding it was \$10 a day for residents of Big Spring to use the dump ground.

Our trash was nothing out of the ordinary and we ended up putting it the dumpster at home. It will take two loads but since we already pay a hefty price for that privilege, we will use it.

Marian Buzbee

Funding and accolades

To the Editor:

When the city increases rates (like garbage pickup rates for a new, needed landfill) for a specific purpose, I believe it should go to that fund — no excuses — period!

So, add two more names along with Clem Jones' name to ask — "Where did the money go?"

Also, when we had that horrible cold and our water lines were breaking, a letter to the editor from Janell Davis praised the men who went out in those deplorable conditions all night to repair the damage so our residents could maintain their service and comfort. I had intended to add our "Thank you,

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Let's hear it for butterflies

et's face it. When national leaders agree to attend summit meetings, we don't expect cost billions, take great chunks

tracks.

Additional probable results include ill will. insincere apologies and/or posturing, not to mention much media window dressing. Often, leaders wish they hadn't



Newbury

summit. It's rare indeed when biblical admonition gets much traction. One that comes to mind immediately is Isaiah's quote us reason together."

Hope springs eternal that quently applied — wherever we

How refreshing, then, is the should set our hearts aflutter. At the recent confab in Toluca, dent, Enrique Peña Nieto; US nadian Prime Minister Stephen

We're flat out running out of ers didn't meet initially to talk came up when they reviewed the North American Free Trade Agreement, which created the "I don't know," I answered, "but I have one in world's largest trade zone a couple of decades ago.

> Citing monarchs as the species that "symbolizes our association," the leaders wedged

in the "butterfly alert" on an agenda that included weighty pronouncements on energy, immigration, border security and iob creation.

Population of the monarchs. hibernating in Mexico annually from December until March, has plummeted from a high of 1.1 billion in 1996 to a pitiful 33 million this year.

Butterflies covered 45 acres of forests in Mexico two decades ago; now there are enough to cover just 1.65 acres.

Experts say relentless spraying of herbicides in North America is wiping out once-plentiful milkweed, the only plant monarch caterpillars can eat. This is the opinion of more than 100 scientists. Nobel Prize winners and environmentalists.

The scholars are calling on the three nations to establish a "milkweed corridor" that could put an end to what, in effect, amounts to starvation for many of the world's most beautiful creatures. They advise massive planting of milkweed along roadsides — and in toxin-free buffer zones — in all three countries.

Thus, when butterflies make their 3,000-mile migrations, there should be plenty of milkweed to sustain them — if they stay on course.

In just five years, we'll observe the 50th anniversary of a longrunning Broadway hit (later a heralded movie), "Butterflies Are Free."

Perhaps a worthy goal to coincide with that milestone would be the announcement that monarch butterfly numbers are soaring, maybe even nearing the one billion mark.

Sure, we've got problems with border crossings, but they shouldn't apply to butterflies. If they, in "butterfly talk," ask, "Got milkweed?," each country should have a "yes" answer. Maybe wives of the presidents

will take this project on: Lady Bird Johnson would have!

If the leaders piddle around on this problem, international landscapes could one day be barren

of monarchs. How sad. I guess it's too late for the experts to help restore fireflies. (OK, "lightning bugs" if that's what you called them.) Maybe that can be considered at a later summit. (And no, we don't want the leaders squabbling over whether to offer little government-provided feedbags for the monarchs to eat from during their migration. What we do want is for them to take the problem seriously. At an earlier summit, upon learning the whooping crane population had dipped under 100, one wiseacre suggested gathering up regular cranes, and teaching them to

whoop.) Humankind remains fascinated by God's creatures, particularly, I think, the ones that fly, with feathers or otherwise.

I don't know very many butterfly stories, but a boiler plate, garden variety and well-worn yarn comes to mind. It is worth recalling, reminding us of the importance of a commitment to open-mindedness.

Two caterpillars, crawling slowly along the ground, heard flapping wings of butterflies above them. "You'll never get me up in one of those things," one said to the other.

Finally, there was the youngster who feared somehow swallowing caterpillars and winding up with butterflies in his stomach ... End of the lines; everybody off!

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A Critical Ear

Spring Symphony and its guest art-

hayseeds? I followed Terry into the airport to find her. We

Her laughter continued as she loaded into the

She was very curious about our home and West

So young (23 it turns out), so small, and so alone

On getting to the Settles Hotel, Terry checked of time and even-

For Fei Fei, Friday would be a day of practice

Whatever it was, I was looking forward to her even called the Khan himself playing the piano. We were all held prevail. Both seem to be infre-

in her power. After her concerto, the orchestra took over its live or wherever summits occur.

"Terry! Rick!" she called out, hugging us both. Terry said, "We'll pick you up in the morning Mexico, that country's Presi-

into the crowd with the Maestro. The next morning, the four of us retrieved Fei Harper seemed to have unani-Fei from the Settles. We picked up where we had mous resolve to tackle a problem left off the Thursday before like five friends on a faced by all three countries. road trip. At the airport, Terry and I saw her in,

at once. She hugged us once again and walked to her about butterflies. But the subject

Rick Hamby is a local attorney and playwright.

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Fellas!" I may not know you, but we sure do respect and appreciate your efforts.

Sam and Margie Myers **Big Spring**

Sounding off on the EDC To the Editor:

I cannot believe we have an EDC board member who thinks it is waste of time" to have policies in place that govern all activities regarding a government entity.

Does this board member also believe

the city of Big Spring and its employees should operate at their will and without policies? I have heard about the EDC staff (two employees) spending on fancy coffee and buying candles all in the name of this function or that function. Some of the items were purchased out of town. What happened to "shop Big Spring?"

Not only do taxpayers pay for this fancy coffee and candles, we pay for their time to purchase them and their gas. Wow! I am glad someone is getting something out of the sales tax when I buy my \$5 burrito for breakfast on the way to work. I say get the policies in place now. I also can't wait to stop by the EDC office and pour myself a cup of fancy coffee since I'm paying for it. Miah Garcia

It is time to get a handle on the Eco-

Big Spring

To the Editor:

nomic Development Corp. This entity is funded 100 percent by money belonging to the citizens of Big Spring. All money owned by the citizens must be strictly accounted for and the only way to do that is through policies and procedures. It is inconceivable that our money has been used willy nilly with no control and at the sole discretion of one non-elected person. There is no telling what in depth audit of financial transactions covering the last 5 years would turn up. I strongly encourage the EDC board of directors to get a handle on this and force Mr. Wegman to quickly develop policies and procedures addressing all functions of the EDC that can be approved by a vote of the board of directors. Otherwise, the board of directors become responsible for any misuse of government funds by their failure to do their job. For those board members unwilling to do the tough job of holding someone accountable step down. I want board members who take their job seriously and realize it is a job, not a membership in the "Good old boys club.

Lupe Hernandez Big Spring

To the Editor:

This letter is a response to the letter from Joyce Crooker in last Sunday's

Ms. Crooker has posted letters several times reiterating that there are laws in place that govern how the EDC spends the tax money it receives. She quotes all the statutes by title and chapter which is all well and good.

There are laws in place that regulate how economic development tax monies can be spent in support of a business moving to or developing in our community. We all understand that and we understand that the board of directors can put additional limits on that specific spending as well.

What is apparent there are those such as Ms. Crooker, Mr. Wegman, Mr. Depauw, and Mr. MacKenzie who don't seem to understand that there are many like me who want reasonable limits placed on other spending. This money belongs to the citizens of

I do not think it is reasonable for an office consisting of two people to spend large amounts on coffee, to buy candles, candy and drinks for people working for other agencies in the

same building, or to spend \$1,000 a year on a postage machine that they only buy \$100 worth of stamps on.

How about having a handshake and a wink on renting out office space in the building that is owned by the citizens of Big Spring? I am not saying Mr. Wegman is a bad person or that he doesn't care about Big Spring. I am saying that people like Ms. Crooker who sat on the board of directors in the past and put no policies and procedures in place did not do their job.

The by laws clearly state that the EDC director shall establish polices and procedures to be approved by the board of directors. So all the good old boys and girls who sat on this board and did not ensure those policies and procedures were implemented are just as guilty as Mr. Wegman for the wasteful spending and poor management of our property.

For those of you who think we should hire a director of the EDC and give him or her the keys to the city and our bank account, what will you say if and when Mr. Wegman leaves and a new board hires someone you don't always agree with? Will you be OK with them sponsoring the Howard County Day in Austin? (I might point out this is Big Spring money, Howard County can establish a sales tax for economic development if they want to, but those businesses not located in Big Spring collect no EDC money.)

What do you think of a select group getting \$300 a night hotel rooms, 30 or 40 folks getting Imax tickets and Mr. Wegman getting a \$35-\$40 room service breakfast on your money, while the local resident buys a bus ticket, with his/her own money and rides four hours each way (no motels for us), and has to buy his/her own lunch on the way home.

