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SPRING FORWARD

If you haven't already done so, set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time kicks off this weekend.



Recount coming? Possibly

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

As of now, there will be no recount of votes in the Coahoma justice of the peace election, but that may change in the coming days.

In the tightest of the locally-contested race in Tuesday's primary election, one vote made Linda Halfmann the odd woman out in the race to name the Republican nominees for the Precinct 2 justice of the peace. Connie Shaw and Phillip Reid earned spots in the May 27 runoff by garnering 216 and 130 votes, respectively, while Halfmann was third with 129 votes.

Tuesday's vote totals will not become official until they are canvassed by the respective party's county executive committees Thursday. Halfmann has until the next day to request a recount, County Elections Ad-

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Halfmann



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Melinda Hernandez, center, and Anita Cline, serve hungry customers during the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring's annual pancake supper at the Howard College cafeteria Friday evening.

Slitherin' suckatash! Snakes are slitherin' to Spring City

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The 50th annual Rattlesnake Roundup will be slithering its way back into the Howard County Fair Barns later this month and also making a return is well-known snake handler Jackie Bibby.

"The weather is going to be nice next week so hopefully we will have a bunch of snakes," said Dennis Burns, event coordinator.

Now a half-a-century old, the round-up, which is sponsored by the American Business Club (AM-

BUCS), will feature snake shows, demonstrations, races and even an arts and craft show.

The round-up begins Friday, March 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with the weigh-in of snakes at the fair barns. Last year's event brought in about 1,000 pounds of rattlers, Burns said.

"You have to have two things to hunt rattlesnakes from the state," Burns said. "You have to have a hunting license and a non-game permit."

The activity heats up Saturday

and Sunday, March 22-23, with demonstrations, races and snake shows featuring professional snake handlers, including Bibby.

Bibby — The Texas Snake Man — holds five Guinness world records for snake stunts. He has been handling snakes for more than 40 years.

For those who prefer to be around something with a little less bite, an arts and craft show and flea market will be held in the

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Don't forget those taxes

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The tax man cometh. Now at the halfway point for the season, the AARP Tax Aide Program has just five sessions left for area residents to receive free help to prepare their 2013 tax forms.

"We've e-filed more than 100 tax returns so far," said Ray Alexander, local coordinator.

A volunteer group of five tax preparers are assisting about 30 people a session, Alexander estimated. The program assists low-to-moderate income residents, seniors, people with disabilities and those who don't speak English. It is designed to provide tax as-

sistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help. Volunteers will assist those who seek the service through the complete process.

Although some may plan to procrastinate on the annual requirement — especially ones who will have to pay taxes this year — Alexander warned against waiting too long. The last day for the program is April 8 and a large last-minute rush of filers might mean not everyone will be seen, Alexander said.

"Even if you come out there and file your income tax and you have to pay some (to the government), you don't have to pay until April 15," Alex-

ander said. "You can send in the check on April 15, or we can help you set up on the tax form where they will withdraw it on their bank account on April 15. They are not having to pay any earlier than what they were just by filing their income tax earlier. If they have their forms, come on out."

Participants need to bring all pertinent information with them, including W-2s, 1099s, and forms that show their 2013 earnings. They will also need their 2012 tax returns, social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.

The free program is held each Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at the senior center, located at 1901 Simler.

If you have questions, contact Alexander at 432-212-3533.

Contact Lyndel Moody at ctydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.



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Obituary

Wilmit Edward "Ed" Wilkerson



Wilmit Edward "Ed" Wilkerson, 85, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 6, 2014, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Vealmoor, Texas, and married Patsy Lue Sherman Feb. 18, 1957, in Odessa, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and worked as a plumber for 20 years, retiring in 1970. He served in the United States Army Air Corps and then in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Wilkerson of Big Spring; two sons, James E. Wilkerson and wife, Beverly and Ryan H. Wilkerson, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Brenda Chavez and husband, Joaquin of Sonora, Lesa Clark and Sandra Carey, both of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James L. and Ettie Jones Wilkerson; and 13 brothers and sisters.

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

Police blotter

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

- FRANCISCO GARCIA, 19, of 178 County Road No. 1041, Carthage, Texas, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft greater than \$50 shoplifting.
- DANIEL RUSSELL QUALLS, 35, of 2516 Chanute, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 54, of 1425 E. 6th St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid and no insurance.
- JUSTIN ROBERT HOELSCHER, 26, of 7117 Dale Ln., San Angelo, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRAVIS NEAL MCMILLAN, 31, of 640 Keathley St., Garden City, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1400 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol, or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8.00 per person. March 14 "Prowlers," March 21 "Prowlers," March 28 "Midnight Express."
- Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2014. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. Information and the application may be found on the club website at www.westexags.com
- The Howard County Republican Club meets Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Howard County Library. This meeting is open to all county residents who are interested in the Republican party and conservative values.
- Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is "Hummingbirds." Patterns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.
- The Prom Closet will be back this year to provide beautiful barely worn or never worn prom dresses at no charge for area girls. For more information call Christian Fair at 816-3573.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Café has been temporarily closed to the public for routine repairs and maintenance. The café will remain closed until repairs are complete.



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Support Groups

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 517-4922 or 935-6306.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

TUESDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

WEDNESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- "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.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
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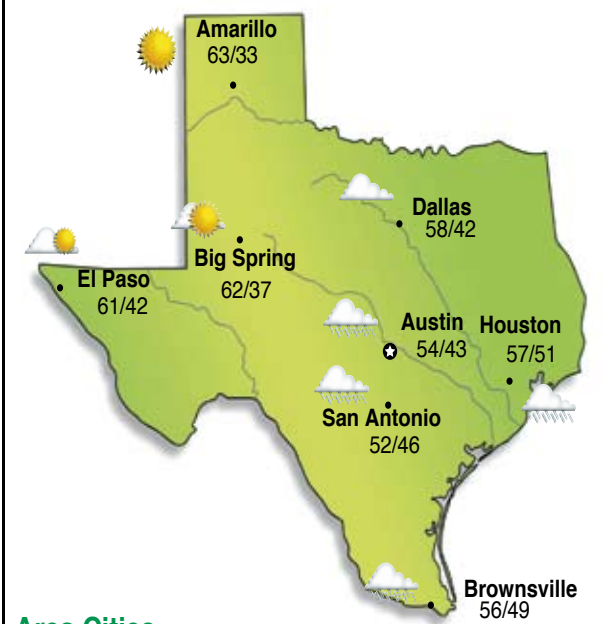
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 3/9	Mon 3/10	Tue 3/11	Wed 3/12	Thu 3/13
62/37 Sun and a few passing clouds. High 62F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	74/43 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	81/37 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 30s.	59/34 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	65/39 Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	60	39	pt sunny	Kingsville	50	48	rain
Amarillo	63	33	sunny	Livingston	57	48	rain
Austin	54	43	rain	Longview	53	45	cloudy
Beaumont	67	53	rain	Lubbock	62	35	sunny
Brownsville	56	49	rain	Lufkin	53	47	cloudy
Brownwood	58	37	pt sunny	Midland	61	38	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	49	48	rain	Raymondville	52	49	rain
Corsicana	55	44	cloudy	Rosenberg	53	49	rain
Dallas	58	42	cloudy	San Antonio	52	46	rain
Del Rio	60	47	rain	San Marcos	51	44	rain
El Paso	61	42	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	55	42	cloudy
Fort Stockton	59	39	pt sunny	Sweetwater	61	40	pt sunny
Gainesville	58	38	pt sunny	Tyler	55	45	cloudy
Greenville	55	40	cloudy	Weatherford	59	39	pt sunny
Houston	57	51	rain	Wichita Falls	60	35	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	45	mst sunny	Minneapolis	42	33	cloudy
Boston	35	25	pt sunny	New York	39	33	mst sunny
Chicago	40	34	pt sunny	Phoenix	76	50	mst sunny
Dallas	58	42	cloudy	San Francisco	66	53	pt sunny
Denver	64	36	sunny	Seattle	53	49	rain
Houston	57	51	rain	St. Louis	53	37	sunny
Los Angeles	79	55	mst sunny	Washington, DC	50	33	sunny
Miami	77	64	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 3/9	Mon 3/10	Tue 3/11	Wed 3/12	Thu 3/13
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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• The Young and the Breastless of Big Spring meets every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Brooklyn's Deli in the Spring Town Plaza.

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Texas Briefs

Head of white supremacist gang admits guilt

HOUSTON (AP) — The head of the white supremacist Aryan Brotherhood of Texas has pleaded guilty to a racketeering conspiracy that included murder, kidnapping and drug trafficking.

Larry Max Bryan pleaded guilty Friday before U.S. District Judge Sim Lake in Houston.

Under federal law, Bryan could be sentenced to up to life in prison. The plea agreement calls for prosecutors to recommend the 52-year-old be sentenced to no more than 25. Sentencing is set for Oct. 7.

Bryan was among nearly three dozen people allegedly affiliated with the Aryan Brotherhood who were charged in a sweeping indictment unsealed in 2012.

Dozens of defendants have been convicted in an ongoing federal investigation of the military-style gang founded in Texas prisons in the 1980s to offer protection to white inmates.

3 dead in Houston house fire; police investigating

HOUSTON (AP) — Three bodies have been recovered from the charred ruins of a house after flames swept through the structure in northeast Houston.

The Houston Fire Department on Friday said Houston Police Department homicide detectives and arson investigators are trying to determine what sparked the Thursday afternoon blaze. However, a fire department statement says no foul play is suspected.

Fire department officials say a body was recovered shortly before midnight Thursday. Two other bodies were found Friday.