Anyone who does not understand the need for policies and procedures that govern all aspects of an entity owned by our citizens and funded by tax dollars has no understanding of ethics. Surely Mr. MacKenzie has policies and procedures in place at his bank. If not, I sure won't be bank-

I think it might be time to call the state officials and call for a full audit. Hopefully, nothing illegal will be found and we can just tighten up on the wasteful spending and poor property management and then we can move on.

Lastly, Dale Avant is not the president of the board, he is a citizen and successful local business man. I think you misunderstand his statement. I think his statement was simply to iterate that although board members have different viewpoints, they should work together. Certainly even you, Ms. Crooker, understand that in a board where the majority rules it would be wise for the two to learn to work with the three. There is no need for Mr. Depauw to be so rude to other board members and citizens just because he disagrees.

Let me end on a positive, at least Mr. MacKenzie is courteous and does not make childish jesters, send texts and make faces during the meetings.

Pancho Narbaiz Big Spring

To the Editor:

What is going on with the EDC?

Why, after all these years, are there no policies and procedures in place to protect our money? In the past the board members were attorneys, accountants/bankers and doctors. Do these same attorneys, accountants/ bankers and doctors not follow policies and procedures in their profes-

Yet these same professionals knew policies and procedures were supposed to enforced/implemented. Make Wegman earn his keep and do his job as required by the by laws, his job description and employment contract and write policies and procedures that benefit our city and safeguard the people's monies.

Mr. Wegman, you can be a player

as you stated; just remember whose money your are playing with. Ours

Brittney Malina Big Spring

To the Editor:

I would suggest to members of the **Economic Development Corporation** and citizens of Big Spring that it is only common sense to establish policies and procedures for the spending of government funds.

All funds, property and equipment in possession of the EDC belong to the people of Big Spring. It does not matter whether there is one staff member or a thousand, when the citizens funds are in question, policies and procedures need to be written, approved and in place to ensure their appropriate use.

We cannot put the burden of determining what is appropriate on one person such as the director and then second guess his or her decisions. Policies and procedures, as required by the EDC by laws, when written and approved by the board of directors will protect the board, director and EDC staff by clearly identifying appropriate expenses and their lim-

Everyone should support having policies and procedures in place for any business or governmental organization, especially one that has access to and control of millions of dollars of our money and probably millions in value of property.

Please support the common sense approach of meeting the requirements of the EDC by laws and have the director develop by laws to be approved by the board of directors. We have gone far too long without them.

Cotton Mize Big Spring

To the Editor:

The Webster's Dictionary defines yellow journalism in two parts. The first part defines using yellow print in newspaper, etc. The second part definition states, "The use of cheaply sensational or unscrupulous methods in newspapers, etc. to attract or influence the readers." The same dictionary defines unscrupulous as unprincipled and defines unprincipled as lack of moral principles.

The last time I checked, I am living in America allowing me freedom of speech. I wrote what I experienced and my beliefs and concerns. If anyone chooses to disagree or agree is their right as it is my right to express

My opinion is if we had attended to business and problems in the past in

stead of letting so many things crum ble and lapse, we would not be raising taxes now doing what should have been accomplished. It's all our fault, as taxpayers and citizens. We should have been con-

cerned about our future. This is why suggested citizens take an interest in how our tax dollars are spent and the upkeep on our city. I am glad there are people who do not have deep concerns paying high er taxes. I do. Bobby McDonald, I do not have any followers. I think and

prompting me on what to say or think other than God and His Holy Word the Bible. My letter had no mention of Gloria McDonald. There was no intent in my letter regarding her. So what was all

speak for myself. I do not need anyone

the ado about? Big Spring is my hometown, too. opined that I'd like to see more of a common sense approach. The way things are happening in this country and world today, I'd like Big Spring to be established and able to stand or our own rather than be in a huge debt to others who do not have the care and deep concern.

I want Big Spring to be guided with concern for all the citizens. That's my opinion and concerns and my right to express them. Bobby McDonald, you tried to trash my opinion because in did not bow to your opinion and you grandstanded off my letter to over shadow my opinions and push your political agenda.

My agenda is the safe and solid growth for our city, and the sane and decent treatment of our citizens.

Dean Kraus

Big Spring

To the Editor:

This is a response to Joyce Crook er's letter published on Feb. 21. Mrs Crooker, first let me remind you, you also sat on the EDC board and allowed the EDC to function without policies and procedures.

If you request the audit conducted by Newberry you can read for your self that there where deficiencies in internal control and material weak

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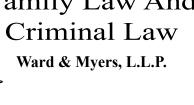
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away.

Take note

- Holy Trinity Catholic Youth Group is hosting a Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday Feast" Tuesday in the Father Beasley Hall at 1009 Hearn Street from 6-8 p.m. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10. Price includes drink and dessert. Come and indulge and enjoy great company and music. Door prizes to be given
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th an-

niversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting," Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

Big Spring Second

- Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www. youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, in-

cluding, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more infornation, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us
- Howard and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents

or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main
- · Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around vour schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main

a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy

the fun and meet new

• You don't have to be senior citizen to enjoy puntry-western danc-mation, call 267-1628.

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nesses but, not all were identified.

As to the phone bill, the auditor knew changes were already implemented. The vote passed unanimously to have Mr. Wegman change his telephone contract.

I've yet to know of a governmental agency or any entity which govern without policies and procedures. This should not come as a surprise to Mr. Wegman it is listed as a requirement by the EDC by laws and his job contract.

As to asking for travel limits, I searched priceline.com and found rooms at the River Walk for less than \$100 per night. It is wrong for Mr. Wegman to have carte blanche at the taxpayer's expense.

Where there are rules and regulations, policies and procedures, there is accountability and transparency. Just because it is "budgeted" doesn't mean every penny must be spent.

Mrs. Crooker, if memory serves me right, there was a lot of controversy before you were appointed to the EDC board. Have you forgotten? What is your definition of what constitutes "controversy" is it rated by numbers, subject, or the person delivering the message? Or is controversy just controversy? Is it possible that everything is correct in the message but the messenger is not someone you are used to as the deliverer?

If the latter is true, then I suggest without controversy that in action we are not a community that includes everyone. It does not matter that we are a growing community and speaking about it in terms of "we" and in action not including all

of us.

Those who are progressive will notice the imposed divide as much as they will notice the

infrastructure and schools. I ask why impose the taxes on people who are excluded in the decisions made for the tax purposes?

Marie Rangel Big Spring

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, I attended an EDC. meeting. Among several things I was disappointed in the reporter's way of reporting this meeting. It sounded as if a knock out, drag out ensued. That was not the case while there was unprofessional behavior at points by a board member; I felt that it was simply an exchange of ideas, some not known

by all.

I have never before spoken in public, and had other people feel that Mr. DePauw was being unprofessional and rude to speakers, so I am thankful for the encouraging words for those who noticed and I will continue to speak publicly.

I want to further the discussion by stating that when I spoke I had received my information through the Open Records Act, yet it was stated at some point that

information was inaccurate. My question is, if they know information is incorrect, why release it to the public? I believe the citizens of this community need to know this information is available to everyone and it should be used to monitor all taxpayer monies and its purpose. When I mentioned, from the report that no business had been brought into Big Spring in a year, Mr. Wegman preceded to correct me by telling me that instead of one year it was really three years, which in my opinion is worse. No businesses brought in the last three years. The point in general I was trying to state is Mr. Wegman took 50 trips in 36 months ranging from Atlanta, Ga., to Las Vegas, Nev., which resulted in zero businesses for the city of Big

Spring.
In closing, let me say that I as a funder of these taxes, I do not feel we need to have a board member such as Mr. Depauw with a cavalier attitude when dealing with benefactors of these monies. It is simply an insult.

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Maricela Rodriguez

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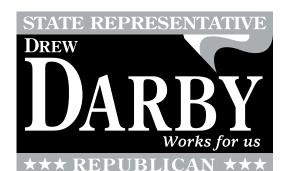
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News in brief

Pro-Russian leader of Ukraine's Crimea claims control of military, police; asks Putin for help

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine (AP) — The discord between Russia and Ukraine sharpened Saturday when the pro-Russian leader of Ukraine's Crimea region claimed control of the military and police and appealed to Russia's president for help in keeping peace there.

It was the latest escalation of tension between the two countries following the ouster of Ukraine's pro-Russian president last week by a protest movement aimed at turning Ukraine toward the European Union and away from Russia.

Armed men described as Russian troops took control of key airports and a communications center in Crimea on Friday. Ukraine has accused Russia of a "military invasion and occupation" — a claim that brought an alarming new dimension to the crisis, and raised fears that Moscow is moving to annex a strategic peninsula where Russia's Black Sea fleet

Ukraine's population is divided in loyalties between Russia and Europe, with much of western Ukraine advocating closer ties with the European Union while eastern and southern regions look to Russia for support. Crimea is mainly Russian-

Crimean's prime minister, Sergei Aksenov, declared that the armed forces, the police, the national security service and border guards will answer only to his orders.

At heart of Ukraine drama, a tale of two countries with historic grudges

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — In the afternoon, when the shift ends at the coal mine and the miners walk out into the cold and past the old concrete statue of Lenin, they often head to a tiny corner store a block away. There they'll stand in the parking lot for a while, drinking little bottles of the vodka called "Truthful."

They know what is happening in Kiev, the capital city that can seem so far away. They've seen pictures of the democracy protesters shot dead in Kiev's streets, and the TV reports on the mansions of ousted President Viktor Yanukovych, the one-time thug and pro-Russia politician who grew up in this far-eastern city. They watched from afar this week as protesters, many from western Ukraine, helped form the country's new government.

They don't like it at all.

"I have always felt that we are so different," said a miner who gave his name only as Nikolai, a thickset 35-year-old who went from high school directly into the mines. People speak Russian across most of Ukraine's east, and worship in onion-domed Orthodox churches. They were shaped by 70 years of Soviet rule and its celebration of socialist industrialization, and by the Russian empire before that. To them, the government is now being run by outsiders who care little for this side of the country. "If they try to pressure us, our region will revolt."

His words are echoed — except for a few key words — in a conversation 800 miles (1,250 kilometers) to the west, in a medieval cobblestoned city, Ukrainian-speaking residents and houses display ing the EU flag and its yellow stars.

Obama vows Russia will face 'costs' for possible military intervention in Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is warning Russia "there will be costs" for any military maneuvers it launches in Ukraine, a move U.S. and Ukrainian officials say they believe to be already underway.

Officials say Obama may retaliate by canceling a trip to Russia this summer for an international summit and could also cut off trade discussions with Moscow. But it's unclear whether those moves will have any impact on Russia's calculus in Ukraine, which is at the center of what many see as a tug of war between East and West.

"Any violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity would be deeply destabilizing," Obama declared Friday in a statement from the White House. Such action by Russia would represent a "profound interference" in matters that must be decided by the Ukrainian people, he said.

Separately, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said that while he would not address specific U.S. options, "this could be a very dangerous situation if this continues in a provocative way." Asked about options in a CBS News interview, he said that "we're trying to deal with a diplomatic focus, that's the appropriate, responsible approach."

As Obama prepared to speak late Friday, a spokesman for the Ukrainian border service said eight Russian transport planes had landed with unknown cargo in Ukraine's Crimea region. Serhiy Astakhov told The Associated Press that the Il-76 planes arrived unexpectedly and were given permission to land, one after the other, at Gvardeiskoye air base.

Documents show Hillary Clinton's advisers seeking to soften her image among public

York.

"Be real," wrote adviser Mandy Grunwald in a July 1999 memo as Clinton prepared for a Senate often see you only in very stern situations."

by the Clinton Presidential Library reveal the first lady's struggles with the health care plan during the 1990s, "an aversion" to the Washington press corps and her transition into a political candidate in her own right as the Clinton administration

succeed President Barack Obama, though she has not said whether she will run. The nearly 4,000 pages of records, the first of more than 25,000 expected to be released in the next two weeks, underscore her attempts to appeal to average Americans and her aides' advice that she show a more human side, reminiscent of problems that surfaced in her 2008

generated baked cookies." Her herself in the Senate, in the 2008 Democratic watching her popular-

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's advisers sought to "humanize" what they saw

as her stern, defensive public image during her husband's White House days and as she embarked on her groundbreaking Senate campaign in New

campaign. In the memo, the adviser urged the first lady to "look for opportunities for humor. It's important that people see more sides of you, and they Thousands of pages of documents released Friday

Clinton is the leading Democratic contender to

primary loss against

Clinton's public image has been a hotly debated topic throughout her career and could linger into any presidential campaign in 2016. She headlines during her husband's 1992 campaign when she defended her work as an attorney instead of being someone who "could have stayed home and role in the health care reform effort was criticized as Democrats were routed in the 1994 elections. Establishing Clinton lost to Obama primary but has become one of the most admired women in the world, ity grow as Obama's secretary of state.

No significant drought dent but no serious damage either as storm covers California AZUSA, Calif. (AP) — A storm that brought some

of the highest rainfall totals to the Los Angeles area in years, including eight inches on some mountains, was just the beginning of what the region needs to pull out of a major drought. Although the storm was expected to remain strong

Saturday, forecasters said such systems would have to become common for the state to make serious inroads against the drought. "We need several large storms and we just don't

see that on the horizon," National Weather Service

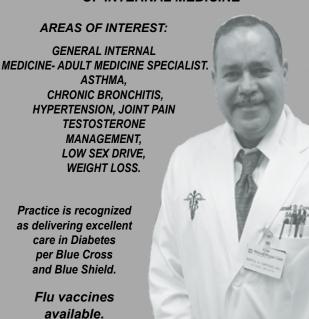
meteorologist Eric Boldt said Friday. "This is a rogue storm. We will dry out next week." But the storm had yet to do serious damage ei-

ther. At least not yet.

In Azusa and neighboring foothill communities about 25 miles east of Los Angeles that sit beneath nearly 2,000 acres of steep mountain slopes that just weeks ago were menaced by a wildfire, about 1,200 homes were under evacuation orders over mudflow fears but were so-far spared.



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Trail Life alternative to scouting

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas (AP) — Chatting in the living room one night, Ron Orr gave his 15-year-old son Andrew a choice: He could stick with the Boy Scouts of America and his mission to become an Eagle Scout, or he could join Trail Life USA — the new Christian-based alternative that excludes openly gay

This was no small decision. Four generations of Orr men had been Eagles, including Ron and Andrew's older brother. Andrew had spent years working toward Scouting's highest rank, and was just months from reaching it.

But the Boy Scouts had decided to admit gays, and Ron Orr, a tall, softspoken man with a firm handshake, is clear about his Christian faith and what it says about homosexuality: It is a sin that cannot be tolerated.

His son agreed. He would forgo the century-old BSA for Trail Life, which officially launched just last month.

"It felt like I'd be hitting something higher than Eagle in terms of achievement," Andrew said, in an interview.

So Orr and his son left BSA and set out with other families to build a new organization based

on what they believe to be Christian values. Orr is a regional organizer who speaks to churches and groups about Trail Life. His son now aspires to achieve a Freedom Award, the new group's highest rank.

The Orrs and others in Trail Life say they are fighting for the traditional values of Christianity and of Scouting, which includes a command in the Scout Oath to be "morally straight" even as a changing America grows more accepting of gays and gay marriage. They are leaving an organization central to many of their upbringings with heavy hearts, but also with the belief that the Scouting they knew no longer ex-

"As Christians from a scriptural basis, we love all folks, but the Scripture is very clear that being homosexual is a sin," Ron Orr said in an interview. "We've got to be able to hold a strong line and set a consistent example for our young men."

Trail Life has established units in more than 40 states, mostly from Boy Scouts and parents who feel their old organization has lost its way. It has about 600 units up and running or in the process of registration, executive director Rob Green said.



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Grady, Sands fall in regional semifinals

LUBBOCK - The 2013-14 high school basketball season came to an abrupt end for the Crossroads area teams on Friday afternoon in Levelland. Both Grady and Sands ended their seasons with losses in the South Plains College Texan Dome in the Region I-A Division II semifinals.

Grady closed out its campaign with a narrow 38-33 loss to the Nazareth Swifts.

The Wildcats struggled offensively against the Swifts. The team shot just 22 percent from the field in the contest, including a 4-for-26 mark from behind the three-point line.

Nazareth grabbed the upper hand in the game with a solid first-quarter run. The Swifts outscored Grady by a 13-7

Nazareth tacked on a 12-8 run in the second and stretched its lead to 25-15 at the half.

The Wildcats managed to slow Nazareth's offense in the second half. Grady outpointed the Swifts by a narrow 8-5 clip in the first eight minutes of the third quarter and pulled to within 30-23 at the start of the fourth.

Beau Lucas led all GHS scorers in the game with 11 points. Cole Avery added six, Taylor Polson added five, while Joseph Briseno and Kyle Garza both pitched in four.

With the win, Nazareth improved to 213-12 for the season and earned the right to face Texline in the regional finals on Saturday.

Grady completed its season with a 23-7

Sands, which finished the regular season as the runner-up to Grady in the District 6A race, saw its season come to an end as well. The Mustangs suffered a 60-50 setback to Texline in the other regional semifinal bout.

Texline, 26-3 overall, used a quick start to get past the Mustangs. The Tornadoes reeled off a

35-24 advantage in the first two quarters of play and never looked back.

After opening the game with a 16-10 spree in the first quarter, the Tornadoes streaked into the half with a 11-point lead by grinding out a 19-14 effort in the sec-

Sands, which finished the year at 24-8, posted a 26-25advantage in the second half.

GAME CHANGER

Stinnet happy with change that led her to Lady Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

or Sarah Stinnett being a multi-sport standout was normal growing up in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. If you were an athlete at Fort Sumner, you did everything - especially volleyball and basketball.

And you did it well.

As a senior year at the small Class A school in eastern New Mexico, Stinnett was among the biggest stars. She helped lead the Fort Sumner High School Vixens to a berth in the Class A state volleyball championship game, and helped hoist the state championship trophy after leading her team to a stunning upset of No. 2-ranked Tatum in the

Like most college athletes, Stinnett hoped her abilities would get her a few looks for college. They did ... only not in her favorite sport basketball.