Fort Hood soldier charged in prostitution case

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A Fort Hood sergeant who was a coordinator of the post's sexual assault and harassment prevention program faces multiple charges after he was accused of setting up a prostitution ring involving cash-strapped female soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory McQueen was charged Friday with 21 counts related to pandering, conspiracy, maltreatment of a subordinate, abusive sexual contact, and adultery and conduct of a nature to bring discredit to the armed forces, according to a Fort Hood statement.

An Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury proceeding, is scheduled for March 20 and 21 at Fort Hood.

Last May, the Army said a sergeant first class was being investigated on allegations of sexual assault and possibly arranging for at least one woman to have sex for money. The Army said he was one of the coordinators of the program at Fort Hood, about 125 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Army officials declined to release his name at the time, but two officials speaking anonymously to The Associated Press because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the case identified that soldier as McQueen, who was assigned as a coordinator of a battalion-level sexual assault prevention program at the Central Texas Army post.

U.S. officials had said he was being investigated



Don Green waits for a batch of batter to mix during the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring's annual pancake supper at the Howard College cafeteria Friday evening.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

in connection with activities involving three women, including sexually assaulting one woman. At the time, a Defense Department official in Washington said it was not clear if one of the women was forced into prostitution or participated willingly. McQueen remains suspended from his duties but is free pending trial, Haug said.

Another Fort Hood soldier was court-martialed in the case. Master Sgt. Brad Grimes was convicted in December of conspiring to patronize a prostitute and solicitation to commit adultery, reprimanded and demoted.

Border Patrol releases use-of-force guidelines

PHOENIX (AP) — The federal government on Friday released the U.S. Border Patrol's use-of-force policies while the agency's chief issued a directive that reiterates how personnel should respond to threats amid mounting criticism of excessive force and lack of transparency.

Border Patrol Chief Mike Fisher, in a memorandum to all agency personnel, reminded agents that the "level of force applied must reflect the totality of the circumstances surrounding each situation."

Immigrant rights groups have complained that Border Patrol agents are too trigger-happy in responding to people who throw rocks at them along the border with Mexico, often to distract agents from smugglers sneaking drugs into the U.S.

Fisher said that since 2010, agents have been assaulted with rocks 1,713 times, with deadly force being used in 43 instances resulting in 10 deaths.

While Border Patrol policy has always held that agents may use deadly force if there is a reasonable threat of imminent death or serious injury, Fisher's directive Friday reiterates that they shouldn't fire their weapons unless absolutely necessary.

The same policy was reiterated for incidents involving moving vehicles, reminding agents that they shouldn't place themselves in the path of cars, creating a scenario where they would be forced to discharge their weapons.

Parts of stolen statue found at Texas recycler

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Cut-up pieces of a \$120,000 bronze statue stolen from outside a Southeast Texas library have been recovered at a metal recycling center.

Port Arthur police said Friday no arrests had been made in the theft of the 300-pound sculpture "The Family." The work portrays intertwined figures of adults and children.

The statue by artist David Cargill had been outside the Port Arthur Public Library since 1981 until going missing Feb. 27. Sgt. Scott Gaspard says scrap metal thieves could be to blame.

Police found much of the statue Tuesday at a recycling facility in neighboring Liberty County.

SNAKES

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front building of barns, the Dora Roberts Building. According to organizers, 45-50 vendors will hawking a number of items including but not limited to

salsa, jewelry, trading cards and snake items.

"The guys can come to the back and look at snakes, and the ladies can look at arts and crafts," Burns quipped. "Not whole lot of ladies want to look at snakes for some odd reason."

Money from the roundup benefits the AMBUCS

scholarship program for therapists and purchasing AmTryke bicycles for children with disabilities.

The roundup opens at 10 a.m. and runs to 6 p.m. Saturday and again from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to

11.
Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

RECOUNT

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administrator Sandra Bloom said.

Halfmann, who was appointed to the Precinct 2 JP spot after Quail Dobbs' retirement in 2013, has visited with county officials to determine the process for requesting a recount, but has not made a final decision on the matter, Bloom said.

Attempts to contact Halfmann for comment Friday were unsuccessful. The Precinct 2 JP position will not be the only one up for election May 27 — county Republican voters will be asked to decide between Robert "Bob" Fitzgibbons and

Dale Walker for the Precinct 1, Place 2 JP spot, and there will be several state positions on the ballot, Bloom said.

Early voting in the primary runoff election will be held from May 19-23 in Bloom's office on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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LETTERS

Work together

TO THE EDITOR:

As a citizen of Big Spring, I too am concerned about the problems with the EDC. Do I think policies and procedures are useful? Certainly. However, why do we need to totally reinvent the wheel? Sample policies are probably available through the State of Texas. These could be modified to fit Big Spring. Policies and procedures can be created that are so restrictive that no work can be accomplished.

In reading the letters to the editors, there seems to be a major concern about the cost of the coffee. The \$1,000 quoted in the letter is 0.03 per cent of the current budget. Should we as citizens be concerned about how our taxes are spent? Absolutely. However, we need to look at how critical that expense is.

Conventions, where ever they are (Atlanta, Las Vegas, Dallas, etc.), may not result in an immediate business coming to Big Spring. Sometimes only contacts are made that may become a future business. Sometimes it may only be part of a network of EDC's that will result in a possible new business. Conventions are the life blood of all EDCs. If the EDC does not attend these conventions, you are severely limiting the effectiveness of the

EDC. If you want to be a player, you must participate in these activities.

Audits are conducted annually. They will find some discrepancies. That is the auditor's job. The job of the EDC is to correct these problems and improve their financial responsibilities. The major concern should be if there is a "material finding." This means there is a major problem and there is a problem with the organization or a major mistake has been made.

There were many other concerns in the letters. The major concern I have about the letters is the attacking and angry tone of the letters. Yes, I know Mr. Wegman and have a tremendous amount of respect for him. I believe he is doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Avant has stated at meetings and in the press that the EDC needs to work together. I could not agree more. The EDC needs to get past the accusations and serve all the citizens of Big Spring. Let Mr. Wegman do his job. We need to grow the businesses in Big Spring and bring in new businesses. The EDC cannot do this if they are worried about minutia. Mr. Avant, get the EDC working with Mr. Wegman for the betterment of Big Spring.

STEVE WAGGONER
BIG SPRING

Riney Jordan was a school executive in Grapevine 30 years, then moved to the central Texas town of Hamilton.

"We were tired of the big city and the traffic and were looking for a peaceful place where we could settle down for a while and figure out what we were going to do next," says Riley. "We went to a real estate company and asked if they had any interesting old homes we could look at and we found just what we were looking for."

Riney had a fine experience in Grapevine. He was named man of the year there. So leaving Grapevine was a big deal for him. But when he got to Hamilton, it turned out to be his honey pond. He and his wife now own the block of houses where their home is located. His office is across the street from his residence. Yep, office. He has found something to do. He is an after dinner speaker and makes an appearance somewhere in the

country nearly every week. He holds workshops for teachers. When I visited him, he had just returned from a speaking trip to Maine.

"Folks started calling me to come speak to them," says Riney. "They told me they would give me a free meal if I'd come and say a few words. It finally dawned on me one day that I've got a free meal here at the house. I need to start charging if I'm going to do this."

In his speeches, Riney talks about his family and his town. He tells about his son making a decision to join the Marines. When Riney asked him why he wanted to do that, his son replied, "because I'm sick and tired of other people telling me what to do."

Riney loves to make people laugh. "Studies have shown that kids laugh 400 times a day and adults only 15. That's sad, especially when you realize that when you laugh, your immune system gets a boost and people who laugh are healthy."

About Hamilton, Riney told me that when he first moved there nine years ago an elderly woman told him to lock his car when he parked it on the square. Riney

asked her if there was a crime problem in Hamilton. "No," the woman replied. "But if your car isn't locked, someone will come along and put a bucket of squash in the back seat. We've got a lot of squash growers around here and they need to get rid of it."

Riney knew then he had moved to the right place. He says car repair is a big business in Hamilton. "People just drive them for a three block trip, then return home and their cars never get warmed up, so they get clogged up."

I couldn't help but ask Riney about his unusual first name. "Mama says that she heard it on the Stella Dallas radio program. Riney was a little boy that everybody fell in love with on the Stella Dallas program. But where we lived the reception was so bad I don't think it was Riney and nobody else does either, but you're not going to convince Mama of that. She thinks it's Riney."

"I've searched the internet and I'm the only Riney Jordan in the world."

Tumbleweed loves people and places with funny names. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com



Flappables twisting in the wind

One can determine much about a man by observation, taking note of the way he dresses and carries himself.

Overalls — like "duded-up" western wear — can easily deceive, however.

Overalls carry no guarantee that the guy farms, nor do boots and chaps necessarily mean the man wearing them has ever mounted a horse.

An example was Dr. Bryan Wildenthal, a suit-and-tie educator who served as president of then Sul Ross State College (now University) from 1952 until his death in 1965. He exuded quiet confidence, handling problems "unflappably" that would have set others straightway to "flapping" — or worse. He carried himself well, took the high roads and maintained dignity in all situations. "I've had lots worse burrs than this one under my saddle blanket" was a favorite expression when a problem loomed....

On one occasion, a campus security officer made a startling discovery during early morning rounds. An effigy of the president swung in the breeze from a campus flagpole.

Forthwith, he found a ladder, cut the rope and stuffed the effigy in a closet.

When Dr. Wildenthal learned of the incident at mid-morning, his pulse rate didn't quicken. He smiled and asked to see the effigy.

"Those overalls appear to be new and about my size," he said. "Do what you will with the 'dummy,' but bring me the overalls."