After graduating from Fort Sumner in 2011, Stinnett said she took the road offered to her to play college athletics, and signed to play with the Odessa College Lady Wranglers, who were starting the women's volleyball program.

"Coming out of high school, I signed to play volleyball because I didn't think I would get any offers in basketball," said Stinnett, who earned all-state volleyball honors for three straight years at FSHS.

While playing volleyball for the Lady Wranglers, Stinnett said she realized just how much she loved basketball. After helping guide the Lady Wranglers to within a game of the Region V West Volleyball Tournament as a freshman, Stinnett said she knew in her heart that she wanted to give basketball another

"It was basically an experiment," she said. "When I was playing volleyball, I was always thinking about playing basketball. I realized just how much I missed playing basketball when I was doing that.'

Volleyball's loss turned out to be a boon for the Howard College Lady Hawks' basketball program.

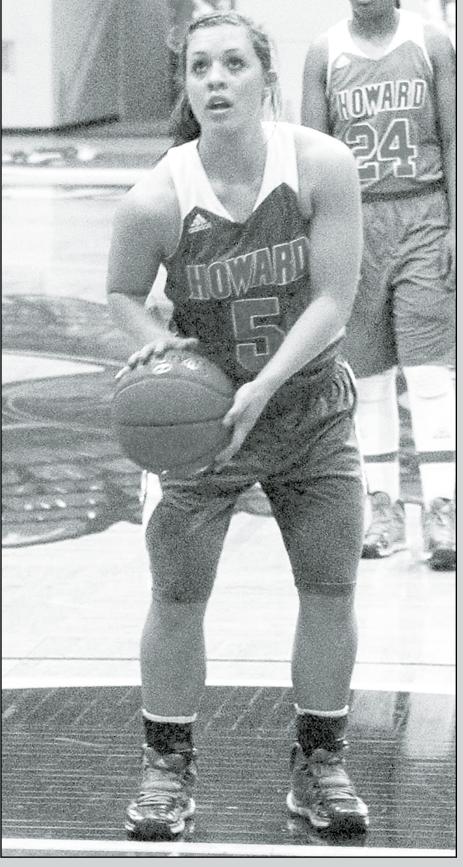
Shortly after finishing volleyball, Stinnett said she approached Howard College head coach Earl Diddle about playing basketball. Diddle, who had seen her play in the New Mexico all-star game the previous summer, agreed to let her try.

After the conclusion of the OC volleyball campaign, Stinnett transferred to Howard College and began practicing with the Lady Hawks basketball program.

"My family had known Coach Diddle for when he was coaching in New Mexico (Eastern New Mexico State University), and thought I should try coming here." she said.

The move began paying dividends for Stinnett and the Lady Hawks almost immediately. As a freshman member of the Lady Hawks' program, she joined an HC program that pounded out a 19-11 record and finished just one game shy of qualifying for the Region V Women's Basketball Tournament. As a team,

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Howard College's Sarah Stinnett prepares to shoot a free throw against Western Texas in her final game with the Lady Hawks. The lone sophomore on the HC women's basketball team, Stinnett actually began her college athletic career as a volleyball player with the Odessa College Lady Wranglers in 2012.

Lady Steers shine at 'Crossroads' tourney

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers turned in impressive outings in the first two rounds of the Tournament at the Crossroads on Friday afternoon at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Big Spring won both of its pool play games and earned a berth in the Gold Division championship

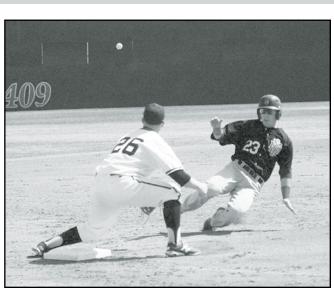
The Lady Steers opened the tournament

bracket.

with a 19-0 romp over Jim Ned in the Orange pool. They followed that with a win over the Midland High School junior

Big Spring went 3-0 in pool play and nabbed a berth in the Gold bracket opposite Lakeview, the No. 2 team from the Yellow pool.

Forsan and Coahoma also played in the tournament. Results will be in Monday's edition.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

A New Mexico Military Institute runner attempts to slide in under a throw at third base during the Hawks' 9-5 loss to NMMI in Game 1 on Friday.

Hawks split WJCAC twinbill with NMMI

The Howard College Hawks didn't open their Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule quite the way they had hoped on Friday afternoon at Jack Barber Field. Then again, neither did New Mexico Military Institute.

The Hawks salvaged a split of their conferenceopening doubleheader with NMMI by pounding out a lop-sided 20-1

win on Game 2.

The Broncos, behind a solid pitching effort from Jeremy Mortenson, opened the twinbill with a stunning 9-5 victory.

Hawks' centerfielder Reggie Wilson registered HC's biggest hit in the loss by hitting a lead-off home run in the bottom of the first.

The Hawks rallied Game 2 by a staggering 20-1 margin.

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Hawk sophomores ...

The sophomore members of the Howard College men's basketball program were honored between games of the team's final home game recently. Honored were (from left to right) Demeco Blue, Eric Weary, Jr., David Joseph, Darius Johnson and trainer Justin Simeon.



Lady Hawks sophomores ...

The three sophomore members of the Howard College women's basketball program were presented with banners between games of the final home outing at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Members of the HC Lady Hawks presented the banners to Kalee Litke, Maribel **Banuelos and Sarah Stinnett.**

Keselowski to start on pole at Phoenix race

(AP) — A few drivers, like Brad Keseltrack to get in their qualifying sessions. Others waited, some for the first time.

There were long stretches with allowed by mad scrambles to get runs in before time ran out. mph difference.

round of NASCAR's his strange and will fourth career pole.

AVONDALE, Ariz. take some getting used to.

Brad **Keselows**owski and Joey Lo- ki earned the first gano, raced onto the Sprint Cup pole under NASCAR's new format, edging Joey Logano with a tracknearly 10 minutes, record top speed of before heading out 139.384 mph at Phoenix International Raceway on Friday.

"It's a lot more most no activity fol- nerve-racking," Keselowski said.

Keselowski was one of the first driv-Cars raced past each ers to go out in the other at close to a 100 first session and finished behind Lo-No doubt, this first gano. He trumped teammate in new knockout qual- the shorter, second ifying was a little session to earn his

Hawks to open Region V tourney with McLennan

The Howard College Hawks will tip off play in the Region V Bas-Tournament ketball on Wednesday, March 5, with a first-round matchup with the na-

BS Invitational set for March 7

The Big Spring High School Invitational Track and Field meet will be held on March 7 at Blankenship Field.

The meet will start at 1 p.m. with the field events. The running events will begin at 4 p.m.

tionally-ranked McLennan County Community College Highlanders.

Howard College heads into the the contest as the WJCAC's No. 4 seed. McLennan County is the No. 1 seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

McLennan County is 27-3 and ranked seventh in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll. The Hawks are 23-7.

The game will begin at 5 p.m. in the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Kennedy leads Steers to 4th in first round at Andrews Classic

team-best 77 on Friday and led the Big Spring High School golf team to fourth place in the team standings after the first round of the Andrews

As a team, the Steers posted a score of 330 and went into Saturday's

the end of the first day Andrews "B" squad tied Midland Christian for second at 321. Monahans Kermit. was fifth at 333.

Tate Kennedy fired a final round trailing An- Big Spring's efforts on drews by just35 strokes. the first day of play on The Andrews "A" squad the Andrews Country led the tournament at Club course. His mark of 77 left him in a tie for with a score of 292. The seventh in the individual medalist standings with Nathan Ornelas of

Mikey Pappajohn and Kennedy highlighted Devin Roberson also turned in solid outings for the Steers on Friday. Both fired openinground scores of 80 and were placed just outside the top 10 in the individual race.

> Tyler Bryan and Sam Harris rounded out the Steers' efforts. Bryan recorded a score of 93 over the first 18 holes, while Harris posted a firstround mark of 95.

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Guinn tied for 5th after first round at Shadow Hills

Big Spring High School 18 holes of play. senior turned in a solid first round at the Region I Golf Preview on Friday at the Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock. The BSHS senior was tied for fifth in the individual standings after the first

Guinn posted a first-=round score of 83, and entered Saturday's final round tied with Greenwood's Ryan Pate.

Briana Cabos also played well for BSHS, shooting a 106.

LINDA

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 1 **Howard County**

My name is Linda Halfmann, my husband Rudy and I have 2 sons, 4 grandsons, and 1 great grandson and no granddaughters. I was born and raised and attended school in Coleman County, but my husband would tell you he got me to Howard County as soon as he could. I am serving as appointed Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 Place 1. My first priority was to fulfill Judge Dobbs term and I felt I was most qualified after training and working for him for six years. After many people encouraged me to run for this position, I decided to do so. With the expenditures the county obligated for my training I felt it would be an injustice to not give voters the opportunity of approving the commissioners appointing me to fulfill the position created by Quail's retirement. Precinct 2 has expanded to include the city of Forsan, and the work load has increased resulting in more fines levied, more criminal and civil cases. My experience and qualifications assure that Precinct 2 will continue to run smoothly and efficiently. I have already completed sixty hours of the eighty hours required to serve as a Justice of the Peace, and will complete my training in March 2014. Therefore I want to utilize the taxpayer's dollars already spent on my training at school, and continue as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 Place 1 in Howard County. I also have completed 76 hours of Justice clerk and court personal training. We have a problem with truancy in Coahoma and I have been working with principals and teachers to try and reduce the truancy problem. I would appreciate your consideration on March 4th, 2014, but irregardless get out and vote this is one of our most important rights.

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Howard College ranked No. 2 in Perfect Game poll

Already ranked No. 1 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I baseball poll, the Hawks received some more welcome news earlier this week. The team is rated No. 2 in the Perfect Game

State College of Florida grabbed the poll's No. 1 team in Perfect Game's

overview of the nation's top 50 junior college teams, especially when Florida's initial in-state ranking of the 2014 season had unbeaten Tallahassee Community College at No. 1 and the Manatees at No. 3.

Tallahassee burst out of the gate by winning its first 11 games of the season to surge past the

State College of Florida retained their ranking as in the highly-competitive state JC rankings. But the Manatees left little doubt that they were the top team in the state-if not in the nation-when they trekked to Tallahassee this weekend and swept the Eagles in a three-game set.

The Manatees moved to 12-3 on the season and the nation's top team in PG's first in-season ranking of the Top 25 juniorcollege teams.

As expected, the Manatees have gotten key contributions from their ace pitcher, Missouri-bound righthander Reggie Mc-Clain (4-0, 0.64), and versatile Ryan Valdes, a Florida State transfer

who has played a key records than the State role in center field (.471-0-10, 7 SB) and as a closer (1-0, 0.00, 2 SV, 8 IP/14 SO). Additionally, freshman righthander Dustin Hagy, the team's top prospect, has gotten off to a solid start (1-0, 2.35, 15 IP/15 SO).

Two teams that are 13-1 in the early going and have posted better

College of Florida, are Howard College and No. 3-ranked Chattahoochee Valley (Ala.),

Rounding out the top 10in the Perfect Game poll are Chipola College (FL), Orange Coast (CA), Grayson County (TX), Walters State (TN), LSU-Eunice (LA), Connors State (OK) and Cypress (CA).



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Running strong ...

Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez takes the baton from teammate Dyrshae Vanderbilt during the 4x200-meter relay race at Friday's Rattlesnake Relays in Sweetwater. The Lady Steers won the race with a time of 1 minute and 48 seconds.

HC softball team kicks off 3-week road swing in Temple

Howard College Lady Hawks' softball coach Kelly Raines credit for her 2014 softball schedule. She definitely didn't want her team to get too comfortable at home.

Lady Hawks The kicked off a three-week road swing on Saturday when they ventured to Temple for a doubleheader with Temple College. Howard College will play 14 games in two different states over the next 20 days.

After facing Temple, the Lady Hawks will return to action on Monday with a trip to Ranger for a doubleheader with the Lady Rangers.

women will travel to El Paso for games against El Paso Community College on March 7-8. From there, the team will travel to Coolidge, Ariz. for a March 13 twinbill against Central Arizona College.

From there, the Lady Hawks will compete in the Central Arizona Softball Classic in Casa Grande. the two-day tournament will be held on March 14-15

Howard College will return to the area on March 21 when they open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play in Odessa.

The Lady Hawks' next

United Way golf tourney scheduled for March 29-30

The Big Spring Countries try Club And the United Way Of Big Spring/ Howard County will be holding its Annual United Way Golf Tournament on March 29-30. The event will be played under a 3-man scramble

Entry fee for the tournament is is \$80 per player. Mulligans will be available for \$20. The entry fee does not oes not include golf cart. The tournament is

scheduled to begin on both days at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Practice rounds available on March 29.

Field will be flighted by first round score. The

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An optional cash players pool will be available for both Saturday and Sunday

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Sarah Stinnet finished among the Lady Hawks' leading scorers and defenders during her sophomore season.

Region V women's tourney to start Thursday in Lubbock

The 2014 Region V basketball women's tournament will get under way on Thursday, March 6, with four games in the Rip Griffin

Center in Lubbock. Western Junior College Athletic Conference champion New Mexico Junior College will face Temple College at 7 p.m.

Temple finished fourth in the NTJCAC standings.

Other first-round games include South Plains facing Collin County at 2 p.m., Odessa College against McLennan County (noon) and Midland College against Weatherford at 5 p.m.

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STINNETT

Continued from Page 11 the Lady Hawks went 7-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Stinnett was among the bright spots for the Lady Hawks this season. The lone sophomore on one of the youngest teams in the conference, Stinnett turned in career-best numbers for the Lady Hawks despite seeing the HC women struggle to a 13-16 record.

On the court, she played in played all 29 games for the Lady Hawks this season, averaging better than 30 minutes per game, and closed out the season as the team's secondleading scorer behind freshman Bailey Wipff. She finished the season averaging 11.1 points per game.

She also was among the team's leaders in steals and three-point

shooting.

She closed out her career on Thursday night by helping lead the Lady Hawks to a season-ending 59-49 victory over Western Texas in Snyder. In that game, she pumped in 17 points.

Howard College finished the 2013-14 season with a 13-16 mark, and a 4-10 record in WJCAC action.

Despite the team's struggles, Stinnett said she was pleased with her decision to end her volleyball career for a chance to play basketball at Howard.

"I think it was great," said Stinnett, who completed her twi-year run with the HC women with a 32-29 record. . "I have grown so much and learned so much from Coach Diddle. The record may not show it, but he has made me a better basketball player in every aspect."

Stinnett said she intends to continue her

season.

"I'll definitely play basketball somewhere

basketball career next next season. I've put in way too much work into this to not try and play," she said.



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A Life-Long Love Affair Early Big Spring Settlers John and Annabel Birdwell





John and Annabel remained sweethearts all their lives. They would often "steal away time for honeymoons." A favorite place was "The Lodge" at Cloudcroft, N.M. They also enjoyed going to the gulf where they could do some deep sea fishing. During these "honeymoon times" relatives would move into the home and take care of the children. The family members would catch up on their visiting, sew clothes, crochet and embroidery.

John did not claim to attend church. However, he considered himself to be a Godly man. He said his idea of religion was not being tied down inside a church building, but working on his Masonic duties or spending time with God while laying under a tree. Annabel was proud of her work in helping establish First Christian Church where she became a charter member.

Annabel wanted to be baptized and John wanted her to be as warm as possible in the frigid water.

Always having the best interest for his wife, John instructed his ranch hands to heat large boulders on a camp fire by the pond. Pictured above is Annabel.



The "Big Springs Pantograph" published the following wedding notice for the Birdwells eldest daughter, Lillian pictured above:

"Forth from the curtain of clouds from his tent o purple and gold, issued the sun, the Great High Priest, his garments resplendent, blessing the world as he came, and flooding "Red Rock,' the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Birdwell with warmth and gladness, making a perfect wedding morn for Mr. Edward Mills, a prominent traveling man, and Miss Lillian Birdwell, the eldest and stateliest daughter of the home.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock on the morning of July 26, two white clad little girls threw open the doors of the library in which stood the bride and groom, the maid of honor, Miss Annabelle Birdwell and the best man, Mr. Chas Wynne, of Fort Worth, before a drop curtain of feathery smilax and cedar, interwoven with pink, white and royal purple wild

The Reverend W.H. Sewell of Colorado City, with a ceremony as sweet and simple as that of Ruth and Boaz, pronounced them man and wife and prayed fervently for the hearth and home that day founded in affection for divine blessings on the young couple.

The guests were invited into the dining room to view the wedding fits and the sheen of silver and the glitter of rare cut glass held all eyes spellbound. Mrs. Birdwell, the mother of the bride assisted by Mrs. Claude Campbell, of Thurber, and Miss Alice Lusk, of Fort Worth, served ice cream and cake to those present.

At 8:30 o'clock the bridal party were driven to the train where they departed for their respective homes midst a shower of rice. Mr. and Mrs. Mills will spend five or six weeks in the Indian Territory, close to natures bosom.

The bride was beautifully gowned in a green cloth gown, made 1830 style, trimmed in linen and silk motifs and the lace and Oriental bands.

She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom wore





The Birdwell family pose proudly for photographs before the 7:30 a.m. wedding of their daughter Lillian, on June 21, 1904. Pictured from left to right, are: (front row) Maydell, Annabelle, Johnanna, and Lillian; (back row) Dan, John, Annabelle II, and Banton. The wedding ceremony was held at the Birdwell home. Redrock. Pictured above is John Birdwell.