That night, he presided over a backyard barbecue for students, with "first lady" Doris, prim and proper, alongside. Since only a few hundred students were enrolled in those years, word traveled fast that their beloved president had more than loosened his tie.

A mentor to dozens of eventual distinguished educational leaders, Dr. Wildenthal was sporting bib overalls!

The prankster may have been served barbecue by el presidente that night, or at least heard quickly of the educator's informal attire.

For sure, there are many more "flappable" issues these days, both in education and otherwise. Soon to be tested is Dr. Lance Hindt, new superintendent of Allen ISD.

A respected educator known for handling thorny issues in exemplary fashion, he immediately faces a king-size problem in Allen. Fact is, he may be the first superintendent in history to face such an unusual problem upon arrival.

It could be as complicated as Humpty-Dumpty's — one where all the king's horses, as well as his men — decide to seek asylum.

Who woulda — or coulda — predicted that the school's 60-million-dollar football stadium, a Taj Mahal by all measures, would start unraveling in its second year?

With huge cracks in the concourse, it has been declared unsafe and is roped off. They'll have to find another venue for spring commencement, and what fans consider much worse, seek an alternate stadium for home games this fall.

Mess with Texas football, and ... mess with a team that's won state championships for two consecutive years, and whoa!

Fingers are pointing like pennants waving from goalposts. Some folks are angry with architects; others are blaming contractors. Another huddle calls it an "act of God." I'm not convinced the Almighty gives a hoot about football, particularly since the rumor spread wildly that the hole in the Texas Stadium roof was left open for His gazing. (My Uncle Mort warns the "Allenites" not to blame Washington, DC — "unless they want the cracks widened.")

What with oil and gas drillers on the grill — charged with causing earthquakes by their fracking — they're on the defensive, too.

Dr. Hindt may not "hit the ground running." He may choose to begin by tracking the fracking some folks think is causing the cracking.

As a university president, I don't think I ever wore overalls — as an adult, anyway. Had I done so, I still wouldn't have known which end of a tractor to climb on.

Being hanged in effigy never crossed my mind. "Flappable" that I was, however, being hanged "for real" did.

I once heard of a bunch of farmers at a rural church. They learned they could buy custom-made overalls cheaper if they placed a single large order. They specified that the denim be doubled at the knees and quadrupled in the seat. The farmers said they prayed regularly "on their knees." They lamented, though, backsliding twice as much as they prayed.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we look for the good in others, dear Lord, instead of searching for the bad.

Amen

News Briefs

Malaysia Airlines 777 jet vanishes on flight with 239 aboard

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Search and rescue crews across Southeast Asia scrambled to find a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 that disappeared from air traffic control screens over waters between Malaysia and Vietnam early Saturday with 239 people aboard.

Less than one hour after Flight MH370 left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing, the plane disappeared from radar. More than 12 hours after contact was lost, there was still no sign of the aircraft, and no wreckage had been spotted.

Malaysia Airlines CEO Ahmad Jahari Yahya said there was no indication that the pilots sent a distress signal. The fact that there was apparently no call for help suggests that whatever happened to the flight occurred quickly.

The plane, which carried passengers mostly from China but also from other Asian countries, North America and Europe, was last spotted around where the South China Sea meets the Gulf of Thailand.

At Beijing's airport, authorities posted a notice asking relatives and friends of passengers to gather at a hotel about 15 kilometers (nine miles) from the airport to wait for further information, and provided a shuttle bus service. A woman wept aboard the shuttle bus while saying on a mobile phone, "They want us to go to the hotel. It cannot be good!"

Veteran actress Sheila MacRae dead at 92

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Sheila MacRae starred on the Broadway stage and in films, yet it was her small-screen role as the tolerant and brassy wife of a Brooklyn bus driver for which she is most remembered.

MacRae, best known for playing Alice Kramden to Jackie Gleason's Ralph in the 1960s re-creation of "The Honeymooners," died Thursday. She was 92.

The actress died at the Lillian Booth Actors Home in Englewood, N.J., MacRae's granddaughter, Allison Mullavey, told The Associated Press



Sheila MacRae

on Friday.

In the 1950s version of "The Honeymooners," Audrey Meadows starred with Gleason as the lovebirds and sparring partners Ralph and Alice. Sheila MacRae replaced Meadows as Alice in a later version from 1966-70 on "The Jackie Gleason Show." MacRae was the last survivor from the '60s edition of the Gleason show. Jane Kean, who played Trixie Norton, died last fall.

"My mother referred to herself as the last Mrs. Kramden," said her daughter, actress Heather MacRae.

Pro-Russia forces raise pressure on Ukrainian troops to leave Crimea

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine (AP) — Moscow mounted pressure on Ukraine Saturday, with Russia's foreign minister denouncing the new Ukrainian authorities as puppets of armed radicals and pro-Russia forces in Crimea trying to flush Ukrainian soldiers out of the few military bases still under their control.

The regional parliament in Crimea has set a March 16 referendum on leaving Ukraine to join Russia, and senior lawmakers in Moscow said they would support the move, ignoring sanctions threats and warnings from U.S. President Barack Obama that the vote would violate international law.

The strategic peninsula in southern Ukraine has become the flashpoint in the battle for Ukraine, where three months of protests sent President Viktor Yanukovich fleeing to Russia. A majority of people in Crimea identify with Russia, and Moscow has a major naval base on the Black Sea.

While the U.S. and the EU urged

Russia to engage in dialogue with new Ukrainian authorities who came to power on the wave of protests that sent President Viktor Yanukovich fleeing to Russia, the Kremlin has refused to do so, denouncing the change of power in Ukraine as "unconstitutional coup."

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Saturday that Moscow sees no sense in having a dialogue with Ukraine's new authorities because, in his view, they kowtow to radical nationalists.

Obama warns party activists already moving on to 2016 to focus on midterms or get 'walloped'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats could get walloped in the November elections. The party gets sleepy and distracted in the midterms. And its supporters simply may not show up to vote.

Those aren't hopeful predictions from Republicans. They're the dire warnings of President Barack Obama, who is seeking to gin up enthusiasm for the midterm elections from party activists already looking toward the 2016 race to replace him.

The remainder of his presidency hangs on Democratic performance in the November contest. If voters hand the Senate over to Republican control, Obama will lose even the uphill chance he has to get legislation passed in his remaining time in office.

"I hope that just because I'm not on the ballot that people aren't going to take it easy this time, because the ideas I care about and am fighting for are on the ballot," Obama said to about 75 donors who paid \$5,000 to \$20,000 to hear him speak over dinner at a swanky Boston art gallery Wednesday night.

Obama's challenge is to set an agenda for a party that is not always embracing him, especially after the problems with his health care law. There are areas of the country where he can't campaign since he would only be a drag on more moderate Democratic candidates.



Wazhma Frogh

Frustration hangs heavy over Afghanistan's women's rights struggle

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — In 2009, the United States gave Wazhma Frogh the International Woman of Courage award for her women's rights activism in Afghanistan. Prominently displayed in Frogh's office is a picture of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton granting her the award as First Lady Michelle Obama

smiles, clapping by her side.

Four years later, the United States denied her a visa when she was trying to get away from an Afghan militia commander who she says was persecuting her.

For Frogh, the experience underlined the state of the women's rights movement in her country. Thirteen years after the fall of the Taliban, billions of dollars have been spent, the West and the Afghan government have offered countless words of support, yet the successes that have been achieved remain vulnerable. Ultimately, women still have nowhere to turn when their battle for equal rights puts them on the firing line, she said.

"They give you an award but they don't support you when you need them," she told The Associated Press. "I always thought that if my government didn't help me I would always be able to turn to the United States. I never thought that they would turn their back on me."

Gains have been made. Gone are the rules imposed by the Taliban forcing women to wear the all-encompassing burqa and barring girls from school. Now, as many as 4 million girls are in school, and women sit in Afghanistan's parliament.

But Frogh and other women's rights activists said those changes, while important, are superficial. Women's equality was a priority when the memory of the Taliban was fresh, but over the years the commitment has waned.

It became a mantra recited by the Afghan government and non-government organizations to get international funding, and a flag for Western governments to wave as a symbol of success over the Taliban.

Many of the victories have major caveats. Girls are back in school, but most are pulled out by their families as they near puberty to ready them for marriage, she said.

A hard-fought Law on the Elimination of Violence against Women was passed. More women are reporting cases of abuse and are aware of their right to speak out, said Georgette Gagnon, director of Human Rights with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

But, she said, few cases make it to court and prosecution is rare. Instead most end up in mediation, often through jirgas — a traditional council of elders which rarely work in favor of the woman.

"Often this mediation doesn't fully protect woman's rights and often leads to more violence against the woman," said Gagnon.

The few Afghan businesswomen are paraded as success stories, while women are still having their lips cut off for perceived offenses, as happened recently in northern Afghanistan, said Frogh.

More than 80 percent of the women in prisons are jailed for so-called "moral crimes," like leaving an abusive husband.

Shelters for abused women have been set up, but most men in conservative Afghanistan, see shelters as "immoral," and women who seek sanctuary there are often banished from their communities, Frogh said.

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NMJC ends HC's bid for national tourney

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK - The clock finally struck midnight on the Howard College Hawks' run at a berth in the national junior college basketball tournament.

New Mexico Junior College posted a 6-3 run in the final 1:18 off regulation on Friday after-

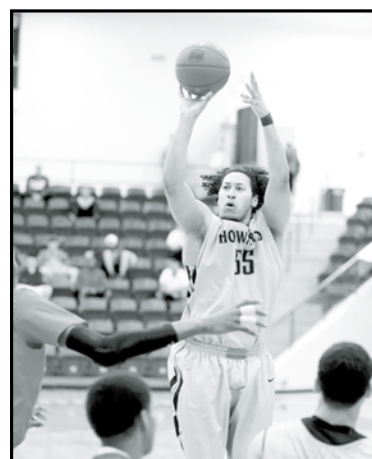
noon in the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock and claimed a tough 64-60 victory in the semifinal round of the Region V Basketball Tournament. With the loss, the Hawks' season ended one game shy of a berth in the national tournament.

"You have got to give credit to New Mexico, they came out and played a tough game,

and did what they had to win," said HC head coach Scott Raines, who guided the Hawks to a 24-7 record in his first season at the helm. It was a well-played, hard fought game and that is the way it is supposed to be when you get to this point. We just weren't able to knock down the shots we did the other day."

New Mexico's third win over Howard this season vaulted the Thunderbirds into the Region V championship game against South Plains on Saturday. Both teams will advance to the national tournament, which begins on March 17 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

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Howard College's Demeco Blue shoots over the top of two NMJC defenders during the Hawks' semifinal game at the Region V Basketball Tournament. NMJC won the game, 64-60.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Fast Times at BS High



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Toby Tannehill hands the baton to teammate Jonathan Gonzales during the 4x100-meter relay race on Friday at Blankenship Field. The Steers finished fourth in the event.

Lady Steers sprint to 4th at BSHS Invite

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School Lady Steers' head track coach Nick Roberson was realistic going into Friday's 2014 Big Spring Invitational Track and Field meet at Blankenship Field. He knew the Frenship Lady Tigers had the sheer numbers to dominate the meet, so he took a different approach, looking for quality over quantity.

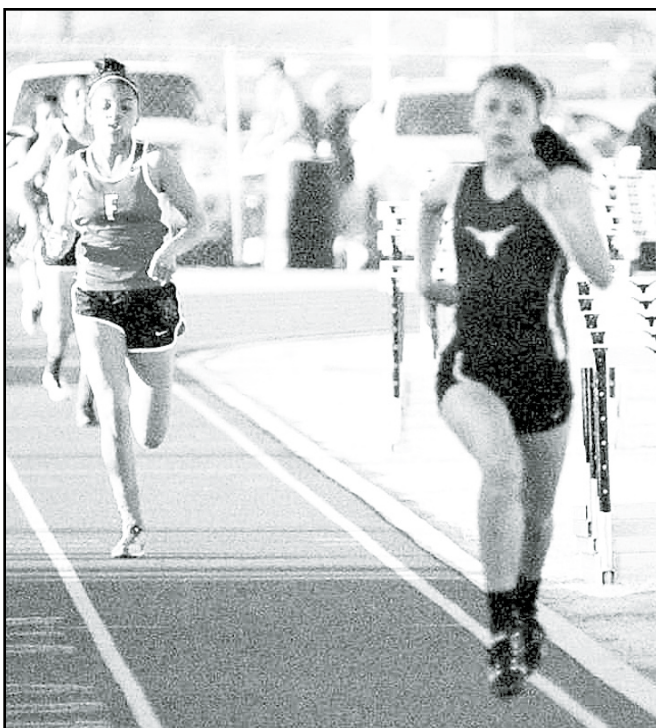
He found plenty to be happy with.

"I was really pleased with our results," said Roberson, who saw his

team finish fourth in the team standings despite competing without several athletes. "Frenship is loaded. Their numbers are so good, I knew it was going to win, but I saw a lot of good things."

One of the brighter spots for the Lady Steers was a stellar performance by senior Dyrshae Vanderbilt in the 4x100-meter relay. She helped the Lady Steers' finish second in the event by legging out a 11.9-second time on her leg.

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Big Spring freshman Faith Roberson sprinted to a first-place finish in the girls' 800-meter run on Friday.

Hawks' games with WTC are rescheduled

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers' 4x400-meter relay served notice to the area on Friday that they will be a team to be watched. And they did it in grand style - edging out Frenship by three-tenths of a second in the final event at the 2014 Big Spring Invitational.

The Steers nailed down a fourth-place finish in the final team standings with the win in the 4x400-meter race. The victory garnered Big Spring 20 points and lifted them past Lake View.

The Steers finished the meet with 84 points.

Big Spring starred in the meet's biggest event. The Steers legged out a time of 3 minutes and 29.41 seconds. Frenship was second at 3:29.72.

Lake View finished sixth in the race and scored just two points. They finished the meet with 70 points - 14 fewer than the Steers.

Frenship won the BS Invitational team crown with 190 points. Wylie and Andrews finished second and third, respectively.

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Bufs play for 3rd at WT March Classic

The Forsan Buffaloes advanced to the third-place game of the West Texas March Classic on Friday by pounding out a 4-3 win over Greenwood.

Forsan beat Eunice, N.M. 12-10 earlier in the day.

The Bufs played Monahan in the third-place game on Saturday.

Offense ...

Howard College and Western Texas lit up the scoreboard in the second game of their doubleheader on Friday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks swept both games of the series.

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Lady Steers go 1-2 in pool play in Snyder

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers rebounded from a tough start to the Snyder tournament by winning their final two games to reach the championship bracket.

The Lady Steers suffered a 6-3 loss to Shallowater in their first game on Thursday. They came

back strong in their final two games, downing Seminole and Eula by 6-2 scores.

The championship round was held on Saturday.

"It was fun to see them working hard and having fun, all while being successful," said coach John Sparks.

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BSHS golfers shine at San Angelo meet

The Big Spring High School boys' golf teams turned in solid outings on Friday at the San Angelo Golf Classic. The Steers finished the first round of the tournament tied with Abilene Wylie for fifth in the team standings with a score of 341.

Tate Kennedy paced Big Spring at the meet. The senior hammered out a score of 82 over the first 18 holes of the meet, which was held at the San Angelo Country Club.

Devin Roberson

also turned in a solid first round, firing an 84. Mikey Pappajohn and Tyler Bryan finished the first round with scores of 87 and 89, respectively. Sam Harris posted a mark of 96.

Andrews held the lead going into Saturday's final round of play. The Mustangs turned in a round of 311 on Friday. San Antonio Alamo Heights was second, seven strokes back at 318. Midland Christian (332) and Plainview (337) rounded out the top four.

BOYS

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Ryan Lopez and Jonathan Gonzales gave the Steers' a stellar effort in the boys' 400-meter race by finishing first and second. Lopez took the top honors in the race with a time of 51.19 seconds.

Gonzales netted the second-place honors with a time of 51.28.

Lopez also finished third in the 800-meter run, finishing the two-lap race in a time of 2:04.37.

Devin Roberson and Charles Green also earned medals in the meet. Roberson was second in the 300-meter hurdles standings with a time of 41.41, while Green was second in the boys 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 16.75.

Green picked up a second medal in the high jump competition. He cleared 5-foot-10 in the event and finished third overall.

Big Spring junior Tobbyn Tannehill finished third in the 100, legging out a time of 11.50 seconds.

CGA holding 4-man scramble on March 23

The Chicano Gold Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on March 23 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Sign-ups will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be

held at 10 a.m.

A blind draw will be held for teams closest to the pin on all par threes.

Entry fee is \$25. Mulligans are available for \$5.

HAWKS

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New Mexico got off to a quick start against the Hawks in the first half. Led by a pair of three-point shots from Rashaun Madison, the Thunderbirds raced to a 14-6 lead in the first six minutes of play before Howard managed to get its offense untracked.

Demeco Blue ended NMJC's run at the 13:34 mark when he scored four unanswered points that pulled HC to within 14-10.

Lis Shoshi carried the Hawks even closer moments later with an offensive putback that cut NMJC's lead to 18-16 with 7:27 left in the first half.

Unfortunately for Howard, the Hawks couldn't get any closer. Madison sank his third trey of the first half on the Thunderbirds' next possession and sparked an 8-6 run over the final 6:58 of the half that sent NMJC into the half with a slim 26-22 edge.

Howard College came out strong in the second half. After Madison had once again hit from behind the three-point arc to build the Thunderbird lead to 32-29, Travis Charles took control. The sophomore forward scored two baskets within a 1-minute span and have HC its first lead of the contest, at 33-32, with 15:32 left in the contest.

Charles' shots sparked an 8-2 run that also included a pair of baskets from Shoshi that enabled the Hawks to grab a 5-point lead, at 39-34, at the 13:27 mark of the second half.

Madison came to New Mexico's rescue again. He nailed a pair of treys in the ensuing two minutes and led a 8-2 run that vaulted NMJC back on top at 42-41 with 11:05 to play.

Madison finished the contest with a game-high 25 points, including seven three-point shots.

NMJC added to its lead over the ensuing six minutes, building

their cushion to as large as 12, at 56-44, with 5:22 left.

Howard College came stormed back from there. The Hawks, using a high-pressure defense, garnered points from Torrian Epps, Jalin Barnes and Charles and scored eight unanswered points to pull to within 56-52 with 3:48 left.

The Hawks had an opportunity to move even closer minutes later. After Blue had pushed back a missed shot from within the paint to cut the NMJC lead to 58-56 with 2:15 left, the HC defense forced a charge.

On Howard's ensuing possession, Barnes drove into the paint and drew a foul. He knocked down the front end of the two-shot opportunity, cutting the T-birds' lead to 58-57, with 1:18 left.

Barnes' second attempt was whistled off by the officials on a lane

violation call.

NMJC scored the next six points to close out the contest.

"We went through a passive stretch there in the second," said Raines. "But, for the most part, I think the guys played well. I'm proud of our guys."