Photos and information courtesy of the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry, 267-8255. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 \mathcal{J}_{ohn} Birdwell had a small frame building constructed to serve as a private school for his three younger children to attend. His cousin Adeline Hyde and his John's wife, Annabel, taught there. Pictured below, in 1902, in the first row third from left, is Maydell, and Banton Birdwell is in the second



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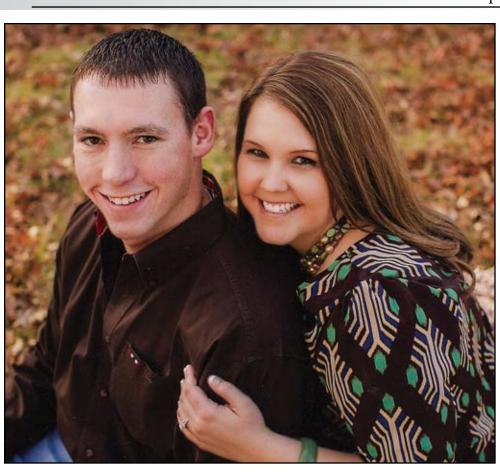
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Rachael Lanet Hayes and Blake Darwin Grantham

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"Modern American Realism" opens Friday, featuring 70 paintings and sculpture spanning from 1910 to 1980. It draws on the works of the Sara Roby collection, which was given to the museum in 1986.

The show includes works by Will Barnet, Isabel Bishop, Paul Cadmus, Arthur Dove, Nancy Grossman, Edward Hopper, Wolf Kahn, Yasuo Kuniyoshi and Jacob Lawrence, among others.

Curators say some of the museum's most beloved paintings are part of this exhibit, including "Cape Cod Morning" by Edward Hopper and "Night in Bologna" by Paul Cadmus.



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 ${\mathcal K}$ achael Lanet Hayes of Corpus Christi and Blake Darwin Grantham of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows Aug. 30, 2014, in Abilene, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Paul B. Hayes III of Greenwood, Texas and Jendy Thomas of Riviera, Texas; and the granddaughter of Wayne and Jo Thomas of Post, Texas and Paul Jr. and Gale Hayes of Loraine, Texas.

Rachael graduated from Riviera Kaufer High School in 2005, obtained prerequisites for dental hygiene from The University of Texas at San Antonio 2005-2008, graduated from San Antonio College of Medical and Dental Assistants in 2008 with a dental assistant certificate, associates of science from Northwest Vista College in 2010, associated of arts from Northwest Vista College in 2010, associated of applied science of dental hygiene from Howard College in 2012.

She is employed as a dental hygienist at the office of J. Michael Wedin, DDS in Sweetwater, Texas.

The groom is the son of Rodney and Dena Grantham of Big Spring and the grandson of Bud and Angel Grantham and Mike and Nancy Bod, all of Big

He graduated from Forsan High School in 2008. He graduated from Howard College in 2010 with an associates degree and attended San Angelo State University.



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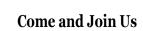
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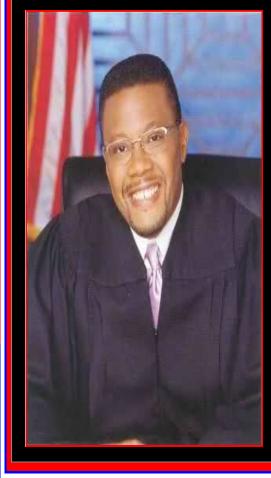
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gerine chicken, brown

rice, baby carrots,

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Wednesday: Breakfast,

cereal with Texas toast.

Lunch, Tex-Mex stack,

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Thursday: Breakfast,

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Wednesday: Breakfast, sandwich, sunrise peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken fajitas or turkey and cheese wrap, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sausage biscuit with jelly, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken spaghetti or popcorn chicken, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, bacon, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, sack lunch and

milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancake on a stick, whole grain toast, cereal and chilled pineapples. Lunch, Swedish meatball, cheesy chicken mac, popcorn chicken salad, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, Romaine garden salad, blushing pears and whole grain roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs with ham and tator tots, whole grain cinnamon toast, cereal and blushing pears. Lunch, chicken brown rice bowl, sweet and sour chicken, cheeseburger basket, egg roll, seasoned carrots, Romaine garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, fortune cookie and whole grain roll. Wednesday: Breakfast,

mini maple pancakes, whole grain toast, cereal and hot cinnamon apples. Lunch, Big Daddy Pizza cheese and pepperoni, beef ravioli with garlic bread stick, chicken ceasar salad, seasoned corn, Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine garden salad and chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast,

waffles, breakfast sausage patty, cinnamon toast, cereal and chilled peaches. Lunch: taco pie, chicken fajita soft tacos, beef taco salad, whole grain Spanish brown rice, Santa Fe blend vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled peaches, salsa, jalapeno and sour cream.

Breakfast, Friday: morning sausage roll, whole grain toast, cereal and chilled mixed fruit. Lunch, deli ham and cheese sub, crispy chicken sandwich, spicy chicken basket, sweet potato fries, pickle spear, California blend vegetables, Romaine garden salad and chilled mixed fruit.

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Senior Center

Monday: Ham with cornbread and milk.

with gravy, buttered rice, mixed vegetables, brownie, rolls milk. Wednesday: Lasagna,

Italian vegetables, tossed salad, peach cobbler, garlic bread and

Friday: Grilled chicken breast, mashed pota-

carrots, fruit bowl. Friday: Breakfast. breakfast

burrito. Lunch, pizza, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slic-

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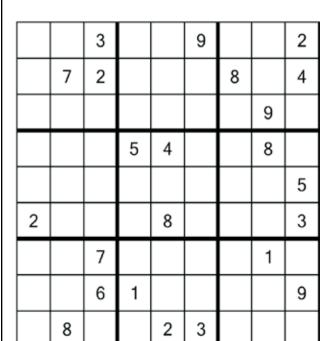
Thursday: Patty melt, French fries, lettuce and tomato, mixed fruit and

toes, green beans, pear

Sudoku Answer on Page 3A

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or



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Latest airline perk: Safe distance from the masses

NEW YORK (AP) On flights from San Francisco to Hong Kong, first-class passengers can enjoy a Mesclun salad with king crab or a grilled USDA prime beef tenderloin, stretch out in a 3-foot-wide seat that converts to a bed and wash it all down with a pre-slumber Krug "Grande Cuvee" Brut Yet some of the most cherished new international

first-class perks have nothing to do with meals, drinks or seats. Global airlines are increasingly rewarding wealthy fliers with something more intangible: physical distance between them and evervone else. The idea is to provide an exclusive experience,

inaccessible, even invisible, to the masses in coach. It's one way that a gap between the world's wealthiest 1 percent and everyone else has widened. Many top-paying international passengers, hav-

ing put down roughly \$15,000 for a ticket, now check-in at secluded facilities and are driven in luxury cars directly to planes. Others can savor the same premier privileges by redeeming 125,000 or more frequent flier miles for a trip of a lifetime. When Emirates Airline opened a new concourse

at its home airport in Dubai last year, it made sure to keep coach passengers separate from those in business and first class. The top floor of the building is a lounge for premium passengers with direct boarding to the upstairs of Emirates' fleet of double-decker Airbus A380s. Those in coach wait one story below and board to the lower level or the

London's Heathrow Airport took a private suite area designed for the royal family and heads of state and in July opened it to any passenger flying business or first class who's willing to pay an extra

"First class has become a way for a traveler to have an almost private jet-like experience," says Henry Harteveldt, an airline analyst with Hudson Crossing. Airlines "will do everything but sing a

The front of the plane has always been plusher than the back. But in recent years airlines have put a greater focus on catering to the most affluent fliers' desire for new levels of privacy. There's a lot of money on the line. At big carriers

like American Airlines, about 70 percent of revenue comes from the top 20 percent of its custom-The special treatment now starts at check-in.

American and United Airlines have both developed private rooms, located in discrete corners of their terminals in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, that allow for a speedy check-in. Boarding passes in hand, travelers exit through hidden doors leading to the front of security lines.

Some foreign airlines have gone further. Lufthansa offers first-class passengers a separate

terminal in Frankfurt. There's a restaurant, cigar lounge and dedicated immigration officers. For those who choose to shower or take a bath, the private restrooms come with their own rubber ducky, an exclusive plastic souvenir for the international jet set. When it's time to board, passengers are driven across the tarmac to their plane in a Mercedes-Benz S-Class or Porsche Cayenne. "That sort of exclusivity plays to the ego of people

who are in a position to spend that much money on airline flight," says Tim Winship, publisher of travel advice site FrequentFlier.com.

At Heathrow's private suites, designed for up to six people, fliers pass swiftly and privately through their own immigration and security screening.

While they're waiting, hors d'oeuvres and Champagne are provided. Steak, sushi or other meals can be delivered from airport restaurants. When it comes time to actually fly, passengers are driven to their plane in a BMW 7 Series sedan and escorted to their seat.