Charles led all HC scorers with 16 points. Blue also reached double figures with 11. Barnes and Eric Weary, Jr. added nine and seven, respectively.

BS girls 7th at Andrews

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers were tied for seventh in the team standings on Friday at the Andrews Classic. The team fired a first-round score of 373.

Kelsie Guinn led all BSHS players with an opening round score of 86.

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 box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Bread-and-Butter Hands

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♦ A J 7
♣ J 5 4 2

WEST
♠ 2
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ K Q 10 9

EAST
♠ Q J 6 5
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 9 8 3
♥ A K 9
♦ K Q 4
♣ 8

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT
Pass 4♠
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Over the long haul, the successful bridge player scores most of his points on the so-called bread-and-butter hands. He does nothing extraordinary or brilliant in these hands; he just does things the way they ought to be done.

As a case in point, examine this deal where South went down in four spades. West led the king of clubs and continued with the ten, ruffed by declarer. South played the A-K of

trumps, and, after East showed up with the Q-J-6-5, had to lose two trump tricks and a heart, going down one.

One could argue that South was the victim of bad luck, but the fact is that he himself was responsible for the outcome. He did not play the hand as it should have been played.

After ruffing the club at trick two and playing the ace of trumps, South should have led a low diamond to the jack and returned a trump from dummy. In the actual case, this line of play would have brought home the contract.

If East follows low on the second trump lead, South makes the safety play of the eight, guaranteeing only one trump loser whether West follows suit or not.

If East plays the jack or queen on the trump lead from dummy, declarer wins with the king, returns the ten to East's remaining honor and likewise ensures only one trump loser. All told, the defenders get no more than a spade, a heart and a club.

It is true that the suggested method of play would not succeed if West held the Q-J-x-x of trumps. In that case, the effort to guard against a 4-1 trump break would, unfortunately, amount to a futile exercise in good technique.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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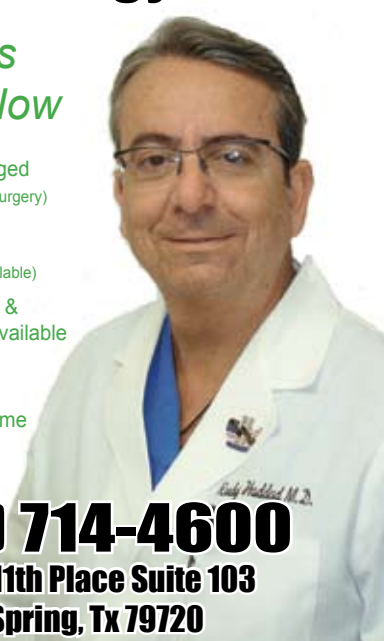
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Blinded By The Light

Daylight Saving Time



When you get this paper, excuse me, edition, you might feel a

little dazed and confused because of tripping around in the dark you'll be blinded by the sunlight as you stumble out onto your lawn or porch to retrieve your bundle of news, features, cartoons and coupons.

Don't worry, it isn't because of any terroristic threat or pandemic airborne disease. It's just the effects of the not naturally occurring invention of daylight saving time.

Symptoms that may also occur are sleepiness, temporary blindness (from the extra daylight), agitation and disorientation. Not to mention being berated by your boss for being late because you forgot to reset your clock before you went to bed. For this we have good ol' Ben Franklin to thank.

Because while he was serving as U.S. ambassador to France in Paris, he noticed that the sun rose earlier than he usually did. In a "half tongue-in-cheek" letter to a newspaper he mentioned that resources might be saved if he and others rose noon and burned less midnight oil.

Although Ben is credited with being the first to suggest the idea, he really didn't know how to put it into effect. According to National Geographic, "It wasn't until World War I that daylight savings were realized on a grand scale. Germany was the first state to adopt the time changes, to reduce artificial lighting and thereby save coal for the war effort. Friends and foes soon followed suit.

In the U.S. a federal law standardized the yearly start and end of daylight saving time in 1918—for the states that chose to observe it.

During World War II, the U.S. made daylight saving time mandatory for the whole country as a way to save wartime resources. Between Feb. 9, 1942, and Sept. 30, 1945, the government took it a step further. During this period, DST was observed year-round, essentially making it the new standard time, if only for a few years.

Since the end of World War II, though, daylight saving time has always been optional for U.S. states. But its beginning and end have shifted—and occasionally disappeared.

During the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo, the



of Arizona (except for residents of the Navajo Indian Reservation), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Marianas Islands won't need to change their clocks this weekend.

Other states could soon follow suit, or mandate permanent DST, or even do something else entirely.

Although controversial and a nuisance to some, it has been a part of life for a long time and, whether we like it or not, turning the clock forward (or back in the fall) does in some ways signal the change of seasons.

So remember to reset your clocks and take advantage of the early sun by working in your garden or going for a walk. Or, even better, go back to bed.

You've still got an hour before you have to get up for real.

Story and photos by Andreia Medlin

U.S. once again extended daylight saving time through the winter, resulting in a one percent decrease in the country's electrical load, according to federal studies.

Thirty years later, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was enacted, mandating a controversial month-long extension of daylight saving time, starting in 2007."

Daylight saving time 2014 will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 9, when most U.S. states will spring forward an hour. Time will fall back to standard time again on Sunday, Nov. 2, when DST ends.

But the federal government doesn't require U.S. states or territories to observe daylight saving time, which is why residents



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Rachael Lanet Hayes and Blake Darwin Grantham

Rachael 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, associates of arts from Northwest Vista College in 2010, and an associates 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 Bond, all of Big Spring.

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.

Who's Who

Valerie Goodblanket

Miss Valerie Goodblanket, daughter of Scott and Dolores Goodblanket Jr. of Big Spring, has been selected finalist for Texas' 34th annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 6, at the Dallas-Fort Worth Marriott in Irving, Texas.

She is the Big Spring High School Homecoming Queen. Texas' 2014 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an all expense paid trip to the national finals to compete with the queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen.

America's Homecoming Queen Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service in all 50 states.

Valerie will also be competing for Texas' favorite homecoming queen.

You can vote for her for Texas' favorite homecoming queen at www.americashomecomingqueen.com

For more information call Miss Goodblanket at 432-230-6309.

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Joshua Pedigo

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those graduating was a Big Spring resident.

Joshua Pedigo son of Jim and Kayla Pedigo, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Menus

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage kolache and oven roasted potatoes. Lunch, beef and bean burrito, tortilla chips, salsa, broccoli bites, garden salad and orange smiles.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheddar omelet wrap. Lunch, southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, salsa and cinnamon apple sauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast,

breakfast pizza. Lunch, Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberries and (HS) brownie cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles and sausage. Lunch, breaded pork chop, garden salad, savory green beans, bread stick, sliced peaches and (HS) pudding.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll and bacon. Lunch, hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit

and (HS) chocolate chip cookie.

Senior Center

Monday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/onion/pickles, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, angel cake with berries and milk.

Tuesday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, tortilla chips and salsa, apple crisp and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken strips,

cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, mixed fruit and milk.

Thursday: Chili dog, onion/cheese/relish, baked beans, baked chips, peaches and milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich, lettuce/tomato, oven okra, chocolate pudding and milk.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon and Neptune Inspire Domestic Change

The Cancer moon angles Neptune to turn our attention toward what needs to happen for our home lives to get back to a comfy, cozy place. It's likely that this cannot be sorted out by making a purchase, but the domestic puzzle could be solved with some kind of rearranging of your schedule, boundaries or furniture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today people will tell you who they are by declaring to possess the opposite qualities. So beware of the people who talk of being trustworthy, sensitive or generous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To deny yourself certain things is to be serious about your own success. Your remarkable self-discipline will lead to physical, financial and lifestyle improvements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most children like to play, and few like to clean up. This is essentially a flaw of human nature, but you'll counteract it today with your superior efforts to put a big mess back in order.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anyone with money can buy services, but to accept them with respect and grace requires more than money. You'll take time to learn the correct manner and etiquette to make interactions smooth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an outcome in mind, and you'll need a few others to get on board for this to happen. Your outreach will be minimal; your results, highly satisfactory on all counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The matter that ails you will turn around in the weeks to come. A small change is all it will take to get a good result, as long as you make that small change

every day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Work in small teams is favored, especially teams of two or three. You work well with earth signs now (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn). When you help someone cross the finish line, you'll cross it, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stick with the choices you've made to declare and accentuate your individuality. Your confidence will be built on the things you do, wear and say that are "so you."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While cleaning work may not feel very glamorous, everything glamorous gets a clean start. Do the necessary work, and the unnecessary work will shine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fleeting concerns about your image may cross your mind. Your contributions to others today will be useful, loving and fun. Therefore, anything to do with your looks will be the cherry on top of the sundae.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be aware of what you're beginning. Before you open a door, carefully assess whether it's the kind that will lock behind you and keep you from getting back in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you find yourself noticing the weaknesses of others, consider that this may be a strength of yours and a useful tool for helping others or motivating them to help you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). Exciting alliances will be formed this year. May shows you exploring new options in your personal life and get-



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ting a desired result by managing emotions and relationships differently. June is a good time to advertise and sell your services and goods, because in July there's an opportunity to buy into a new venture. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 39, 44, 18 and 50.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Pisces sun rules the sky in the kind, hospitable way that ocean waters rule sea life. As we float along, it's easy to take the elements that support our existence for granted, and yet those who bring a greater degree of awareness and gratitude to daily life will discover an enhanced experience of it. The week brings water-sign trines that offer protection and healing to all, but it's the grateful hearts that will also find happiness and serenity, because they are the ones who appreciate the many gifts of this cycle.

Mercury might have us over-thinking things on Monday and Tuesday, especially in matters having to do with technology, friendship and community outreach. Keep it simple, and don't be too quick to buy the latest advancements and remedies. There is likely an old-fashioned common-sense route that will save you money, time and energy.

The Leo moon on Wednesday and Thursday is like a cosmic street performer,

agitating and delighting the planets she passes. This bodes well for an interesting midweek, and the more humor you bring to the scene the better your chances are for cashing in on what transpires.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Five-division world champion boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. comes from a family of professional boxers. The knockout king was born when the sun was in intuitive Pisces and the moon and lucky Jupiter were in the tenacious and powerful sign of the bull. Taurus moon and Jupiter people have relentless persistence and remarkable strength. Mercury and Mars in Aquarius favors fast footwork.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, March 3, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Peggy Hopper, president, called for minutes and financials which were approved. We will be at

HEB March 22 handing out re-usable green bags from 9:30 a.m. until supplies are gone. This is made possible by a grant given to us by the company recently. Debbie Wegman was encouraged by the response of our business members to our recent member-

ship drive. Thanks to all who have signed up and we welcome any business that wants to partner with us. Call Peggy Hopper at 214-773-6775 or Debbie Wegman at 263-8235 to join us. Our annual Keep Texas Beautiful Trash/Off will include all of April this

year. Kick-off will be April 5. Watch for further plans. Our Litter Survey committee will soon survey our town, a state requirement. We plan another tire recycling day April 12. Please consider KBSB as a source for your memorials honoring friends and loved ones. We are a 501 non-profit group and welcome your donations. Call Janell Davis at 267-5745 for more information.

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DRAWING TO BE HELD MARCH 28TH



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Pictured from left to right are Jimmy Crosby, senior vice president of refining, Alon USA; general manager of planning and optimization, Alon USA; Erik Selden, manager of corporate planning, Alon USA; Patrick Degroote, senior sales executive, TXU; and Scott Harrison, director of engineering and innovation, TXU.

Alon gets 'Greenback' check from TXU

Special to the Herald

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Howard County Farm Bureau gifts family

Hopes to raise awareness of role agriculture plays

Special to the Herald

In honor of National food check out week, the Howard County Farm Bureau paid for the groceries for one lucky Wal-Mart customer.

Sydne Bedwell of Big Spring was about to pay for her groceries when representatives of the Howard County Farm Bureau stepped in and paid the bill for her. She is pictured here with her two children, Alayna and Jase, along with Rosemary Hernandez and Alan Davidson with the Howard County Farm Bureau and Tim Walsh, who is the store manager of Wal-Mart.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, Texas Farm Bureau, and our local Howard County Farm Bureau want to increase awareness about the roll agriculture plays in our everyday lives.

"Most people understand that our farmers and ranchers provide meat and vegetables for the consumer, but they



don't realize what part agricultural plays in manufacturing cleaning products, candy, mouthwash and a multitude of other items. We want people to support our nations farmers and ranchers," said Alan Davidson CLU LUTCF,

agency manager.

"We want the people of Big Spring and surrounding areas to support the local Farm Bureau and to understand that we do all we can to promote agriculture, including but not limited to awarding scholar-

ships to our members graduating seniors, and supporting political candidates that support agriculture.

"Congratulations to Sydne; enjoy the free groceries."

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



My parents are not stock market people. My grandparents were not stock market people. They grew up in the wake of and during the Great Depression, respectively. They have never trusted the equity markets. The bulk of their money has always been "invested" in certificates of deposit (CDs). For decades, CDs paid what most considered a reasonable interest rate. Of course, the market determined the appropriate rate for a given maturity. Like many of their generation, upon retirement, my parents and grandparents lived on a combination of savings, pensions, and Social Security.

It has been five years since the Federal Reserve (Fed) moved to a zero-interest rate policy, and retirees are earning very little on their cash balances. By now, most of their longer-term CDs have reached maturity and have been rolled over. Those who counted on receiving monthly income from interest earned on their CDs have been quite distressed by how little they receive at these new, dramatically lower rates.

Not everyone is a sophisticated investor ... or even an investor, period, for that matter. For many retirees in the United States, jumping into the stock market for the first time because CD rates are low is simply not an option. The Fed may have wanted to encourage more risk-taking in the stock market by reducing interest rates to nearly zero, but many people are not taking the risk. They are not moving money into stocks. They are keeping their cash in very low-yielding instruments like CDs.

Instead, retirees like my parents have reduced their spending in a meaningful way. I can remember when my mom retired. She travelled the world for the first time in her life. The interest she was earning on her cash balances — representing her savings from a lifetime of work — was funding much of these travels. But that all came to a screeching halt as interest rates plunged and rollover rates on CDs dropped to miniscule levels. She stayed at home.

With approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population over the age of 65, the current interest rate environment is affecting the overall level of consumer spending in a noticeable way. The attitude of many retired Americans, especially those who grew up in the wake of the Great Depression, is that when times are tough, you cut back. You curtail spending because the last thing you want to do is "hit the principal." And when forty million people are potentially reducing their discretionary spending due to low interest rates, you better take notice. This is a different view on life than most baby boomers' "you can't take it with you" mentality.

The post-Depression generation in America does represent a large amount of potential buying power in today's economy. Just take a stroll down 5th Avenue in Naples, Florida any evening during "The Season," and you will see what I mean. While these folks do not represent the biggest spending age group, they do have the buying power to help push the economy ahead.

Unfortunately, right now, a good deal of that buying power has been sucked out of the economy because of lower interest rates on CD balances. And many retirees, like my parents, have chosen to respond by just hunkering down and cutting back on their spending.



Honeybaby's is open at 1203 Scurry. Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening with a ribbon cutting recently. Go by or call 432-517-4870. You'll also find them on the web at honeybabysbigspring@gmail.com. Michelle Peugh is the owner.

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PBUWCD 2014 scholarship essays are due March 31

STANTON — The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is sponsoring an essay contest for senior students.

One senior student from each of the high schools located in the district's coverage area — Forsan, Grady, Sands and Stanton — will be awarded a scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest. Each winner of the contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due no later than March 31 (post marked date). They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter in Stanton. Essays can also be mailed to the Permian Basin UWCD at P.O. Box 1314, Stanton, TX 79782.

For further criteria and information, contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or email permianbasin@sbcglobal.net .



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 James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses
 Justin Jerome Lopez, 27, of San Antonio and Claudia Caso, 24, of El Paso
 Carl Meade Arnoux, 40 and Olivia Quintero, 37, both of Big Spring
 Kyle Martin Morrison, 33 and Lisa Marie Campbell, 32, both of Big Spring
 Anthony Cory Hill, 30 and Heather Jo Newton, 22, both of Abilene

District Court Filings
 Howard County, et. al. vs Property Pros of Texas – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Joseph Richter – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs P.K. Pitzer – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Jason Perez – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Roger Pierce – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Marty D. Weder and Lea A. Weder – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs

Karen E. Pike – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Yasmany Perera and Esmera LDA Urias – Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Suella Pool Estate - Tax
 Howard County, et. al. vs Regency Remodeling LLC – Tax
 Credit Control LLC vs Maryann L. Bernal – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Crystal Worley vs Salvador Rizo – Divorce
 Harvey Martin Guerrero Sr. vs Wendy Lee Guerrero – Divorce
 Melissa Shaye Reyes vs Eli Edward Reyes – Divorce
 Joshua David Harrington vs Laci Kamryn Harrington – Divorce
 Catrina Darlene Aguilar vs Herman Joe Aguilar – Divorce
 In re: Angelica Margaret Cazares, an adult – Family law
 Melissa Ann Wells vs Brian Scott Wells – Divorce
 Rachel Brooke Friar vs Justin Dunway Friar – Divorce
 In re: Perez Cruz Onaria, an adult – Family law
 Natasha Marie McCoy vs Devon David Stansell – Divorce
 Carmen M. Castillo vs Guadalupe R. Castillo – Divorce
 Miranda Nicole Newton vs Robert Newton – Divorce
 Luis Carlos Bravo vs Lisa Ann Bravo – Divorce
 Kristina F. Houlihan vs Michael T. Houlihan – Divorce
 Pedro S. Valdivia vs Brenda Luna Valdivia – Divorce
 Linda Garza vs Oscar Mier – Protective order

County Court Filings
 State of Texas vs Anthony Andrew Rivas. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence.
 Possession of marijuana

less than 2 ounces. \$342 court cost, \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Colby Mears. Judgment and sentence. Possession of a dangerous drug. \$200 fine, \$347 court cost and 70 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Thomas Allen Young. Judgment and sentence. Possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. \$200 fine, \$347 court cost and 20 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Raul Javier Hernandez Jr. Judgment and sentence. Failure to identify fugitive give false information. \$100 fine, \$287 court cost and 60 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Martin Dominguez. Judgment and sentence. Resist arrest, search or transport. \$200 fine, \$287 court cost and 60 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Adam Mauricio Torres. Judgment and sentence. Assault causing bodily injury family member. \$100 fine, \$287 court cost and 30 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs James Dee Sink. Judgment and sentence. Possession of a dangerous drug. \$100 fine, \$347 court cost and 20 days in jail.