By Steve Becker

A Highly Unusual Discard

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable **NORTH** \bullet 1096 ♥K82 **♦**874 🗛 J 10 3 WEST **EAST ♠** J 7 4 ♥AJ653 ♥Q10974 lack A K Q J **♦**92 **4**965 **SOUTH ↑** A K Q 5 3 2 ♦ 10653 **♣**K Q 4 The bidding: East South West North 4 🏚 Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

When is a signal not a signal? Answer: When it obviously does not

mean what it says. For example, take this case where South gets to four spades on the bidding shown. It is not clear whether West should lead the ace of hearts, the suit his partner bid, or make the more aggressive lead of a diamond, hoping to get a diamond ruff. Be that as it may, West fortunately

elected to lead a diamond. Had he led the ace of hearts instead, declarer would have finished with an over-East won the diamond lead with

the jack and continued with the ace and king. It was on the third round of diamonds that West made a most unusual play — he discarded the ace of hearts

Under the circumstances, there was no way East could construe this play as a signal for him to lead a heart next. Rather. East reasoned that his partner was trying to stop him from shifting to a heart. So East continued with a fourth round of diamonds, and West's jack of trumps became the setting trick.

Observe that if East had shifted to a heart instead of leading another diamond, which he very well might have done without West's extraordinary discard, declarer would have had no problem scoring the rest of the tricks. But West had recognized that a heart shift by East could easily prove fatal, and he headed off a potential disaster by making the most dramatic discard he could find.

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Management and staff of Honeybee's, located at 1203 Scurry, are joined by Chamber of Commerce representatives during recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Estimated fourth-quarter economic growth rate cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a 2.4 percent annual rate last quarter, sharply less than first thought, in part because consumers didn't spend as much as initially estimated. Severe winter weather is

expected to further slow the

economy in the current quarter.

But as temperatures warm, most economists think growth will rebound beginning in the spring. The Commerce Department on Friday reduced its estimate of economic growth in the October-December quarter from an initial 3.2 percent annual rate. The revised estimate of 2.4 percent annual growth is the weakest quarterly showing since the first quarter of 2013.

A key reason for the downgrade was that consumer spending is now estimated to have expanded at a 2.6 percent annual rate, below the initial estimate of 3.3 worth writing home about," Lee

quarterly spending by consumers in nearly two years.

Economists said the more sluggish pace of consumer spending resulted from bad weather at the end of the year, which cut into vehicle sales, among other purchases. But they pointed to one key point of encouragement in the report: The government's estimate of business investment was revised up to an annual rate of 7.3 percent — the best quarterly showing in a year and sharply higher than the initial 3.8 percent annual rate.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said that while she expects bad weather to limit this quarter's growth to a tepid annual rate of around 1.7 percent, she's looking for a solid rebound for the rest of the year.

"Due to Mother Nature, quarter one is not going to be anything percent though still the strongest wrote in a research note. "The

rebound ... and all of that pent-up demand won't show up until the second quarter."

In a separate report, the University of Michigan's monthly index of consumer sentiment showed that while bad weather kept consumers away from retail outlets, it had not shaken confidence.

"Consumers have displayed remarkable resilience in the face of the polar vortex as well as higher utility bills and minimal employment gains," said University of Michigan economist Richard Curtin.

Economists said steady consumer confidence supported their expectations for a rebound in spending once the weather improves.

The bad weather has squeezed

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Officials with Drug Screen Compliance, 501 Birdwell, Suite 22, are joined by Chamber of Commerce representatives for recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Market Watch



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don't know about you, but this strategist is starting to get tired of listening to many of our elected officials in Washington endlessly talking about boosting "infrastructure spending" in a big way. The goal, of course, is to boost the number of people earning a paycheck by "creating" these jobs. While I certainly support any efforts to increase employment, it strikes me that a good number of these representatives must rarely get out beyond the Beltway and interact with real people dealing with everyday issues — like all the traffic congestion caused by infrastructure proj-

Keep in mind that these infrastructure jobs basically represent temporary employment. For example, when a highway project is done, the job is done. This is not an ongoing entity that produces a product that requires marketing and continued improvement of that product. It is a project with a definite beginning and end. It is entirely dependent on the whims of government funding. Politicians love these projects as they bring temporary jobs to their constituents. And employed constituents tend to vote for those bringing home the ba-

OK, enough of that. My main gripe is that our representatives seem to assume that there is a lack of infrastructure improvement projects going on in America. And while I do not have the exact numbers to back up my observations, my own grass roots work tells me that major infrastructure projects are going on all over the United States. Hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of projects. Here in the Midwest, try driving 200 miles in just about any direction on any major highway. Or even just commuting to work every day.

The only question is how many highway construction projects are between here and where you want to go and how much will they slow you down. Part of the road trip planning process is trying to figure out how to avoid the construction zones when they are most backed up. Unfortunately, that is largely a guessing game I typically lose. Extend your drive by another 200 miles and the construction delays could cost you hours of extra road time. Literally.

As I travel the country visiting with our financial advisors and their clients, it seems most highways and airports, many shipping ports and numerous schools and government buildings are undergoing some sort of improvement project. Huge projects. And that is what needs to happen. Workers earn paychecks fixing and improving our infrastructure. Just like your home, maintenance has to be done from time to time to make sure the property is performing its intended purpose.

But if you listen to what our representatives in Washington are saying, it would seem as though none of our roadways are being maintained. Maybe it is just a predictable election year theme in a modest growth economy, but it makes one wonder: Do these people not drive anywhere or what?

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GROWTH

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retailers, forcing some stores to close. At one point in January, about 30 percent of Macy's and Bloomingdale's stores were

Home Depot Inc. estimated that it lost \$100 million in January because of the bad weather. And home builder Toll Brothers Inc. said freezing, snowy weather in January and February had hurt its business in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic Midwest.

For all of 2013, the economy grew at a lackluster 1.9 percent. Analysts think growth will rebound in 2014, possibly to as high as a 3 percent increase in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services.

Growth was held back last year by higher federal taxes and government spending cuts enacted to combat soaring budget deficits. Economists estimate that the squeeze from the government subtracted about 1.5 percentage points from growth last year. If growth does reach 3 percent this year, it would be the strongest performance since the recession ended almost five vears ago.

After enduring the deepest downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s, the economy has struggled gain momentum and the weak growth has made it harder for people who lost jobs during the downturn to find work. The revisions in fourth-quar-

ter growth were the result of updated data that the Commerce Department did not have when it made its first estimate a month ago. Commerce will make one further estimate of fourth-quarter GDP next month.

The biggest factor in the revised estimate of growth last quarter came from the reduction in consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. The revision reduced purchases of durable goods such as autos, non-durable goods and services. Smaller downward revisions came from a reduction in the amount of stockpiles businesses built up, fewer exports, which increased the trade deficit, and weaker state and local government spending.

Government activity was a big drag in the fourth quarter, subtracting 1.1 percentage points from growth. The federal government accounted for 1 percentage point of the reduction, reflecting lower defense spend-

Spending on home construction, one of the economy's standouts in 2013, fell in the fourth quarter. This setback is expected to be temporary and partly a result of the bad weather.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Thursday that the Fed still expects the economy to strengthen this year, which would help put more people to work. But she told the Senate Banking Committee that recent economic data have pointed to weaker-than-expected gains in consumer spending and job growth. She said the Fed will be watching to see whether the slowdown proves only a temporary blip caused by severe winter weather.

The Fed is gradually reducing its monthly bond purchases, which have been intended to keep long-term loan rates low to encourage spending and growth. It reduced its original \$85 billion monthly pace in December and again in January in \$10 billion steps to a current level of \$65 billion.

Many economists think that as long as the economy keeps improving, the Fed will keep cutting the bond purchases by \$10 billion at each meeting this year until ending the program in December.

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U.S. consumer confidence up

WASHINGTON (AP) — A surprisingly optimistic outlook among younger Americans and a higher stock market pushed up a measure of U.S. consumer sentiment in February.

The increase was small, but the harsh winter weather appears to have had little effect on Americans' confidence so far. That's a sign that spending might pick up in the coming months.

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index ticked up to 81.6 in February from 81.2 in January. It's still slightly below December's figure.

"While the weather made trips to the store more difficult, the data suggest that purchases were postponed rather than canceled," the report said. For example, consumers' home-buying plans were largely unchanged.

The survey also found that Americans under age 35 have grown more optimistic that their pay will increase. On average, they expect income gains of 5 percent over the next 12 months, the survey found Richard Curtin, director

of the survey, said that is a welcome change for an age group that has been particularly hard hit by the recession and sluggish recovery. Unemployment rates for younger Americans have been much higher than for older workers since the recession ended almost five years ago. And their income gains have been weak. Anecdotes of college graduates living with their parents and working low-wage jobs are widespread.

The Michigan survey's finding provides some hope that such trends might be turning around. In a healthy economy, younger Americans usually anticipate solid income growth as they gain experience

tive, Curtin said. Optimism about future income may suggest that more people under 35 are finding jobs and that some who are working are getting promotions, he added.

and become more produc-

Still, other haven't found rising optimism among younger peo-

In an Associated Press-GfK poll in January, just 38 percent of those under 35 said they expected their financial situation to improve in the coming year, down from around half who said so through most of 2011 and 2012.

Among Americans as a whole, the expectation is that their paychecks will rise just 0.9 percent in the coming year. While that matches a six-month high reached in January, it's still below the inflation rate and is low by historical standards.