Warranty Deeds
 Grantor: Lucia Gomez
 Grantee: Ernesto Rodriguez Acosta
 Property: Lots 3 and 4, blk 2, Cedar Crest Addition.
 Date: March 4, 2014

Grantor: Juan Chavez
 Grantee: Jorge Salais Cardenas
 Property: Lots 16 and 17, blk 2, Wrights Addition
 Date: March 5, 2014

Grantor: Wanda Shannon, attorney and attorney in fact for Fred Shannon
 Grantee: Marvin Casey

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 Date: March 5, 2014

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 Grantee: Michael L. Wolever
 Property: Lot 1, blk A, Merrich Green Addition
 Date: Feb. 20, 2014

Grantor: Roger Dale Brown and Anna Mae Brown
 Grantee: Dwain and Diane Fox
 Property: A 4.52 acre tract out of sec 17, blk 32, T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
 Date: Feb. 21, 2014

Grantor: Jordan Partee as agent and attorney in fact for Stanley E. Partee doing business as Partee Enterprises
 Grantee: LineSage LLC
 Property: A 10.049 tract out of sec 45, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR County Survey, Howard County
 Date: Feb. 25, 2014

Warranty Deeds With Vendors Leins
 Grantor: Roger Brown and Anna Mae Brown
 Grantee: Micah Nathaniel Hugo and Jacke Hugo
 Property: Lots 22 and 23, blk D, Campestre Estates
 Date: March 5, 2014

Grantor: Michael Lyle Moore
 Grantee: Albert W. Urban
 Property: Lot 2, blk 10, Hull Addition
 Date: Feb. 21, 2014

Grantor: Leonard E. McCutcheon – trustee in the will of June McCutcheon
 Grantee: Melissa May
 Property: Sec. 5, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Feb. 24.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg. 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Clearfork formation, Fryar 37, Well Number(s) 1WD. The proposed injection SWD well is located 9.5 miles SW of Big Spring in the Spraberry, (Trend Area) field, in Howard County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3350 to 5300 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests 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, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#8212 March 9, 2014

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Walsh and Watts, Inc., 1111 Seventh Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Angelo, San Andres Denman 'B' Well Number #3W. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles SE of Coahoma in the latan, East Howard Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2400 to 2950 feet.

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

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

#8213 March 9, 2014

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HAROLD M. HALL, Deceased, were issued on February 4, 2014, in Cause No. P-14240, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: HOWARD HALL.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **HOWARD HALL**
3261 Birch Ave
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DATED the 26th day of February, 2014.

Joshua Hamby
Attorney for HOWARD HALL
State Bar No.: 24034471

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#8198 March 9, 2014

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HAYES F. STRIPLING, JR., Deceased, were issued on January 21, 2014, in Cause No. P-14241, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: HAYES F. STRIPLING, III.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **HAYES F. STRIPLING, III**
211 S. Houston St.
Granbury, Texas 76408

DATED the 26th day of February, 2014.

Joshua Hamby
Attorney for
HAYES F. STRIPLING, III
State Bar No.: 24034471

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#8201 March 9, 2014

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ZIRAH L. BEDNAR, Deceased, were issued on February 25, 2014, in Cause No. P-405, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to: WILBURN BEDNAR.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **WILBURN BEDNAR**
4442 Cougar Way
Abilene, Texas 79606

DATED the 26th day of February, 2014.

Joshua Hamby
Attorney for WILBURN BEDNAR
State Bar No.: 24034471

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Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Glasscock County Taxpayers

Garden City, Texas- New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Glasscock County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics...

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations...

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners

Taxpayers who are 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication

In appraisal districts located in counties with more than 200,000 populations or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications...

Rendering Taxable Property

If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date.

Appraisal Notices

If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Property Taxpayer Remedies

This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing.

of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions

A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes.

Productivity Appraisal

Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces...

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Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value...

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners

Taxpayers who are 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit.

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Protesting Property Appraisal Values

Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 S. Myrl St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432/354-2580.

Application forms are available on the appraisal district's website at www.glasscockcad.org and also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

#8208 March 9, 2014

Legals

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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, DECEASED, AND AS CONSERVATOR FOR LORA PEDIGO CANTER; ELOISE CANTER TAYLOR; 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 March 2 & 9, 2014

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROSE HELEN THOMASON, Deceased, were issued on February 26, 2014, in Cause No. P-14235, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: KIMBERLY HILL.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: KIMBERLY HILL 10608 Detroit Ave Lubbock, Texas 79423 DATED the 26th day of February, 2014.

Joshua Hamby Attorney for KIMBERLY HILL State Bar No.: 24034471 107 W. 4th St. PO Box 2199 Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432)263-8395 Facsimile: (432)263-4798 #8200 March 9, 2014

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: William J. McNew if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Being all that portion of Lots 11 & 12, Bk 9, Jones Valley Addn., to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, that was not conveyed by that certain deed dated August 30, 1974, from Barney L. Echols and Laverne J. Echols to W.J. Coates, which deed appears of record in Volume 440, Pages 742-744, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for the particular description of the tract of land described in such conveyance; SAVE AND EXCEPT REFERENCE VOLUME 440-PAGE 742-744.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$932.20, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against WILLIAM J. McNEW and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on September 3, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. WILLIAM J. McNEW, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6292 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the

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property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request there-fore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of April, 2014, before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of February, A.D. 2014.

Jury Padron Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #8205 March 9, 2014

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Bernarda Valencia, Trustee if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 8, Blk 116, Original Town of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$479.49, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against BERNARDA VALENCIA, TRUSTEE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 5, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. BERNARDA VALENCIA, TRUSTEE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6314 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property

hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request there-fore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of April, 2014, before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of February, A.D. 2014.

Jury Padron Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #8206 March 9, 2014

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HOWARD §
By virtue of a ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 5th day of March, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 1st day of April, 2014, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:
CAUSE NO. _____
STYLE _____
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION _____
T-5690
Howard County, et al vs. Don Brooks aka Don Lloyd Brooks and Angie Brooks
Lt 7, Bk 3, May Thixton Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5716
Howard County, et al vs. Bertha Castillo
A tract of land out of SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, Track 41, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (819), Howard County, Texas
T-5716
Howard County, et al vs. Bertha Castillo
A tract of land out of SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, Track 41, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (820), Howard County, Texas
T-5832
Howard County, et al vs. R. Ellis Honea aka Roy E. Honea aka Roy Ellis Honea aka R.E. Honea
Lt 7, Bk 1, Buckner Place Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5957
Howard County, et al vs. Domingo H. Garcia aka Domingo Garcia and Marie Reyes Garcia aka Maria Garcia
2 tracts of land out of Sc 33, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
T-5964
Howard County, et al vs. Cruz Garza and Barbara Garza

Lt 3, Bk 2, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-6029
Howard County, et al vs. Jaime Analla and Nelda Annalla
Lt 3, Bk 25, Original Town City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-6045
Howard County, et al vs. Karan Gilbert
A tract of land out of the E/2 of Sc. 43, Bk 31, T1N, T&P Ry Co Surveys, Howard County, Texas T-6063
Howard County, et al vs. L.C. Furniss, aka Loraine Carl Furniss and Gayle Dora Lynn Furniss aka Gayle Furniss
A tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 13, Bk 33, T1S, Howard County, Texas T-6143
Howard County, et al vs. Robert Garza and Olga Garza
S/2 of Lt 9, Bk 1, Porter Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-6148
Howard County, et al vs. The Frances F. Hock Living Trust
S/2 of Lt 7, Bk 38, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 5th day of March, 2014.
Stan Parker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____
Deputy _____
PROPERTY ADDRESSES SHOWN ARE NOT GUARANTEED. PROSPECTIVE BUYERS SHOULD SATISFY THEMSELVES AS TO THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY
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#8214 March 9, 16 & 23, 2014

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Servio Olivares
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:
Lt 5, Bk 2, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,739.04, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against SERVIO OLIVARES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 26, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SERVIO OLIVARES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6206 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property

hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of April, 2014, before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of February, A.D. 2014.
Jury Padron
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#8204 March 9, 2014

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PAULINE SCHUELKE, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2014, in Cause No. P-3544, pending in the County Court of Dawson County, Texas, to: ROY SCHUELKE.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner

prescribed by law.
c/o: ROY SCHUELKE
15403 NCR 9
Knott, Texas 79748
DATED the 26th day of February, 2014.
Joshua Hamby
Attorney for ROY SCHUELKE
State Bar No.: 24034471
107 W. 4th St.
PO Box 2199
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432)263-8395
Facsimile: (432)263-4798
#8202 March 9, 2014

Annie's Mailbox®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: We are facing an imminent, irreversible mistake with a family heirloom. My husband's elderly father is determined to sell a generations-old coin collection to a coin shop and then split the money between his three sons.

My husband and his brothers would rather have the coins themselves for the sentimental value. No one involved is in financial trouble of any kind, and all the brothers would do their best to divide the heirlooms fairly. But when any of them tries to bring it up, their dad's explosive temper puts an end to the discussion.

The weirdest, most hurtful part is that Grandpa wants my husband to deliver the coins to an unknown third party to sell, and he is keeping them in a sealed box, not even letting our young daughter view them once. This floored my husband and almost drove a huge wedge between them, as he has never felt trusted by his father. Yet my husband is one of the most responsible, honest and trustworthy people I've ever met.

We feel sad that his family may lose this piece of history forever, but I did try to get my husband to stay on friendly terms, as we may not have Grandpa around much longer. Is there any hope of changing his mind? -- Boondoggled in Boise

Dear Boondoggled: Has Grandpa had a full medical checkup lately? He doesn't seem to

be entirely rational. Even if he believes selling the coins would be more equitable than leaving the collection to his children, it is peculiar that he would not want his granddaughter to see them first -- unless, of course, Grandpa has already sold many of the coins and doesn't want anyone to know.

If Grandma is in the picture, please see whether she knows what's going on. Otherwise, your

husband and his brothers could try to discuss this one more time, together, with their father. But unless Grandpa requires a conservator to handle his affairs, the decision is his.