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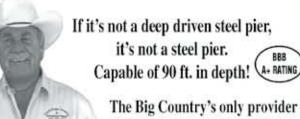
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To: Unknown Trust Of Roger E. Canter Deceased, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday March 31st, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 02/12/2014 in the entitled cause LISA CANTER, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER E. CANTER, AND AS SERVATOR FOR LORA PEDIGO CANTER: **ELOISE** CANTER AND **JAMES** MITCHELL, AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE CATHY JENNINGS FAMILY TRUST vs. UNKNOWN TRUST OF ROGER E. CANTER, DECEASED A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: declaratory judgment to determine ownership of mineral interest as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 12th day of February, 2014. **COLLEEN BARTON**

District Clerk of Howard County, Texas By: Joanna Gonzales #8178 February 16, 23, 2014 and

Legals

given that Notice is hereby ConocoPhillips Company, Operator 172232, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in the SW 1/4 of Section 142, Block 29, W&NW RR Co survey and Section 152, Block 29, W&NW RR Co survey in Howard and Glasscock Counties, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Ken Andersen of Company, ConocoPhillips Midland, Texas at 3300 North A Street, Bldg 3-263, Midland, Texas 79705-5190, (432)688-9020 by March 24, 2014. #8190 March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2014

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE Advertisement for Sealed Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

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Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5175. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM CST on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the Old Main East Annex, room E2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with concerning qualified vendors documents submitted. The final determination of vendor award will be made at a future board meetina.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big 79720, Spring, TX e-mail sismith@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all

responses. #8188 February 27, 2014 and

March 2, 2014

Legals

Notice of Public Sale to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 11:00am on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 409 E. 23rd St. Big Spring, TX. Property sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Contents of spaces generally described as household goods of the following tenants: Clyde Young, Jr.

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Storage Zone, 432-264-7262. #8183 February 23, 2014 and March 2, 2014

Legals

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

SABLE ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, 711 N. CARANCAHUA STREET SUITE 1130, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78401 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Clearfork formation, Phillips 185 SWD Lease, Well Numbers 1 & 2. The proposed disposal wells are located 3.8 miles southeast of Forsan. Texas in the Howard-Glasscock (Glorieta) field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3200 to 4500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division. Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, (Telephone Texas 78711 512/463-6792). #8191 March 2, 2014

Legals

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene an Executive Governing Body meeting at 8:30 a.m., March 13, in the Big Spring State Hospital Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Hwy 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432)268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than March 10. Public comments are limited to three minutes and will begin at 1:30p.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Claudene Cooper. Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed claudene.cooper@dshs.state.tx.us.

BSSH complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Titles VI and VII; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination in Employment #8193 March 2, 2014

Legals **Elderly or Disabled Homeowners**

May Defer Property Tax Payments Garden City, Texas Texans who are age 65 or older or

who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Glasscock County Appraisal District office. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes

are deferred- but not cancelled- as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died. A filed tax deferral affidavit keeps

homeowners from losing their homesteads because of delinquent property taxes. A pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien will also cease as a result of filing a tax deferral affidavit. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes one an affidavit is filed. are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were

already due. All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 S. Myrl St., PO Box 155, Garden City, Tx. 79739, Phone 432-354-2580. Information is also available on Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Retrogrades and Relationships

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relationships and how they ebb and flow to reflect the needs of both people at different times of life. If you're in it for the long haul, accepting change is part of the deal. But it may be more appropriate to let things drift for a time to see whether they come back around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Experience teaches you to make good choices. You get the experience by making bad choices. So today you can't go wrong unless you make no choice at

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The day's events have an inspired quality: You feel it, and then you do it. Deliberation seems unnecessary. Besides, most things

you will do now can be undone later if you change your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your heart has a way of taking turns without warning you where it's headed. You might be surprised by who you feel for, how you feel and the intensity of your emotions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easy to interpret the comments of others as discouragement, but that would only be one interpretation. Listen with an optimistic ear. Challenge yourself to find a positive takeaway from everything you hear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When it's time to unwind, be sure to fully commit to it. You are as entitled to relaxation as anyone else. Pamper yourself. It's good to feel good. Why spoil it by feeling guilty?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It will be hard to enjoy yourself while focusing so intently on serving others. There is fun to be shared. In order to

share in it, you have to stop believing that you and you alone must supply it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep true to your work plan. It will feel like you are just doing a small amount, but at the end of the week, you'll be finished and so proud of how everything added up!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you volunteer, make sure there really is a need there. The way to productivity and success will start with the extremely easy step of avoiding wasted efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a lot you want to do with your life, but you will do far more if you narrow down your

goals to just one. Treating your goal like it's the main thing that matters will lead to maximum productivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All matches do not start off with that heavenly feeling. And yet, if you take into account what can be learned from

people who are difficult and different from you, maybe all matches are made in heaven, after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're still not sure whether a plan will work, but hold onto hope. If it doesn't work, you'll know more than you know now. If you are persistent, eventually you'll get where you're trying to go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mission is challenging, but with the right support around you, you absolutely can succeed. Getting that support is half of the work. It requires that you investigate all of your options and ask for help.

TODAY'S **BIRTHDAY** (March 2). This month you'll be near just the people who can help you realize a dream. Be bold. Introduce yourself. In April, you'll make a sale and enjoy a hefty profit. Keep close tabs on your people in May. You'll get around in style thanks to an upgrade in June. You'll spoil your special people in July. Aries and

Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7. 14, 4, 38 and 5.

FORECAST FOR

THE WEEK

AHEAD: The

carnival mood prevails this week, featuring Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday"), a time for living it up before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The only problem is that many don't want the party to stop. Venus enters Aquarius on Wednesday, agreeing to keep the lighthearted vibes alive along with a spirit of sharing and a sense that "we're all in this together." Then lucky Jupiter sides with the party people, too, stationing for direct motion on March 6. The flow of good feeling and improved fortune will be focused especially on women as Jupiter parades through the sign of feminine energy, mothers, home and domestic bliss. Women's issues will be on the forefront of the political landscape, and progress will be made with less of a fight than in months

past. On a personal level,

100 pounds since our

two kids were born.

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worry about her

I would like to tell

health. We talk about

growing old together

and all the things we

will get to experience

great age to travel, and

with our children.

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we can enjoy their

sporting events. My

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cookie, brownie or

lead by example by

exercising regularly,

health. I want us to

take long walks and

eating no goodies and

keeping watch over my

wife exercises a little

piece of cake. I try to

many will be able to clear up communication problems over the weekend. The Gemini moon is rooting for us to work things out, especially through conversation, and come to new understandings that support the needs of all involved.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In 2012, the James Bond movie "Skyfall" became the eighthhighest grossing film in history, due in part to the enormously appealing charms of Pisces Daniel Craig. Born when the moon and Neptune were in adventurous Sagittarius, international appeal is in his natal chart. Five water-sign planetary influences suggests that, like Bond, Craig often succeeds on instinct and intuition.

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Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I recently decided to do a know what he looked little digging into my past and started a family tree. While I was doing this, I came across information that my biological father had passed away some 10 years ago.

Annie, I had no contact with my biological father after the age of 2. He had an affair with my mother

and then went back to his wife. I don't even like. In all honesty, I have no feelings about his passing. I have never regretted not meeting him.

The reason I am writing is that he had two children by the woman he was married to while seeing my mother on the side. I doubt they even know that my two younger

brothers and I exist, especially since he went out of his way to deny having fathered us in the first place.

My mother suggested I contact these nowgrown children and let them know about us. I do not think this is a good idea and prefer to leave well enough alone. Your thoughts? --Curious in Minnesota

Dear Curious: We agree with you to leave things alone. We assume you have relevant medical information about your biological father. Does your mother have a photograph of him so you can satisfy any curiosity you have about what he looked like? These children may deeply resent learning that their father had an affair that produced siblings, and developing a relationship with you could be too painful for them. If they do know about you, they can do the same search you are considering, so we'd let them make that decision.

Dear Annie: My wife reads the paper daily, so I'm hoping you can get through to her. She has put on more than

grow old together. Thank you for printing this. If I said these words to my wife, she would take it badly, but when she reads it, I will tell her I wrote it. -- Omaha, Neb. Dear Omaha: How could any woman be upset when her husband says he wants to grow old with her? Weight is a tricky issue and a do-ityourself project. And 100 pounds might seem overwhelming. If you indicate disapproval of her food choices, it makes her feel terrible, which only makes her want to eat. Your wife

> to drop some pounds. Could you take over more of the cooking

is aware of her weight

and undoubtedly wants

and grocery shopping so there are healthier meals and snacks? Would she take a romantic walk with you after dinner? Would she join Weight **Watchers or Overeaters** Anonymous? Would she download an app on her phone to keep track of her calories

When you show her this letter, ask how you can help her. We hope she will work on it, but if she refuses, please know there is nothing more you can do. Love her as is.

Dear Annie:

and exercise?

"Concerned in Galesburg, Ill." disapproved of parents taking photographs of their babies without clothing on. We once had an attorney general who went around putting diapers on statues of naked people. I've often wondered who his constituents were. --

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