Dear Annie: We have run into an unbelievable problem trying to travel with a family member who is wheelchair bound due to a debilitating stroke. The hotels seem to have only a single king-size bed in all of their mobility handicap rooms -- those set up with a roll-in toilet area and shower. In other words, none of the rooms with two doubles or two queen-size beds is handicap accessible.

Imagine all of the wheelchair-bound or otherwise disabled folks who need to travel with someone but don't want to share the same bed, or, like us, are a couple with a disabled adult child.

Surely hotels could think this through better. -- Need a Place To Sleep

Dear Need: We agree that offering only king-size beds in

handicap-accessible rooms is inadequate, although it is likely an issue of space. A king-size bed allows more room for a wheelchair. A rollaway bed is often sufficient to make up the difference, but it would make more sense to have two double beds, which is standard in other hotel rooms. Every hotel is different. When you are looking to book a room, speak to someone at the front desk to see whether they can accommodate your preferences.

Dear Annie: Reading "M.P.'s" experience with a person coughing behind her during a play brought back a wonderful memory of when I attended a performance of "The Belle of Amherst" at the Barter Theater in Abingdon, Va.

This is a one-woman show, and there was one audience member who kept coughing. The actress, in character and without missing a beat, said, "My dear, do you need a glass of water?" With that, she continued the performance, the audience had a giggle and the coughing woman left. This made for a special memory that amuses me every time I think of it. -- Smiling in Virginia

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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~ Dear Margo ~

An Odd Kind of Jealousy

Dear Margo: My dilemma is really simple. I happen to love a certain 19th-century authoress and have read every biography I can find about her.

Ever since I was 14 years old and read her classic novel "Pride and Prejudice," I have been bewitched. She is a lady and a half, the gilder of my heart, the best woman I am sorry I never met.

I was recently at a party with my wife and was asked why I like Jane Austen so much. (The question actually was why I am so "obsessed.") I responded to the question with vigor and as eloquently as a man "in love" can be allowed.

The problem is my wife. She is crazy jealous and has suggested that I should be married to Lady J.A. instead of her; that I never seem to have that glow in my eyes when speaking of her as I do when speaking of the great Miss Austen of Steventon, 1775-1817.

I am sure, Margo, you would join me in declaring my wife a little over the top and unreasonable about this. Is there a way you could articulate why this jealousy is irrational? -- Devotee of Jane Austen

Dear Dev: I think the only time a woman can legitimately be jealous of another female no longer alive is when the deceased had been her husband's great love and left said man a widower. (My own husband gets moony over Dawn Upshaw and Mme. Curie, but since I can neither sing nor understand nuclear physics, I harbor no competitive urges.)

To quote another author, Dickens, Ms. Austen is "dead as a doornail," so perhaps you could follow that avenue to talk a little "Sense and Sensibility" into your green-eyed wife.

Were I she, I should feel lucky that your most beloved author is a woman who understands women so well. Maybe try reading "Persuasion" out loud to each other, and she might come to share your passion. -- Margo, authoritatively

WHEN THE VACUUM'S NOT A FOOTBALL

Dear Margo: I am concerned that my husband is heading toward becoming an abuser. Either he is in denial ... or maybe I'm just wrong. There have only been a few incidents over the five-plus years we've been together (married for one).

Most recently, we were having an argument because he'd invited a co-worker to our messy home, and I felt compelled to clean up for the visitor. At around midnight, my husband tried to get me to go to bed, but I wasn't finished cleaning to my satisfaction. He grew frustrated and made a threat: If I didn't come to bed, he said he would just "mess up" the house in the morning after I left for work.

The next day, I told him that threats were unacceptable, but he tried to rationalize, saying it was only "to get my attention" because I was being "so stubborn." In the past, on a few occasions, he has lost his temper and become destructive, mangling a CD, tossing the vacuum against a wall, kicking things around.

He has never touched me and has never broken anything too valuable. He claims that it's better to hit an object than a person, and I do agree. But I think that making threats, damaging property and then making excuses are classic symptoms of an abuser and could escalate.

I want my husband to recognize his problem and seek help, such as anger-management counseling. He thinks he doesn't need it. What is your opinion? -- Won't Be a Victim

Dear Won't: I am not certain that your spouse is on the way to becoming abusive to your person, but he definitely has a wicked temper and knows how to push your buttons. Damaging property indicates that he could, indeed, profit from anger-management counseling.

Let's put it this way: If anyone I was married to

threw a vacuum cleaner or mangled CDs, I would raise such a ruckus that anger-management class would seem like a refuge. Good luck. -- Margo, correctively

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at www.creators.com/dearmargo. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Fresh, juicy melons make a tasty addition to meals or can be enjoyed as a refreshing small snack. Bite into watermelons and cantaloupes from Florida for a sweet taste that can be enjoyed in all kinds of dishes. Add to salads, make an iced drink, or enjoy them fresh off the grill. Florida melons are also a great source of vitamin A and vitamin C.

“Watermelons are one of the most refreshing fruits available. Serve a slice of this delicious fruit for guaranteed smiles at any age,” says Justin Timineri, Executive Chef and Culinary Ambassador, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. “Since cantaloupes are both sweet and savory, try thinking outside the box while enjoying them.”

For more fun and flavorful melon recipes, visit <http://bit.ly/flmelons>.



Chef Justin Timineri

Sign-up to receive a **FREE** copy of the “Kids in the Kitchen” cookbook at: <http://bit.ly/flffkids>.

Open Face Watermelon Sandwiches

Yield 4 Servings

- 8 ounces goat cheese**
- 1 handful fresh Florida mint leaves, chopped**
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste**
- 1/2 loaf of your favorite bread, sliced thin**
- Olive oil**
- 1/4 medium-sized Florida watermelon, seeds and rind removed**

Crumble chilled goat cheese into small bowl. Lightly mix cheese and chopped mint. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt and pepper.

Cut bread into 8 small slices and drizzle with olive oil. Toast bread slices until golden brown and crispy on top. Let bread cool slightly.

Spread cheese mixture on top of each bread slice. Cut watermelon slices into fun shapes and layer watermelon on top of cheese. Lightly season the top of sandwiches with salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature.

Kids Can: Spread cheese onto each slice of bread.

Grilled and Chilled Florida Watermelon with Feta and Mint

Yield: 6 servings

- 1 small Florida watermelon, about 6 pounds**
- 1/2 cup small fresh Florida mint leaves, hand-torn**
- 2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled into large chunks**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar**
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper**

Slice watermelon into 1-inch slices. Heat grill or grill pan over high heat until very hot. Two at a time, grill watermelon rounds about 2 to 3 minutes each side until charred. Transfer watermelon to cutting board and cut into wedges, discarding rind. Place watermelon wedges in refrigerator until chilled.

Arrange wedges on plate. Sprinkle with mint and feta. Drizzle with oil and vinegar, then sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Chef's Tip: To cut watermelon into rounds, lay melon on side and cut through rind and flesh with sharp knife.

Kids Can: Sprinkle watermelon with feta and mint.

Grown Up Alert: Adults should cut watermelon and handle all grilling.

How to pick the perfect melon

The exterior of a ripe watermelon should be smooth and waxy green, with or without stripes. Watermelons will not ripen after picked, so it is important to pick a ripe one at the market. A good cantaloupe is symmetrical with the blossom end soft enough to be depressed with slight pressure. Avoid overripe melons with lumps or soft spots.

How to clean watermelons

Before cutting your watermelon, wipe it down with a clean cloth and slightly soapy water. Every part of the watermelon is ready to eat, including the rind and seeds.

Cooking tips for watermelons

Did you know the fiber-rich rind of watermelon can be pickled, candied or turned into jam or jelly? The seeds are highly nutritious, packed with protein, vitamin E and potassium. Try them roasted in the oven on low and salted for a healthy, tasty snack.



Fruit Kebobs with Lime Cream

Yield: 16 servings

Lime cream:

- 1 cup low-fat sour cream**
- 1/2 cup Florida honey**
- 1 lime, juiced**
- 1 teaspoon lime zest**

Kebobs:

- 1/2 Florida honeydew melon, peeled, seeded and cubed**
- 1/2 Florida cantaloupe melon, peeled, seeded and cubed**
- 1 Florida papaya, peeled, seeded and cubed**
- 1 Florida mango, peeled, seeded and cubed**
- 2 kiwis, peeled and cubed**
- 16 (6-inch) bamboo skewers**
- 1/4 cup fresh Florida mint leaves, chopped, for garnish**

To make lime cream, combine sour cream, honey, lime juice and zest in mixing bowl.

For kebobs, arrange cut fruit on skewers in alternating fashion. Repeat until all cut fruit is on skewers. Serve chilled with lime cream. Garnish with fresh mint.

Kids Can: Arrange the fruit onto skewers with adult supervision.

Grown Up Alert: Adults should cut all fruit.

Melon Muffins

Yield: 20 Servings

- 1 Florida watermelon**
- 8 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened**
- 3 ounces low-fat lime yogurt**
- 1 tablespoon lime juice**
- 1 tablespoon lime zest**

Slice watermelon into 1-inch-thick cross sections. Using 1 1/2-inch-wide biscuit cutter, cut watermelon sections into circles.

In medium-sized bowl, combine cream cheese, yogurt and lime juice; mix well.

Arrange melon circles on plate and top each with teaspoon of yogurt sauce and pinch of lime zest. Serve immediately.

Kids Can: Use biscuit cutters to cut watermelon sections.

Fun Tip: Use different shaped cutters to make your muffins in cool, fun shapes.

